

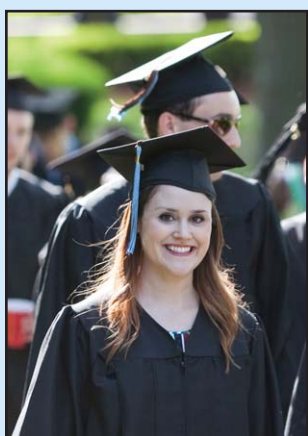


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Porchfest 2012 hits the decks



Music filled the air this past weekend as Somerville Art Council's Porchfest 2012 took to the front and back porches of our neighborhoods. Turn to pages 12-13 for more pictures.

Memorial Day events to honor the fallen Dan Hovanesian to be parade Grand Marshall

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Somerville will remember all those who gave their lives for their country on Sunday, May 27, with a daylong program of events, including the largest Memorial Day parade in the state.

"It's a day to honor those who have passed, who have given the ultimate sacrifice," said Bob Hickey, a member of the Allied Veterans Council. "It's a time to remember them and to show our appreciation for what they have given."

The day will begin at 8 a.m. with a procession from the American Legion Post #19, at 124 Highland Avenue, to lay wreaths on monuments in Central Hill Park by the Central Library.

The parade will kick off at 1 p.m. from City Hall, proceeding 2.3 miles along Highland Avenue to the Veterans' Memorial Cemetery at Teele Square, where the Allied Veterans Council will lead a ceremony of remembrance for fallen Somerville veterans. Street closures and parking restrictions will

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Choosing against School Choice

School Committee opts to stay out of inter-district program

By Elizabeth Sheeran

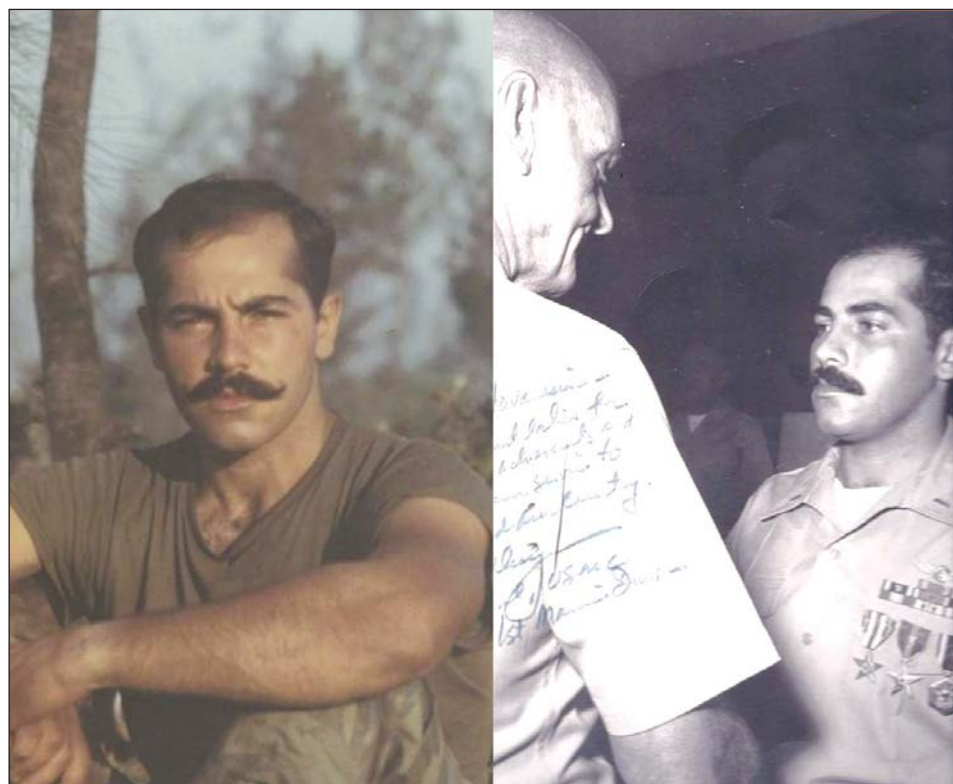
The doors of Somerville's public schools will remain closed to students from other school districts.

The School Committee this week voted to again opt out of offering inter-district school choice during the 2012-2013 school year, as it has done consistently since Massachusetts introduced statewide school choice two decades ago.

Under the program, if school districts accept non-resident students, the state will transfer money from the district where a student lives to the district where the student goes to school. In theory the transfer equals 75 percent of the host district's spending per pupil, but it's capped at \$5,000, which in Somerville puts it down closer to 30 percent of spending. School Committee members said that makes it impractical for the city to participate, especially without a lot of classroom space to spare.

"In theory it's a wonderful program, and I would love to have other students here and vice versa. But the numbers

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This year's Memorial Day Parade Grand Marshall Dan Hovanesian during his service in Vietnam (left) and receiving three medals from Major General Ross T. Dwyer on the day of his discharge.



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NEWTALK

The Somerville Memorial Day Parade kicks off at City Hall this Sunday at 1 p.m., running up Highland Ave., through Davis, up to Teele, and then to Clarendon Hill. It should be a great day for it and, as in the recent past, it is said to be the biggest. Somerville does rock.

We heard through the City Hall walls that the Alderman who likes to yell at various department heads and city employees was at it again Monday evening at a committee meeting. Yelling and belittling various city employees - maybe he should relax and stop with the yelling and screaming tactics. He might get more respect, maybe. We heard he has a nickname now. We're trying to find out what it is. We'll keep you posted.

Our condolences to the family of Ann M. Toland-Cooper. Ann was a very active woman here in Somerville in various charitable organizations, in particular the Somerville Boxing Club. She was well known and well liked. We know that everyone she touched over the years will, along with her family and friends, miss her.

Passing away also recently was retired Somerville Police Officer James A. Lavalley. He joined the Somerville Police Department in 1965 and moved to Kennebunk, Maine, to become Chief of Police in 1982, he was a good guy. Our condolences to his many relatives and friends both here in Somerville and in Kennebunk.

Many congratulations to several of our fans and readers on their birthdays this week. Happy Birthday to Portia Sumido who is celebrating this week, as well as Anne Joyce. Anne is a wonderful lady and we wish her all the best on her special day this week. Our good friend

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to *Why we like bikes*

Meme says:

No. That is why YOU like Bikes. Much like how YOU like spending MY money. Please keep that in your mind next time you do a project YOU like financed by MY money.

A Moore says:

We bike less often now due to the city being worse for biking. I can only see it getting worse as we have many more people who will be moving in here once all these new aptmnts are built. Sorry to say the city is not built for biking. Wish there was a way, maybe someone one day will have the answer. Just too dangerous. Silly signs on the road are not going to do it. Both myself and my wife would really like to use our bicycles more. Reality. One thing I saw one day was someone towing a baby behind them. I noticed how low to the ground the baby was and going past the stopped vehicles I would think this kid is inhaling all the fumes from the autos. Don't know why it sunk into my brain that day but it would make me not want to do that anymore to my kid.

Luke says:

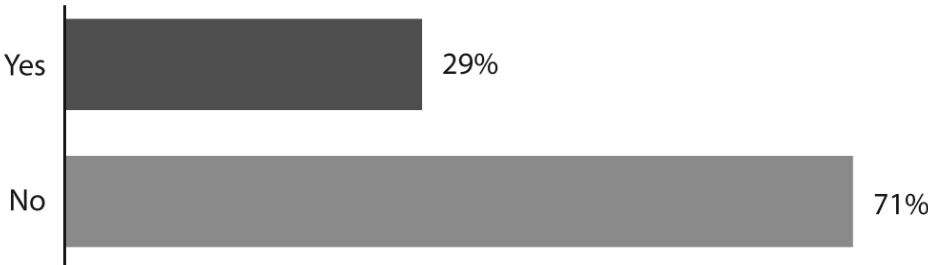
Thank you, Mayor, for your support of bicycling in Somerville. I appreciate your presence at today's bicycle park tour. It was a great feeling being with another 50-100 bicyclists, getting to know parts of Somerville I'd never seen before, and getting to know fellow Somerville bicyclists. It was a crowd that was deeply committed to Somerville's prosperity and well-being, and I was proud to be part of it.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you think an IKEA store will come to Somerville. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you think an IKEA store will come to Somerville?



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Motorcycles storm the State House

By William Tauro

Over a hundred motorcycles from all over the state assembled on New Washington Street in Somerville on Thursday morning to ride into Boston to the steps of the state house for the annually "Storm the State House Rally."

The bikers enjoyed a breakfast provided to them by the Somerville Lions Club as well as from Cindy Hickey, one of the major organizers of "Toys For Local Children" before their run into Boston.

The Massachusetts Motorcycle Association (MMA) has played a key role in the success of the "Toys For Local Children Charity" since its formation in Somerville a few years ago.

The MMA supports motorcycle safety programs and wants to remind riders that inspections are due.

May is national Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, which is a perfect extension to the Massachusetts Motorcycle Safety Awareness Period which runs through the Month of April. This period also concludes with all Annual Motorcycle Safety Inspections due on the last day of May. The MMA has been heavily active in promoting motorcycle safety and would like to remind motorcyclists to renew their motorcycle inspections as well as joining in with all motorists to "check twice" because the life they save may be their own.

Motorcycle safety is something that affects all of us, regardless of whether we are in the saddle, or on four or more wheels. It is hard to come across someone who has not been impacted by someone they know who has been in a motorcycle accident. Yet, as much as we are aware of these concerns, aggressive driv-



Photos by William Tauro

Cyclists "stormed" the State House last Thursday in support of the "Toys For Local Children Charity" here in Somerville.



ing seems to be at an all-time high. Accidents involving motorcycles are increasing, in part due to inattention and in part due to aggressive driving behaviors, not always on the part of the "other" driver.

Safety in traffic is a responsibility shared by everyone. According to the Massachusetts Rider Education Program (MREP), 65% of the time when a Motorcycle is involved in a collision with another vehicle it is because the other vehicle turned left in front of the motorcycle. Most experts would agree, however, that most crashes can be avoided with proper mental and physical preparedness. Such techniques are taught by the MREP schools, and yet in approximately 80% of the fatalities involving motorcycles the cyclist had no rider education at all.

Because of statistics like these, coupled with an unusually high early-season accident rate in the western part of Massachusetts, the North Adams Police Department began a campaign to promote motorcycle safety. The North Adams Police Department has posted signs asking all motorists to "Check Twice, Save a Life."

The NAPD campaign, sponsored by the North Adams PD with support from the MMA, is aimed at creating greater awareness and respect between motorists and also asks motorcyclists to ride with respect in the local community referencing the MMA's "When in Town, Throttle Down" campaign.

Other signage around the state has been visible on the highways. For example, signs on I-495 asking motorists to "Share the Road" and "Look Twice for Motorcycles."

The program, supported by MREP and MassDOT, is initiated every year in support of the MMA's Motorcycle Safety Awareness Period, and will continue to run sporadically through the major North East Motorcycle Bike Weeks at Laconia and Americade in June.

The National Motorcycle Awareness Period, which ends May 31, is also the end of the annual Motorcycle Safety Inspection period. The MMA reminds all riders to renew their Motorcycle Inspections annually by visiting a local Motorcycle Inspection station. Authorized Motorcycle Inspection Stations for Massachusetts can be found here: http://www.vehicletest.state.ma.us/find_inspection_station.php.

For more information, please visit www.MassMotorcycle.org or contact SafetyDirector@Mass-Motorcycle.org

SHS fundraiser a big success



Photo by Donald Norton

The Annual SHS Scholarship Foundation fundraiser was held Friday, May 18, at the Somerville High Cafe. About 60 people attended and approximately 235 tickets for the grand prize of \$10K were sold. After eliminating all excess tickets down to the last 10 ticket holders, they were given a choice to split or go to the end. All ten ticket holders chose to split the grand prize, each being awarded one thousand dollars. A fun night was had by all and lots of door prizes were given out as well. The drawing of the numbers was done by Gene Brune. The foundation is also raising funds by way of selling bricks. Through the "Engraved Brick Campaign" you can help with the scholarships each year given out by purchasing a brick with your name on it including three lines for only \$125. For more information go to www.somerville.k12.ma.us/scholarshipbrick or send a donation for a brick directly to Scholarship Foundation - Attn: Engraved Brick Campaign, PO Box 440275, Somerville, MA 02144. It's a great way to donate and get your name on a brick at the high school.



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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Shoplifting suspect chased to ground

Police were called to the Twin City Mall last week for a report of a larceny from Sally's Beauty Supply.

The responding officer met with another officer who was on a paid detail at the mall to gather information about the situation and was advised that

two individuals were suspected of stealing a blow dryer from Sally's. The suspects, a male and a female, were believed to be in Marshall's at that time.

The two officers entered the store and soon spotted the suspects. As they were approached,

the two suspects reportedly split up and went to different areas of the store. The two officers likewise split up and approached each suspect individually.

The male suspect was confronted by an officer and advised that he fit the description of a shoplifting suspect. The officer then asked to search the suspect's backpack, and the man reportedly complied.

The officer reportedly discovered a blow dryer matching the description of the stolen property inside the backpack. At that moment the suspect pushed passed the officer and ran out of the store, police said.

Both officers gave chase but reportedly lost the suspect in the mall parking lot. One officer drove through the parking lot in search of the man and reportedly spotted him running down a path that led from the lot to Gore St.



A Somerville Police officer captured a suspected shoplifter outside the Twin City Mall last week.

The officer exited his vehicle and approached the suspect, ordering him to the ground where he was subsequently handcuffed and held until transport to jail was arranged.

A pat frisk of the suspect uncovered a pair of wire cutters in the man's pocket, which police

believed was used to remove magnetic alarm sensors from the stolen property.

The suspect, Michael Coleman, 46, was placed under arrest and charged with shoplifting by asportation, possession of a burglarious instrument, and resisting arrest.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Jesus Huertas, 30, of 55 Ruggles St., Roxbury, May 14, 3:48 p.m., arrested at 133 Middlesex Ave. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and on warrant charges of larceny under \$250, trespassing, and shoplifting by asportation.

Kesner Lubin, 19, of 125 Alewife Brook Pky., May 14, 8:07 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of assault and battery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

A **juvenile**, May 15, 3:55 p.m., arrested at 422 Mystic Ave. on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250, resisting arrest, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and on a warrant charge of felony daytime breaking and entering of a boat or vehicle.

Kim Smith, 22, of 23 Rosedale St., Boston, May 16, 11:26 a.m., arrested at College Ave. on a charge of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Michael Haley, 18, of 11 Fairview Terr., May 18, 10:39

a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of unarmed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Steven O'Brien, 22, of 23 Ernest Rd., Arlington, May 18, 12:42 p.m., arrested at Davis Sq. on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Michael Coleman, 46, May 18, 5:26 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on charges of shoplifting by asportation, possession of a burglarious instrument, and resisting arrest.

Mauricio Silva, 25, of 254 Willis Ave., Medford, May 18, 5:37 p.m., arrested at Mystic Ave. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Susan Resende, 41, of 306 Washington St., May 18, 6:06 p.m., arrested at home on charges of resisting arrest, sexual conduct for a fee, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery on a police officer.

James McKenna, 47, of 14 Tennyson St., May 18, 7:50 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on a charge of conspiracy to violate drug law.

Thomas Figueroa, 27, of 213

Grove St., West Roxbury, May 18, 7:50 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, and drug violation near a school or park.

Daniel Wrobel, 45, of 16 Summit Ave., May 19, 3:09 p.m., arrested at 65 Holland St. on charges of disorderly conduct and defrauding a restaurant.

Jose Vasquez, 18, of 20 Memorial Rd., May 19, 6:17 p.m., arrested at 20 Mt. Vernon St. on warrant charges of assault and battery on a public employee and miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.

Mark Mohr, 54, May 20, 5:42 p.m., arrested at 230 Highland Ave. on charges of disturbing the peace, assault and battery on a public employee, indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or under, threat to commit a crime, and open and gross lewdness.

Baltazar Barros, 44, of 287 Main St., Medford, May 21, 1:35 a.m., arrested at 366 Somerville Ave. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Incidents:

Theft:

May 15, 10:53 a.m., police reported a theft at Prospect St.

May 15, 1:15 p.m., police reported a theft at 775 McGrath Hwy.

May 15, 6:58 p.m., police reported a theft at Jay St.

May 15, 10:14 p.m., police reported a theft at Jay St.

May 16, 1:55 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

May 18, 10:25 a.m., police reported a theft at 30 Washington St.

May 18, 1:29 p.m., police reported a theft at Union Sq.

May 18, 5:21 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

May 18, 5:26 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

May 18, 8:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Elm St.

May 19, 10:24 a.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

May 19, 3:09 p.m., police reported a theft at 65 Holland St.

May 20, 2:13 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

May 20, 3:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

May 20, 3:49 p.m., police reported a theft at 211 Pearl St.

Breaking & Entering:

May 15, 6:19 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bromfield Rd.

May 15, 7:46 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Marshall St.

Vehicle Theft:

May 19, 4:23 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Kensington Ave.

May 20, 3:24 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 71 Linwood St.

May 20, 4:53 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Mystic Ave.

May 20, 4:55 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Mystic Ave.

Assault:

May 15, 3:34 p.m., police reported an assault at Bond St.

May 18, 6:06 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

May 20, 5:42 p.m., police reported an assault at 230 Highland Ave.

Drug Violation:

May 18, 7:50 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Medford St.

Eric Greitens delivers address at Tufts' 156th commencement

3,360 Tufts graduates receive degrees

Eric Greitens, humanitarian, award-winning author, and decorated Navy SEAL officer, delivered Tufts University's commencement address on Sunday, May 20, and received an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

Other honorary degree recipients included:

Lawrence S. Bacow, president emeritus of Tufts University;

president-in-residence in the higher education program at Harvard University's Graduate School of Education; innovator in education recognized for advocating broad-based access to higher education, need-based financial aid, and increased civic engagement among universities world-wide; honorary doctorate of humane letters.

Bonnie Bassler, Squibb Profes-

sor and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator in the Department of Molecular Biology at Princeton University; her discoveries about quorum sensing, the process by which single-cell bacteria communicate with each other, launched a revolution in biological and medical research; honorary doctorate of science.

Cecilia Ibeabuchi, nurse manager of the Boston Health Care

for the Homeless Program clinic at St. Francis House, which provides the poor and homeless with vital services to enable them to reclaim their dignity and rebuild their lives; tireless worker on behalf of some of Boston's most vulnerable citizens; honorary doctorate of public service.

Farooq Kathwari, chairman, president and CEO of Ethan

Allen Interiors Inc.; a director and former chair of Refugees International; member of the Council on Foreign Relations; his leadership on behalf of global peace and intercultural understanding has been recognized by the U.S. government's Outstanding American by Choice award, among other honors; honorary doctorate of public service.



U.S. Navy SEAL Eric Greitens, CEO of The Mission Continues delivers the commencement address at Tufts University's 156th Commencement on Sunday, May 20, 2012.



Graduating seniors line up prior to Tufts University's 156th Commencement on May 20, 2012.

Bank robbery suspect arrested

At 10:16 a.m. Monday morning Somerville 911 received report of a hold up alarm from the Century Bank, 102 Fellsway West. Simultaneous calls came from bank personnel.

The suspect reportedly passed a note demanding cash and fled the bank on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash, including bait money.

As police units were arriving, 911 received a call reporting that a suspect matching the description of the robber, was in her yard changing clothes. The suspect continued to flee through neighborhood yards

toward Broadway. As he approached the area of the former Star Market on Broadway, he was intercepted by police detective units.

He then retreated through neighborhood yards, back in the direction of the bank. As the police were establishing a two block perimeter, the suspect ran from behind 64 Derby Street directly into the front left side of an approaching police cruiser.

The suspect's momentum carried him across the hood of the cruiser where he impacted the windshield, landing on the ground next to a parked car.

The suspect then got up and continued to flee, but was quickly subdued by patrol officers.

The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to an area hospital for treatment where he remains under guard. A large quantity of cash, including the bait money was recovered from the suspect.

The suspect is identified as Timothy Walton, d.o.b. 3/20/1987, giving an address of 33 Regina Street in Boston.

The suspect has been released from the hospital and was arraigned in Somerville District Court Tuesday morning.

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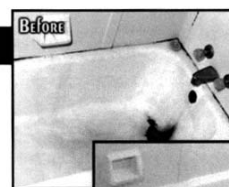
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Celebrate healthy food at the Aguacate Verde Restaurant

By Cathleen Twardzik

The one year anniversary of the Aguacate Verde Restaurant, located at 13 Elm St. in Porter Square, was recently celebrated on a night that featured live music by Vicky Vega and Sergio Espinoza from Inkas Was.

Silvia De La Sota, Manager/Owner of the Aguacate Verde Restaurant is running Aguacate Verde Restaurant by herself. "Aguacate Verde" translates to Green Avocado. The restaurant's fare consists of inexpensive, healthy Mexican dishes.

De La Sota would like to make the Somerville "community aware of the mission of my restaurant" [which] is to get people to "appreciate that I sell healthy and inexpensive [food]."

Mexican food has a great "business projection" in the United States. De La Sota likes the food, which she sells because it

offers many options "from authentic to healthier, vegetarian and vegan," she said.

The majority of the most popular menu items are "the dishes made with fresh corn dough: las gorditas, huaraches, mulitas and pupusas."

The menu also includes tacos, burritos, and quesadillas, complete with nutritious ingredients.

Originally from Peru, De La Sota's background is in public health, and she holds a degree from Harvard University.

"I started the restaurant project two years ago. It was a long process, almost a year, but I knew [that it] was worth it. I wanted to start a business to contribute with improving people's health," said De La Sota.

For her, the best part of being a business owner is "the contact with the costumers in my area, the neighbors that come almost

daily." People are extremely "grateful to have access to healthy options for their lunch or dinner," she said.

In the future, "I would like to offer new specials from the Latin American cuisine and to make my restaurant more of [a] sit down [eatery] than a take out."

She would like to sell "not only the food, but also the cultural experience from many different countries in Latin America that I visited and enjoyed," said De La Sota. "I am contacting the different culinary art schools in the area to work with new chefs with new ideas."

"I would like to continue entertainment, bilingual Spanish-English karaoke. I will continue applying for the license to serve a glass of wine for dinner. This summer, I am contacting the local Farmers Market to buy local and create new dishes with vegetables in season," she said.



Aguacate Verde Restaurant in Porter Square recently celebrated its one-year anniversary.

The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle Feathers #1

Something to Root For!

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Summer is here, so grab a cold beer! Root beer, that is. You are probably aware that root beer is not truly a "beer" in the way that most people today think of "beer", which is the world's most widely consumed alcoholic beverage. So why is the word "beer" part of the name of a soft drink? The answer can be traced back to one of our former Somerville residents. While there are various accounts regarding root beer's etymology, the most popular belief is the story of a young Philadelphian pharmacist named Charles Hires and his friend Russell Conwell. Conwell, a Somerville resident, was the founder of Temple University and father of Leon Conwell, the nineteenth mayor of Somerville. Conwell Avenue, Conwell Street and the former Conwell School are all named after the pair.



According to Hires' August 2, 1937 obituary, Conwell requested that his friend develop a drink that would appeal to the rough and tumble Pennsylvania miners. The drink would be a substitute for alcohol to appease the Temperance Movement members. Hires did as his friend asked, and Conwell was very pleased when Hires returned with a beverage that he referred to as "herbal tea." Because Conwell intended the product to be marketed to the tough and laborious miners, he advised against the name "herbal tea." Conwell suggested that the name be changed to "root beer," which he believed was more appropriate for their target demographic. In 1876, "root beer" was introduced to the world at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition. Today people continue to enjoy Hires Root beer all over the world. So the next time you raise a non-alcoholic toast, you can toast to Russell Conwell.

If you have a historical question you would like answered by Bob Doherty, email your question to somervillencws@aol.com

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Somerville gratefully celebrates and honors Memorial Day.

The View From Prospect Hill



It began as a way to memorialize the military casualties of the Civil War, and was originally termed Decoration Day. Decorating the graves of the countless multitudes of fallen soldiers helped to console the grieving survivors of the debacle while uniting the once divided nation in a worthwhile

common cause. For many today, Memorial Day represents the beginning of the summery high season. Kids soon enjoy their vacations from school. Families and individuals go traveling, camping surfing, and whatever else represents fun in the sun in the months to come.

This coming weekend let us remember to take at least a little time to pay homage to those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country. For us all. Get out and enjoy the great parade on Sunday. It is always inspirational and a great place to meet old friends and perhaps make some new ones.

Take some time to meet and get to know a veteran that you may encounter. They deserve recognition and thanks for the service they have given, and you may come away from the experience feeling a bit more enlightened and enriched than before. Most of all, give some

thought to what the brave men and women who laid down their lives mean to all of us today. How the freedom and quality of life we enjoy in America would not be possible without those selfless acts of courage and devotion. And have a great weekend. It's a part of what we fight for.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Brian Roche, who grew up in East Somerville and is now the executive chef in town at the Lolita Cocina, also celebrates. Also, to our good friend Feargal O'Toole, a good guy who is self employed - "Data for Donkeys" - look it up. If you're considering running for political office he gives good advice. Also this week is Eric Gullage who is from the 'Ville and is now in Medford. Another Happy Birthday to Paul Vardaro, who we hear is a good electrician. A big Happy Birthday to Ron Vitale former owner of Ron's Amoco Service Station on McGrath. And to Ray Snow Jr. of Somerville Plumbing, who was out recently celebrating with his wife Diane and their kids.

Big time congratulations to Robert "Bobby" McWaters who graduates from Harvard this week with honors. He majored in economics and will be starting a job right out of school at Boston Consulting Group. He's the son of well-known Rob-

bie McWaters, political guru and nice guy. We here at The News wish Bobby the best in his career. Who knows? Maybe someday he will be giving economic advice to future Presidents. We know his father and family are very proud of his accomplishment and high honors at Harvard.

Also graduating, and we can't believe how time passes by, is Jessica Trane, the daughter of Bob and Nancy Trane. Jessica just graduated from NYU. We remember Jessica in grammar school, growing up here in the city. It's nice to see she did well away at college and is heading into the world of non-profits, working at Americor with kids.

Retired Somerville Firefighter Cindy Snow just graduated from Suffolk University. Her studies were in Law. We wish her the best on her bar exam. We know she will do great.

A get well soon goes out to our dear friend Anthony Cataldo, who was rushed in to the hospital last week. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A big get well too to our friend Ricky Gilberti, a long time Somerville resident and police officer. Rick hasn't been feeling well and was out while on the mend. He's a great guy and we wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.

Lincoln Tech is having another fundraiser for the kids at the Somerville Boxing Club this Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Full body massages for \$35. All money raised goes to the club for the kids. Call 617-776-3500 x 43886 to reserve a time for your massage appointment or come by for lunch (burgers and hot dogs). Take a chance on a raffle or buy a Somerville Boxing Club t-shirt for

\$10. It's all 100 percent for the kids. Lincoln Tech is next to Home Depot at Assembly Square.

PJ Ryan's up in Teele Square, owned and operated by Connor Brennan, had their annual Golf Tournament this week. From all accounts everyone had a great time. We will know more next week about it.

Last night Maryann Heuston had a large turnout for her campaign kickoff party. Over 100 attended at the Somerville City Club.

Our condolences to the family of John F. "Jack" Prendergast, a life-long Somerville resident, who died recently at the age of 70. He was a lifelong resident of the city who worked at the MBTA. He left a lot of his family and friends behind and he will be missed.

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A bridge too high



By William C. Shelton

McGrath Highway's McCarthy Overpass is falling apart, and the Commonwealth's transportation authorities are again treating Somerville like a second-class stepchild.

The Overpass begins near Somerville Avenue and crosses over Washington Street, stretching nearly to Highland Avenue. Replacing it with an urban boulevard would make the area safer for drivers and pedestrians and create a more hospitable environment for businesses and people. The resulting development would increase access to Union Square and Inner Belt, generate much-needed city tax revenues and significantly expand our job base.

Twentieth Century highway construction threw up elevated roadways like McGrath Highway. They tore apart urban neighborhoods while not interacting with them. They reduced neighbors' quality of life, blighted their property, damaged their economies, and burdened taxpayers with enormous maintenance costs.

They are now deteriorating. But in places like Milwaukee, Portland, San Francisco, Chattanooga, and elsewhere, governments are finding that replacing them with boulevards and avenues is their most cost-effective and sustainable option.

The area beneath the McCarthy Overpass is an example of the problems that elevated roadways create, and of the opportunities associated with transforming them. Its confusing configuration, limited visibility, and interweaving traffic make it dangerous for drivers, while pedestrians and bicyclists take their lives in their hands. It depresses property values, dis-

courages business location, and isolates neighbors.

The city has identified development of the Brickbottom/Inner Belt area as essential to resolving its fiscal woes. But neither Brickbottom nor Inner Belt is easily accessible, and half of Inner Belt is landlocked by two rail lines. The only access passes through a low and narrow tunnel, creating a choke point. The area's development requires connecting it to McGrath Highway and the rest of Somerville, which cannot really be done with the overpass in place.

For these reasons, the Comprehensive Plan (thesomervillenews.com/archives/24230) commits the City of Somerville to "Advocate for the conversion of McGrath Highway into a surface-level, tree-lined urban boulevard, crossable by pedestrians at every intersection, with accommodations provided for bicyclists." Regarding traffic capacity, the Plan states that McGrath now "functions with no better efficiency than

an urban boulevard."

Meanwhile, the McCarthy Overpass is falling apart. Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) engineers assess it as "structurally deficient," meaning, unsafe.

There is plenty of money in the Accelerated Bridge Program (ABP) fund to transform it into a boulevard. When the Commonwealth kept skimming cash from other transportation budgets to pay for the Big Dig in the early 1990s, the U.S. Department of Transportation said that it would cut off all funding if the state did not begin repairing its crumbling bridges. Ultimately, the Patrick administration and the Legislature created a \$3 billion dollar ABP fund.

The Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization plans for and authorizes major transportation projects throughout Eastern Massachusetts. In recent years, it has budgeted between \$23 million and \$30 million to "repair or

redesign" the McCarthy Overpass. The work was scheduled to go out to bid in August 2013 and begin in 2014.

Planners in the Massachusetts Departments of Public Health and Transportation saw this project as an opportunity to conduct a Health Impact Analysis (HIA) to determine benefits achievable by de-elevating the Overpass. HIAs are a process heavily advocated by the Centers for Disease Control. They support designing communities in ways that promote public health. Both MassDOT and the Department of Public Health have received national praise for using an HIA to redesign and rebuild McGrath.

HIAs require extensive public participation. ABP regulations mandate public participation as well.

Related to the Health Impact Analysis, MassDOT planners are conducting a study on bringing McGrath Highway back to ground level, with ample community

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Disco-Ville



Did you wear a three-piece white suit, wide collared shirts, and platform shoes? Were some of you ladies the proud owners of hot pants, mini dresses, and shoulder pads? With the recent passing of music legends Donna Summer and Bee Gee Robin Gibb, my thoughts are directed back to that golden age of Disco. What was Somerville people's reaction to Disco? I asked some of my friends who were there to share some of their disco experiences. I can also speak first hand because I played in a disco band briefly.

Disco arrived in the Rosebud's back room around 1977. It traveled down route 16 via Sammy's Patio at Revere Beach. A talented singer named Marie Michaels was featured in her own band, backed up by local, seasoned musicians. They had been making the Revere scene and found their way to the Surrey Room. In one of their configurations, I was the keyboard player. Eddie Mann was on lead guitar Butchie D played drums, and Brian Bishop supplied that thumping disco bass line. Eddie and Brian were great singers also. Steve Tello was the featured male singer and pretty much Marie's partner. Rick Carvahlo, Randy Jacobs, Rich Dorato, and

Richard White were also in Marie's band at various times. Some of the songs we played when I was in the band were *I'll Always Love My Mama*, *Don't Take Away The Music* and *Love Is In The Air*. I can still see the Disco ball's shimmering, rotating light casting bright hypnotizing globs on every surface. The "chase" lights were the frosting on the cake. Speaking of cake reminds of that great hit song *Cut the Cake* by the Average White Band in 1975.

Many Somerville folks frequented Faces Disco on Route 2 and Jacob's Ladder in Revere, and 9 Lansdowne St. in Boston along with too many others to mention. If you were there, you know where they were, although you may not want to admit it. Nevertheless it was a short, shiny time in the history of music and shorter in Somerville.

Saturday Night Fever hit movie theatres in 1977 with a soundtrack that really left its impression on our society. Listening to *Disco Inferno*, *Night Fever*, and *Stayin' Alive* will no doubt stir up many visions and memories. Donna Summer and The Bee Gees were integral parts of the disco era. If you listen to *Last Dance*, *Hot Stuff*, *Bad Girls* or any other Donna Summer hit from the 70's the memories will start to fill your head. Where were you when these

songs were hits? Who were you hanging around with? Who were you dating? And what the hell were you wearing? There was no in between with the disco scene. You either loved it or hated it. Many hardcore rockers used that phrase "Disco (fill in expletive)!" They just continued listening to Zeppelin, Skynard, and whatever new punk bands that popped up. They went clubbing in Boston but it was not at The Kenmore Club or Lucifer's where disco was featured, it was at The Rat (The Rathskeller). The Rat was where nuts and bolts rock and roll thrived. I'm pretty sure mold, spider webs, stale spilled beer and diseases also thrived in the dank, dingy hole of a club.

Some of my friends remember calling into to radio station Kiss 108 and requesting *Bad Girls* and other songs by Donna Summer. They would sit around the radio learning the Hustle, and The Bus Stop.

We remember the early Bee Gees hits that we grew up with before they started doing disco. Great tunes like *Massachusetts*, *I Started A Joke*, *Words and How Can You Mend a Broken Heart*? Who among us didn't use their best falsetto to imitate the Bee Gees? When they put out *Jive Talkin'* it had such a kicking beat and bass line that it couldn't be ignored. You

liked it didn't you? Come on admit it! Even if you say you hate disco, your foot has to tap a little when any of the *Saturday Night Fever* songs come on.

The Bee Gees will always remind me of the sensational 60's growing up in Somerville. When they resurfaced with the soundtrack of *Saturday Night Fever*, it really gave disco a shot in the arm. When I hear those songs, I fondly revisit my (short-lived) disco days with my gold chain and satin shirt. Disco peaked in the late 70's and was all but dead by the beginning of the 80's. It was time to hang up the white suit and grab the Members Only jacket.

So rest in peace Donna Summer and Robin Gibb. When we are driving down Highland Avenue and hear Donna's *On the Radio* we will smile. When Robin and the Bee Gees come on, we will "...think of younger days, when living for our lives was everything a man could want to do." Thank you both for all the music and all the memories.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on three roll calls and local senators on six roll calls from the week of May 14-18.

“THE VALOR ACT” TO HELP VETERANS (S 2241)

House 154-0, approved its own version of a bill that would expand financial, housing and education benefits and many other services for veterans, active-duty military personnel and their families. The Senate has already approved a different version and the House version now goes to the Senate for consideration.

Provisions include facilitating seed money for the start-up 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; requiring Massachusetts to join 42 other states in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children that makes it easier for the children of military personnel to transfer between school districts and states; and permitting cities and towns to provide a property tax exemption of up to \$750 for veterans who do volunteer work in their community.

Supporters said the state should provide these additional benefits and opportunities to the thousands of Bay State veterans who have risked their lives to protect freedom. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

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| Rep. Denise Provost | Yes |
| Rep. Carl Sciortino | Yes |
| Rep. Timothy Toomey | Yes |

AVOID FORECLOSURES (H 1219)

House 151-0, approved and sent to the Senate a bill prohibiting banks from pursuing foreclosure on a homeowner unless it has 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. The measure also requires banks to produce documentation that they are the legal holders of the mortgage before foreclosing.

Supporters said the bill would help an estimated 100,000 mortgages in jeopardy and keep families in their homes while still being more than fair to the banks. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

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| Rep. Denise Provost | Yes |
| Rep. Carl Sciortino | Yes |
| Rep. Timothy Toomey | Yes |

ALLOW EX-HOMEOWNERS TO STAY IN HOME FOLLOWING FORECLOSURE (H 4087)

House 3-148, rejected an amendment that would allow homeowners to remain in their homes as tenants following the completion of a foreclosure by the bank as long as they pay monthly rent to the bank. The bank would have the right to evict the ex-homeowner with 30 days notice. Under current law, the ex-homeowner has no legal right to remain in the house following foreclosure.

The amendment would give the ex-homeowner the same rights currently enjoyed by tenants (by lease or at will) renting a home that is foreclosed. Under current law, the tenant becomes a tenant at will and pays monthly rent until evicted.

Amendment supporters argued the change would help prevent the spread of neighborhood blight caused by empty homes that create a downward spiral of property values for surrounding homeowners and attract crime and trespassers. They noted it also would save significant amounts of taxpayer money since Massachusetts spends millions of dollars per year on homelessness services, including shelter for many foreclosed homeowners.

Amendment opponents said the bank should not be forced to become an involuntary landlord after following the proper procedure for foreclosure. They argued that the ex-homeowner who can’t afford the mortgage payment probably also can’t afford the rent. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment. A “No” vote is against it.)

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| Rep. Denise Provost | No |
| Rep. Carl Sciortino | No |
| Rep. Timothy Toomey | No |

SENATE APPROVES HEALTH CARE CHANGES (S 2260)

Senate 35-2, approved and sent to the House a bill making changes in the state’s health care system. A key provision establishes a statewide health care cost growth goal for the health care industry tied to the growth in the economy.

Other provisions provide \$100 million over the next five years in community-based prevention, public health and wellness efforts; \$100 million to accelerate and facilitate the ongoing statewide adoption of new technology for expansion and maintenance of the electronic medical records system; expanding an existing wellness incentive program for small businesses to provide a subsidy of up to 15 percent of premium costs; requiring the Department of Public Health to develop a model guide for wellness programs for businesses; and expanding the role of physician assistants and nurse practitioners to act as primary care providers in order to expand access to cost-effective care.

Supporters said this landmark bill would save the state \$150 billion over the next 15 years while also saving billions of dollars for consumers and small businesses. They noted it would improve the quality of care and increase the transparency and accountability of the state’s entire health care system.

Opponents said the bill includes many good reforms but has many provisions which are a concern. They questioned the projected cost savings of the bill and the bureaucracy that it establishes. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill. A “No” vote is against it.)

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| Sen. Sal DiDomenico | Yes |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | Yes |

SINGLE PAYER (S 2260)

Senate 15-22, rejected an amendment requiring the newly created Institute of Health Care Finance and Policy to study whether a single-payer health care system would lower costs and save money. If the study revealed that costs would be lower, the Institute would draft a plan for single-payer health care and submit it to the Legislature for consideration.

Single-payer health care coverage is a single, publicly-financed insurance plan that provides health care for everyone.

Amendment supporters said a single-payer system is a fair one that would ensure coverage for everyone regardless of age or income. They argued that nations that have adopted this type of plan have achieved universal, com-

prehensive coverage while saving money.

Amendment opponents said taxpayer-funded single-payer coverage would be more expensive than the current system and likely result in a tax hike. They noted the single-payer system has been a disaster in many countries that adopted it. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment. A “No” vote is against it.)

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| Sen. Sal DiDomenico | Yes |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | Yes |

MORATORIUM ON FURTHER STATE MANDATES (S 2260)

Senate 6-30, rejected an amendment that would prohibit the Legislature, until December 31, 2013, from mandating any new benefits that health care plans must cover.

Amendment supporters said new mandates for health care coverage would increase costs for small businesses. They noted 43 new mandated benefits have been added since 2006 and helped drive up the costs of health care plans.

Amendment opponents said any proposed new benefits are carefully scrutinized to see if they are absolutely essential. They pointed to the recent mandate that requires coverage for autism. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment. A “No” vote is against it.)

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| Sen. Sal DiDomenico | No |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | No |

DO NOT REQUIRE PRESCRIPTION PLAN (S 2260)

Senate 5-30, rejected an amendment eliminating the requirement that a consumer have prescription coverage as part of his or her health insurance plan in order to satisfy the requirement that all Massachusetts residents must have health insurance coverage or face a financial penalty.

Supporters of the requirement said prescription coverage is an integral part of health insurance and should be a requirement. They argued allowing consumers to buy plans without drug coverage is counterproductive to reaching the goal of broad health care coverage for all Massachusetts residents.

Opponents of the requirement said mandating prescription coverage is putting health insurance out of the reach of many of the people it was intended to reach. They argued that the Health Connector overstepped its bounds when it unilaterally ruled that all health plans must include prescription coverage. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment eliminating the requirement. A “No” vote is against the amendment and is in favor of the requirement.)

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| Sen. Sal DiDomenico | No |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | No |

ALLOW INSURERS TO OFFER “MANDATE LITE” POLICIES (S 2260)

Senate 5-30, rejected an amendment allowing health insurance companies to offer “mandate lite” plans that include fewer state mandates. The policies would still be required to cover hospital and surgical expenses; health care for pregnant women, infants and children; prenatal care, childbirth and postpartum care; mammograms; diabetes related services and medication; early intervention services; and mental health services.

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Amendment supporters said mandates have helped increase the cost of premiums and make any plan out of the reach of many people. They noted that flexible low-cost options are important to offer those who simply want preventive and catastrophic coverage.

Amendment opponents said this option will result in inadequate coverage for many people and expensive trips to the emergency room. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment. A “No” vote is against it.)

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| Sen. Sal DiDomenico | No |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | No |

STRIKE \$40 MILLION IN ASSESSMENTS (S 2260)

Senate 5-31, rejected an amendment that would eliminate an assessment on health insurers that was designed to fund a Prevention and Wellness Trust Fund and the expansion of electronic medical records. The amendment would fund these two projects with some of the money the state receives from casino and slot parlor licensing fees.

Amendment supporters said the \$40 million assessment is nothing more than a tax. They noted it would be passed along to the consumer and actually result in higher health care costs.

Amendment opponents said the projects would save money and reduce health care costs through prevention. They argued the projects should be funded now rather than waiting years for revenue from the sale of casino licenses. (A “Yes” vote is for the amendment striking the assessment. A “No vote is against the amendment and favors the \$40 million assessment.)

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| Sen. Sal DiDomenico | No |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | No |

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ALLOW SCANNERS INSTEAD OF STICKERS IN GROCERY STORES (H 4089) - The House, on a voice vote without debate, approved and sent to the Senate a bill that would allow supermarkets to stop putting a price sticker on each item and instead provide electronic price scanners around the store for customers to use. The measure requires stores that convert to scanners to disclose the correct prices of items in a “clear and conspicuous manner” including having a sign at least one inch high on shelves to display the price of each item. Stores would have to apply to the state for permission to convert to scanners and also promise that no job losses will result from the change.

Other provisions require a scanner for customer use to be located every 5,000 square feet and an itemized list giving the price of each stickerless product list available at each checkout.

Supporters say Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that still requires the antiquated sticker system. They note the bill will bring grocery store pricing into the 21st century while still protecting consumers with many safeguards and severe penalties for stores that violate the new law.

Opponents say this anti-consumer bill will make it difficult for consumers to discern the price of each item and to verify they are being charged the right price at checkout. They note a 2009 test of some 150 scanners at a dozen retail stores found that 70 percent of them failed to function properly or meet state requirements. They call the no-job-loss provisions unmanageable and unenforceable.

“RIGHT TO REPAIR” BILL (S 2204) - The Senate on a voice vote, without debate, approved and sent to the House a controversial bill that would require auto manufacturers to sell to non-dealer repair shops the complete repair information and diagnostic tools currently only provided to franchised dealer service centers. The measure also provides that motor vehicle manufacturers are not required to divulge trade secrets. Following approval of the measure, three senators spoke in favor of the bill.

Supporters say auto companies refuse to give the information to independent repair shops, and consumers are forced to have repairs done at the more expensive dealer service centers. They argue this pro-consumer bill would lower the cost of repairs for consumers by fostering competition and allowing them to go to independent repair shops.

Some opponents say the proposal would lead to court cases that would force auto manufacturers to disclose trade secrets. They argue independent shops already have access to most of the information they need to repair vehicles. Others say the measure would result in job losses at dealer service centers.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN SCHOOLS (S 2132) - Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law a bill that would require each school to have a written medical emergency response plan to “reduce the incidence of life-threatening emergencies and promote efficient responses to such emergencies.” The measure is called “Michael’s Law” in memory of 16-year-old Michael Ellsesser, who died suddenly of cardiac arrest during a high school football game.

SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE PROPOSES FISCAL 2013 STATE BUDGET - The Senate fired the third salvo and unveiled a \$32.3 billion package that includes no new taxes or fees and a \$275.4 million increase in unrestricted local aid.

The committee’s action is the latest in the long battle over the fiscal year 2013 state budget that begins on July 1, 2012. Gov. Patrick fired the first salvo in January when he filed his budget. The House followed up and in April approved its own version with a price tag of \$32.4 billion.

The full Senate will soon approve its own version and a House-Senate conference committee will eventually craft a plan that will be presented to the House and Senate for consideration and sent to the governor.

NO ROBOCALLS TO CELL PHONES (H 3858) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would prohibit robocalls to cell phones and other mobile electronic devices. The measure exempts messages from school districts to students, parents and school employees; companies advising employees of work schedules; correctional facilities advising victims about their offenders; municipalities and state government; and health care companies delivering a prerecorded healthcare message.

The measure makes violators subject to prosecution by the attorney general and up to a \$10,000 per call fine. It also allows consumers who receive more than one call from an offender per year to sue the offender for up to \$10,000.

DOWN SYNDROME (H 3825) The House gave near final approval to and sent to the Senate legislation that would require health care providers to provide up-to-date information to any parents who receive a prena-

tal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome. The information would include “physical, developmental, educational and psychosocial outcomes, life expectancy, clinical course, and intellectual and functional development and treatment options.” The measure would also require that the parents be notified about information hotlines, national and local Down syndrome organizations and other education and support programs.

WALL CLIMBING REGULATIONS (S 1217) - The House gave initial approval to a bill establishing regulations for companies operating wall climbing facilities. The measure requires any fabricated or inflatable rock climbing wall over 10 feet tall to be equipped with an inflatable protective base and guardrail surrounding the base of the wall, provide all climbers with a safety harness and require them to wear a helmet. The measure also empowers the state’s public safety commissioner to establish additional regulations.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“The man with the gift of gab from Gloucester. Also known as the Chatter Champion of the Chamber.” – *Sen. Anthony Petrucci (D-East Boston) referring to Senate Republican Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).*

“The Crown Prince of Chiropractic.” – *Tarr referring to Petrucci, who proposed an amendment dealing with chiropractors.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION? *Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say 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 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 May 14-18, the House met for a total of six hours and 31 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 18 hours and 18 minutes.

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| Mon. May 14 | House 11:01 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. |
| Tues. May 15 | No House session Senate 1:00 p.m. to 7:27 p.m. |
| Wed. May 16 | House 11:01 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 12:05 p.m. |
| Thurs. May 17 | House 11:02 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Senate 10:03 a.m. to 8:38 p.m. |
| Fri. May 18 | No House session No Senate session |

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Porchfest 2012

Musicians and bands throughout Somerville celebrated and utilized an underused public venue: The porch



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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

St. Clement High School Sports update

The Saint Clement Lady Anchors captured their fifth win of the season with a dramatic 7th inning win over Pope John 16-15 on Sunday, May 20, to bring their Catholic Central League record to 3-5 and overall record to 5-10.

Junior Allison Caloggero (Medford) pitched four solid innings, striking out four, walking two and giving up only two earned runs. St. Clement exploded offensively gathering 14 runs. Jessica Popken (Medford) walked three times and scored two runs. Caloggero knocked in 3 RBIs with a triple and a single and scored 3 runs. Kayla Morello (Medford) pitched in with 3 RBIs of her own with 2 clutch singles and scored 3 runs.

In the 5th inning Pope John lead off with a triple by Olivia

McNelis and a double by Victoria Bercume. Pope John followed up with a walk, a costly dropped third strike and single, allowing them to inch their way closer to the lead making it 15-7 and holding the Lady Anchors to only one additional run.

Pope John again held St. Clements in the 6th inning and then erupted in the top of the 7th after stunning 1-6-3 St Clement double play to gather 4 runs and even the score to 15-15. With the game tied, Christina Puccio (Medford) lead off with a double and moved to third on a pass ball. Sophomore Tien Phan (Somerville) planted a perfect sacrifice bunt to score Puccio to win the game.

The Lady Anchors face league rivals Cathedral and Trinity Catholic to close their regular season.



Sophomore Tien Phan (Somerville) at bat.

SHS seniors victorious at GBL Championship Meet

Winning the GBL Championship Meet was a great way for the SHS seniors to finish their track careers at SHS. The seniors will graduate with a four-year indoor/outdoor record of 31-1 and eight consecutive GBL Championship Meet titles for Indoor and Outdoor.

The next meet is the Division 1 State Meet on Sunday, May 27, at Durfee High School at 1 p.m. Competing will be Nicole Genard in the 100m dash and Javelin; Alison Kaba in the 100m dash; Gelynn Berger in the 200m; Michel-le Meranda in the 400m hurdles; Emma Youte in the Long Jump; Natalie David in the Shot Put and our 4x100m relay team of Gelynn Berger, Alison Kaba, Michel-le Meranda and Nicole Genard.

Visiting Rotarian from last meeting



(L to R) Rotarian Brad Moore from Leawood, Kansas and Somerville Rotarian Jeannie Scarpa. Brad met with Somerville Rotarians at a recent Tuesday meeting.

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| 1. The Rider Cup is held: a) every year; b) every two years; or c) every three years? | 8. In 1994, what did the Republicans call the plat- form they hyped in the Congressional election? |
| 2. What family of birds are the "jays" a member of? | 9. Who was the Civil Rights leader that Dorothy Parker left the bulk of her estate to? |
| 3. What is the only rock that floats in water? | 10. What is the name of the little yellow canary that "Sylvester" the car- toon cat is always trying to catch? |
| 4. What is the only thing that can destroy dia- monds? | 11. What finger on a pitcher's throwing hand controls a slider and a curve ball? |
| 5. In what country did turkeys originate? | 12. Who succeeded Franklin D. Roosevelt as president? |
| 6. What was the nick- name given to basketball's Wilt Chamberlain? | |
| 7. Who was the Director of the 2006 movie <i>World Trade Center</i> ? | |

Answers on page 23

It is never too late to reach your dream

By William Tauro

Somerville native and Davis Square Tax Attorney Raymond Snow is a patient man. He waited 25 years to watch his daughter, Cynthia Snow-Murphy walk on stage at the Bank of America Pavilion last Sunday to receive her Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School. "While I was studying for the bar exam," mused the senior Snow, who himself is a graduate of Suffolk Law, "Cindy would sit quietly next to me at the end of my desk, practicing her writing and learning to spell. I knew that she would be the one to carry on the family tradition. I just had no idea that it would take this long!"

Cynthia, a recently retired Somerville Firefighter and a graduate of Somerville High School, put her higher education plans on hold while she raised her family. She struggled through many adversities and setbacks through her life, including a devastating bankruptcy. "I vowed after that that I would do my best to build a strong, secure flexible base to help insulate my family. I longed to get myself back to where I thought I was meant to be: to finish my education and become an attorney. But because of these hardships I thought it was out of my reach."

That opportunity came in 2006 when her oldest son graduated high school. "I knew it was time. I had to try or I would always regret not doing so. My fa-

ther had always told me that there was nothing I couldn't do if I wanted it badly enough."

Cynthia graduated Cum Laude from Suffolk University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and then was accepted into the Law School in 2008. She attended classes at night and throughout the summer while working full-time as a firefighter. "Altogether it's been six long years, after raising a family, serving as a firefighter and paying for tuition, I have a far greater appreciation for this degree and the effort that so many working people put forth to attain something better for themselves and their family." Cynthia's position as a Somerville firefighter was shortened by a career ending injury in 2009. "It was a difficult obstacle to overcome. The Law School was wonderful in helping me with accommodations so that I could continue my studies."

At Suffolk Law School, Cynthia received the Distinguished Oral Advocate Award, made the Dean's list and served as an SJC Rule 3:03 Student Attorney for the Housing Clinic. She represented indigent clients in housing and related matters, participated in the Lawyer for the Day program at the Boston Housing Court and the Chelsea Bank Tenant's collaborative where she volunteered her services to homeowner's and tenants facing eviction from foreclosed properties.

Cynthia's Doctoral Thesis



Pictured L to R: Somerville Fire District Chief Dennis Murphy, Cynthia Snow-Murphy, J.D. and Raymond A. Snow, Esq.

was an analysis on the Alimony Reform Act, which went into effect on March 1, 2012 and reset the expectations for the length and amount of alimony awards. It was published by the Massachusetts Bar Association for their annual Family Law conference. Suffolk Law has referenced this analysis as part of their Continuing Legal Education program.

Last Saturday, May 19, Cynthia was awarded the distinguished Dean's Public Citizen Award, which recognizes and rewards a graduating student who exemplifies the aspiration and the spirit of the Preamble to the Model Rules of Professional Conduct. "A lawyer, as a mem-

ber of the legal profession, is a representative of clients, an officer of the legal system and a public citizen having a special responsibility for the quality of justice." Suffolk Law School Dean Nelson along with the faculty felt Cynthia best represented the criteria for the award, namely, a student who has demonstrated what is best about the legal profession: service, dedication, passion, conviction and generosity of spirit and who is the type of person who we would want to represent and counsel our loved ones when they are in need.

"I can't thank the faculty at Suffolk Law enough for their passion and dedication to their

students. This school cares very much about the success of their students. It was truly a first rate experience." Mostly, however, she owes a debt of gratitude to her husband, Somerville Fire District Chief Dennis Murphy and her two boys, Somerville Firefighter Jay W. McKenzie and Timothy J. McKenzie for their unending support and patience and love in helping her achieve her goals.

"I truly believe that it is never too late to reach for your dreams. There is little that one can't do if one wants it badly enough. No matter what twists and turns life throws your way, just hold on and keep your dream alive."

A bridge too high CONT. FROM PG 9

participation in the project design. The study is scheduled to be released this summer.

So planners and community advocates were shocked to learn that in mid-March, the MassDOT Board voted to authorize \$10.9 million to repair, rather than replace, the overpass. The vote came without public awareness, much less public participation.

This is quite different from how MassDOT has managed similar projects. When it found that the Sullivan Square Over-

pass was structurally deficient, it closed the overpass and made plans to rebuild it. The City of Boston said that doing so would be unacceptable.

Boston officials insisted on combining redesigns of Sullivan Square and Rutherford Avenue, using a robust public participation process. They wanted a significant portion of the road width to be allocated to green space and pedestrian and bicycle uses. They got what they wanted.

The same was true with the

Casey overpass in Jamaica Plain. After broad public participation, MassDOT agreed to replace it with a boulevard. And the simple rebuilding of the bridge in front of the Museum of Science and Industry involved a remarkable amount of public participation.

It is unclear as to why MassDOT is bypassing both public participation and its own planning process. The best guess is that senior managers feel under pressure to show that they are spending ABP funds and

fixing bridges.

The situation is a reminder of the large burden that Somerville bears to support regional transportation, in comparison to the small benefit that it receives. Six rail lines cut our neighborhoods apart, but we have only one T station. Vigorous advocacy, first by the Mystic View Task Force, then by the Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership, and then with the leadership of Mayor Curtatone won commitments to extend the Green Line and build a new Orange

Line station.

We now need similar advocacy regarding McGrath Highway. MassDOT's Highway Division has scheduled a public meeting at the Argenziano School for May 31st at 6:00. It seems clear from the agenda that, instead of soliciting public input on transforming McGrath Highway, they intend to explain how they will repair the overpass.

It's time for community advocates and the mayor to step up, as they have done so effectively in the past.


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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

76 Boston St: (Case #ZBA 2012-36) Applicant and Owner, Anne Slater, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to retain an existing third story deck at the rear of an existing two-family dwelling. RA zone. Ward 3.

63 Boston St: (Case #ZBA 2012-37) Applicants and Owners, David and Renee Scott, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure to construct a third story addition on the rear of an existing two-family dwelling. RA zone. Ward 3.

86 Hudson St: (Case #ZBA 2012-39) Applicant, James M. Piwinski, seeks a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to expand an existing dormer on the left side of the dwelling. RB Zone. Ward 5.

99 Dover St: (Case #ZBA 2012-40) Applicant, Bright Horizons Family Solutions, seeks a Special permit under SZO §4.4.1 to make alterations to the façade of a nonconforming structure including removing a loading dock door and replacing it with windows and an emergency egress. CBD zone. Ward 6.



271 Summer St: (Case #ZBA 2012-41) Applicants and Owners Gastón and Eileen de los Reyes, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 for relief from the provisions of SZO §8.5.E. to finish a portion of the basement and to alter a nonconforming structure to install egress windows on an existing two-family residence. RB zone. Ward 5.

25 Clyde St: (Case #ZBA 2012-20) Applicant Ryan Guthrie and Owner Stateside Realty Group LLC, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1, a Variance under SZO §8.5.I, and a Variance under SZO §9.5 for a comprehensive renovation of an existing two and one-half story 1850's cottage at the front of the property, removal of a metal garage at the rear of the property, and construction of a new two story two unit addition extending from the rear of the cottage. RB zone. Ward 5.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
Published in Somerville News on 5/23/12 & 5/30/12.

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **June 7, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.


56 & 61 Clyde St: (Case #PB 2008-07-R3-5/2012) Applicant Davis Square Partners and Owner VIF II \ Maxpac Square Owner, LLC, seek a revision to an approved Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §5.3.8 to remove Condition # 4 of the original approval which pertains to signage and for a Waiver of Standards of Article 12 (Signs) under §16.5.5 to erect signage at an approved PUD development for 199 residential units. RB Zone / Planned Unit Development-B (PUD-B1) Overlay Zone / Ward 5.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed bids from contractors to furnish, install, and repair Blinds and Shades as needed, in various State and Federally Funded housing developments at various locations throughout Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by the SHA Purchasing Department.

The Project consists of Furnishing, installing, and/or repairing of Vertical Blinds and Shades as needed.

The work is estimated to cost \$70,000.00

This is a Two (2) year contract

Bids are subject to provisions of M.G.L. c.30B, and to the minimum wage rates required by M.G.L.c. 149§2627H inclusive.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available for pick-up at Somerville Housing Authority 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 after **10:00 A.M. on May 23, 2012**. There will be no charge for these documents.

General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit or bid bond that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount (considering any alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

General Bids will be received until **10:00 a.m. on June 7, 2012** and publicly opened, forthwith at Somerville Housing Authority's, Administration Bldg., 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 01245.

Bids may be mailed to Somerville Housing Authority, Purchasing Department, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 and must be received before the time specified. SHA is not responsible for lost or late bids.

A site visit is scheduled at **10:00 a.m. on May 30, 2012**. All interested parties will meet at Somerville Housing Authority, Administration Building, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. Prior notification that you are interested in attending the site visit is requested. Please notify Anthony Crespo at 617-625-1152 extension 336 or email Tonyc@sha-web.org if you are attending.

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Request For Proposals
Day Care and Educational Services

The Somerville Housing Authority invites sealed proposals from non-profit day care providers for the multi-year leasing of 35 Memorial Road # 17C and 35 Memorial Road # 18 C.

Project Description


The Somerville Housing Authority is interested in making available the provisions of Pre- school day care and educational services for children of low income families

Sealed Proposals will be received and/or delivered to **Somerville Housing Authority 30 Memorial Rd. Somerville, Ma. 02145**, until 2:00 P.M., on June 7, 2012 and opened forthwith.

If mailed, bids should be sent to the address listed below and received no later than the time specified.

RFP will be available for pick-up at the Modernization Department, 30 Memorial Rd. Somerville, Ma.02145, after 10:00 A.M. on May 23, 2012

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP 12-72

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


Nexus Study to Update and Expand the City's Linkage Ordinance

A Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 or online at <http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids> on or after: **Monday, May 21, 2012**. Separately sealed price and non-price proposals will be received at the above office until: **Monday, June 11, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.** at which time sealed proposals 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.

Please contact Angela M. Allen at purchasing@somervillema.gov for information and proposal packages. Prospective proposers shall contact Purchasing in writing to ensure they are on the bidders list to receive any updates or addenda about this RFP.

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

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THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCES WITH THE ADDITION OF THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:

2012-16 Article VI Section 6-1 "One Way Streets" is amended as follows: rescind a portion of 2011-12 by removing the trial period for the one way on Alpine St, the one way pattern is now permanent

2012-17 Article V Section 5-11 "Bus Stops" is amended as follows: relocate the bus stop on Bow St @ Wesley Park to 3-5 Summer St

2012-18 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: 2 Hour Parking Except by Permit 8am-2:30am at 40 Summer St and 112 Albion St (spaces will revert back to Resident Permit Parking Only from 2:30am-8am)

2012-29 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: 2 Hour Parking Except by Permit 8:30am-6pm at 83 Albion St (space will revert back to Resident Permit Parking Only from 6pm to 8:30am)

2012-30 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with the addition of the following location: 9 Virginia St (90 day trial)

2012-31 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: Loading Zone, Mon-Sat, 7am-4pm adjacent to the CVS building in Magoun Square at the exit onto Medford St

2012-32 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: extend the existing loading zone on the south side of Bow St at Walnut St to include the two adjacent metered spaces during the hours of 8am to 11am and revert back to metered spaces after 11am (90 day trial)

2012-33 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended as follows: remove the trial period for the spaces at 104 Prospect St and 29 Sunset Rd (restriction now permanent)

2012-34 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations and Prohibitions" is amended as follows: remove the trial for No Parking 8:30am-5pm restrictions in front of and opposite 16 Glen St (restrictions now permanent)

2012-35 Article V Section 5-9.4 "Parking Meter Locations and Regulations" is amended as follows: remove the trial period for the removed meter on Glen St (80 ft south of Broadway) space is now Resident Permit Parking Only

2012-36 Article V Section 5-2 "Loading/Service Zones" is amended as follows: remove the trial period for the elimination of the loading zone on Glen St (100 ft south of Broadway) space is now Resident Permit Parking Only

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

MIDDLESEX DivisionDocket No. MI 11D4551DR

AMENDED COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE PURSUANT TO
G .I .c. 208 ss 1B

Yolande Louis -----, Plaintiff V. Jean-Claude Louis ----, Defendant

1) Plaintiff who resides at 5 Canal Lane #501 Somerville Middlesex MA. 02143 was lawfully married to the defendant who now resides at Unknown

2) The parties were married at Medford, MA. on July 27, 1991 and last lived together at Somerville, MA. on January, 1997

3) The minor or dependent child(ren) of this marriage is/are:
Tattisha Louis 1/5/97
Tanisha Y Louis (twin) 1/5/97

4) Plaintiff certifies that no previous action for divorce, annulment or affirmation of marriage, separate support, desertion, living apart for justifiable cause, or custody of child(ren) has been brought by either party against the other except:
NONE

5) On or about January 17, 1997 an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage under G.L.c. 208 ss 1B occurred and continues to exist.

6) Wherefore, plaintiff requests that the Court.
a) Grant a Divorce on the ground of irretrievable breakdown.
b) Grant Plaintiff custody of the above -named child(ren).
c) Allow plaintiff to resume former name of - Yolande Jean- Pierre.

Date: 5/3/2012

Yolande Louis
5 Canal Lane #501
Somerville, MA. 02143

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

MIDDLESEX DivisionDocket No. MI 11D4551DR

DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING

Yolande Louis vs. Jean Claude Louis

To Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

Yolande Louis
5 Canal Lane
#501
Somerville, MA 02145

your answer, if any on or before **06/15/2012**. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

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

Date: May 4, 2012

Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate

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Person of the Week



Meet Leigh Harkins Gerow, our choice as The Somerville News Person of the Week this week, May 23, 2012. Leigh is a lifelong Somerville resident, grew up here, went to school here, and was recently married. Leigh grew up in the Berkeley Street section of Somerville where a lot of other families with kids lived. She attended Somerville schools, and while at Somerville High was part of the Drama Club and was in many plays over the years. After graduating in 1993, she went on to Northeastern University and while going to school she also worked at the Perkins School for the Blind. There she met her husband, Christopher Gerow, and they married about a year ago. Leigh taught herself sign language and is now a self-employed sign language interpreter, working from her home here in Somerville. Leigh is an extremely nice person with a huge smile on her face all the time. She's been very loyal to her family and friends over the years, keeping most of her friends that she grew up with still today. She has a great personality, and is very smart and sincere when you're talking to her. She is also extremely polite, which is hard to come by these days. We recently ran into her at DD one morning and didn't recognize her. She looked so different, but that huge smile gives her away all the time. We are pleased to have Leigh as our Person of the Week. When you see her say “Hi” and you’ll see what we mean. Her many friends and family members will probably post something we forgot about her, so make sure you read Facebook and our web site to find out for yourself.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|May 23
East Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway
Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave
Thursday|May 24
Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue
Friday|May 25
Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds
10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Ave
Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave
Sunday|May 27
Central Library
Kidcasso Art
2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave
Monday|May 28
Libraries closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday|May 29
Central Library
Book Group: for Kids!
Cathy Piantigini
617-623-5000 x2950
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue
Wednesday|May 30
East Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway
Veteran's Memorial Rink
Free public skating
12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

MUSIC
Wednesday|May 23
Johnny D's
Nikka Costa|Miss Fairchild|Anya Marina
17 Holland St|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
On The Hill Tavern
Sports Trivia
499 Broadway|617-629-5302
Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Trivia
65 Holland St|617-591-2100
Precinct Bar
Dudemaster|Bunny's A Swine|Banditas|Big Digits
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Bull McCabe's Pub
Dave Wells & Friends
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131
Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night

381 Summer St
Thursday|May 24
Johnny D's
Rob Morseberger|Peter Calo
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band|6 p.m.
Birds of Play with special guests |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Scattershot 80's Night
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
PA'S Lounge
Mod Rewrite|Van Walton|Slow Mover|The Birthday Suicide
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302
Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live music starting at 8:00pm from Maxi
65 Holland St|617-591-2100
Precinct Bar
Merrimack Delta Dub Set|Dave Macklin Band|Congress|DJ Saint Julian
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch Bonnet Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
PJ Ryan's
Live Music
239 Holland St|617-625-8200
Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910
Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Rosebud Bar
Pandemics|Sun in Flight|The Heartsleeves
381 Summer St.
Somerville Theatre
Awkward Compliment's Thursday Night Comedy Night
8 p.m.|55 Davis Square
Arts At The Armory
Reaching for the Stars - Auditions Day 2!
Registration still open
6:30 p.m.|191 Highland Ave
Friday|May 25
Johnny D's
Porch Party Mamas|Superhoney
17 Holland St|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.
Soft Gut | 9p.m.
Todo Bien \$5 cover Surf Night!
|10:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Cherry Bomb
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live Acoustic Music
8 p.m.|65 Holland St
Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents|Dost|Radiosilence|Jetpacks for Sale|Lono|Craig Cassler
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
PA'S Lounge
Jacoma|Sin Reyes|Imland|Raven Blues
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway |617-629-5302
Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live music starting at 8:00pm.
Featuring Dave Scott and friends
65 Holland St|617-591-2100
Bull McCabe's

Jess Tardy Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910
Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Rosebud Bar
Unregular Radio
381 Summer St
Casey's
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195
Saturday|May 26
Johnny D's
Dave Keller| Melodeego|The Shills
17 Holland St|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's
Jimmy Ryan Band |6 p.m.
Jeremy Lyons Trio |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Dave Foley
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
Precinct Bar
Mike Verge|The Charms|Jenny Dee & The Delinquents
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ every Saturday
9p.m.|65 Holland St
PA'S Lounge
The Rude Dudes|Lynn Sanity|Fox Pass|The World War 1's|Space Command|Low Tide
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
On The Hill Tavern
Live DJ Music
499 Broadway|617-629-5302
Bull McCabe's Pub
Paddy Saul band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
Joshua Tree
256 Elm St. |617-623-9910
Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Rosebud Bar
Faces in the floor|Kid Disaster|Milk Bread
381 Summer St
Casey's
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195
Arts At The Armory
Bookbinding Workshop - Noble Stab Binding
10 a.m.|Conference Room
Duo Terre de Sienne
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave
Sunday|May 27
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 p.m.
Jennifer Greer Band |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Grunge Brunch|11a.m.-3 p.m.
Burren Acoustic Music Series
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
Precinct Bar
Sea Monsters
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St
Arts At The Armory
David Tanklefsky, Elijah Ocean and Poor Old Shine LIVE
7:30 a.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave
Monday|May 28
Johnny D's
Team Trivia|8:30 p.m.
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike|7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with the Duppy Conquerors|9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Bur Run|6:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
On The Hill Tavern
499 Broadway|617-629-5302
PA'S Lounge
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
Precinct Bar
Trusty Sidekick|(No Cover)
70 Union Sq|617-623-921
Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045/
Tuesday|May 29
Johnny D's
17 Holland St|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Kristen Ford Presents |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Open Mic W/Hugh McGowan|6:30.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
On The Hill Tavern
Stump Trivia (with prizes)
499 Broadway|617-629-5302
PA'S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Bull McCabe's Pub
TBA
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
Highland Kitchen
Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday of the month
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131
Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St
Orleans Restaurant and Bar
"Beer and Mussels" Night
65 Holland St|617-591-2100
Wednesday|May 30
Johnny D's
Oz Noy Trio w/Keith Carlock
17 Holland St|617-776-2004
Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589
The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896
PA'S Lounge
Wondernaut|New Pilot|Big Ghost
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557
On The Hill Tavern
Sports Trivia
499 Broadway|617-629-5302
Orleans Restaurant and Bar

Trivia
65 Holland St|617-591-2100
Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211
Bull McCabe's Pub
Dave Wells & Friends
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045
Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131
Samba Bar & Grille
608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177
Rosebud Bar
Free Pool|Game Night
381 Summer St

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|May 23
Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com
Thursday|May 24
Central Library
National Foster Care Month
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue
West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
(Session 1)6 p.m.- 7 p.m.
(Session 2)7:15 p.m.- 8:15 p.m.
40 College Ave
Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Union Sq|drumzatlibana@gmail.com
First Church Somerville
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629
Saturday|May 26
Arts at the Armory
Somerville Winter Farmer's Market
9:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave
Bagel Bards
Somerville Writers and Poets meet weekly to discuss their work
9 a.m.-12 p.m.|Au Bon Pain| 18-48 Holland St
Sunday|May 27
Unity Church of God
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.
Monday|May 28
Libraries closed for Memorial Day
Third Life Studio
Beginning Hawaiian Hula
6 p.m.| 781-729-2252
Tuesday|May 29
Central Library
Learn English at the Library!
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave
Third Life Studio
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884
The Art of Singing Group
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916 srlibana@gmail.com
Wednesday|May 30
Third Life Studio
Beyond beginning Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal
7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Choosing against School Choice CONT. FROM PG 1

and the financing just don't work for us," said School Committee Member Mark Niedergang. "We'd be exposing ourselves to huge financial liability, so we just can't do it."

At Monday evening's mandatory public hearing on the question, Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi said Somerville isn't alone among school districts that choose to opt out of school choice. He said few urban communities accept non-residents under the inter-district school choice program, which is distinct from options for vocational education, or from METCO, which allows urban youth to go to suburban schools.

Around 13,000 students in Massachusetts (about 1.3 percent) go to schools outside their home district under the inter-district school choice program. That number has steadily increased, and the number of districts offering school choice has doubled over the past 15 years, to 174 today, but very few are inside the 128 loop. This side of Boston, you'd have to go as far as Burlington to find a participating school district.

According to Roger Hatch of the state Department of Education, districts that offer school choice aren't all the same. But most have excess capacity, so it makes sense for them to take in additional students, since the extra funds they bring in can help cover fixed costs, the same way that hotels will offer discounts on unsold rooms rather than have them go unoccupied.

And many small districts can't do everything they want to do without more students. "There are a lot of cases where doing school choice allows a district to offer a program that they might not be able to do locally with just their own kids," said Hatch. He cited the Berkeley district, which didn't have enough students to hire a teacher for full-day kindergarten without students from neighboring districts that came in under the school choice program.

But since Somerville isn't exactly grappling with a shortage of students or too many empty seats, the city has little reason to offer inter-district school choice. No members of the public chose to speak at the hearing. And even though Somerville residents can still send their kids to other districts that offer school choice - even if Somerville doesn't - not a single Somerville student is currently enrolled in another district under the program.

Memorial Day events to honor the fallen CONT. FROM PG 1

be in effect in the area along the parade route between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Veterans, police and fire fighters from Somerville and surrounding communities will march in the parade, along with a wide range of community groups and the Boston Breakers professional women's soccer team, whose home field is now at Somerville's Dilboy Stadium. The parade lineup will also include a dozen marching bands and the popular specialty units of the Aleppo Shriners.

Presiding over the parade will be this year's Grand Marshall Dan Hovanesian, a decorated Marine Corps veteran and long-time Somerville resident, who served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1971.

"It's a phenomenal honor. It came out of nowhere," said Hovanesian of being asked to serve as the Grand Marshall. He said he initially wanted to decline, suggesting parade organizers instead choose a veteran from Iraq or Afghanistan. "This is their time. My time was a long time ago," he said.

But city Veterans Affairs Director Jay Weaver said Hovanesian was chosen because he is a local model of a true hero. "He doesn't like to brag about it very much, but he did some very heroic things in Vietnam," said Weaver. "We feel very grateful for his services and are honored he has agreed to be in the parade."

Hovanesian, who worked as an attorney for many years and raised two children in Somerville with his wife Carol, regularly flew behind enemy lines as a forward artillery observer in Vietnam. He was shot down multiple times and was seriously wounded when a shell exploded next to him.

On the day he was discharged in 1971, he was summoned to his general's office - he wasn't told why - where he was presented with three commendations at one time: A Navy Commendation for an incident where his unit was caught in a firefight in April, 1970, a Silver Star for his actions when his helicopter was shot down near Danang on New Years' Eve, 1970, and a Bronze Star he earned when shot down a second time in March, 1971.

"I never knew that I was even written up for any medals, and three came through in one day," said Hovanesian, who also earned a Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Air Medal, a second Bronze Medal and other awards during his service in Vietnam.

But Hovanesian said it's not his own service he'll be thinking of as the Grand Marshall on Sunday, but of all his fellow soldiers who didn't make it home.

"The names of a lot of people I served with are on the wall in D.C.," said Hovanesian, referring to the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington. "It's a great honor to pay homage to their ultimate sacrifice, and that's what Memorial Day is about."

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Knitting Group - Knitter extraordinaire Sandy Costa is volunteering her time and talents to run a knitting group and share her knitting know-how with anyone who is interested. The group will meet the first and third Tuesday of the month from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Contact Janine at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 for more details.

May 23 is "Law Day" - Have questions? Ask 10:30 am with Attorney Mike Dwyer. Have questions about estate planning, reverse mortgages? Holland Street Center

June 4 is our monthly breakfast. We will be hearing excerpts from a group of older adults who have participated in an 8 week course on memoir writing. Come join us as they share some of their life stories. RSVP required. Breakfast is a \$1.50 suggested donation.

Museum Group: Museum of Fine Arts - June 6th. JFK Museum - June 19.Call Janine if you want more info. 617-625-6600 ext. 2321.

May 23

Law Day with Attorney Mike Dwyer

Holland Street Center
Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.
SHINE (medical insurance advice) By appt. only|10 a.m.
Law Day|10:30 a.m.
Women's Group|10:30 a.m.
QiGong|1:15 p.m.
Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center
Center Closed

Bingo at Flatbreads|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

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

May 24

Holland Street Center
Walking Club is back!|9:15 a.m.
Current Events Group - new members welcome! Come join us as we discuss what's going on in Somerville, the United States and World events.|10 a.m.
Indoor Exercises|11 a.m.
Bereavement Support Group|12:15 p.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Strengthening Exercises|9 a.m.
Cards and games|10 a.m.
Crochet |10:45 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 25

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

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

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

May 28

Memorial Day|All centers closed

May 29

Musical conversation with Alan

Holland Street Center
Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.
SHINE by appt.|10 a.m.
CHAIR YOGA - note new date and time|10:15 a.m.
Line Dancing|3 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Cards and Games|10 a.m.
Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

May 30

Hanscom AFB Supper & Bingo

Holland Street Center
Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.
Shine - by appt only|10 a.m.
Women's Group|10:30 p.m.
QiGong|1:15 p.m.
Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center
Center Closed
Bowling at Flatbread|1 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center
Cards and Games|10 a.m.
Bingo|12:30 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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.

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Los Straitjackets: Fit to be tried

By Jim Clark

Relax, folks. The guitar wielding men wearing the black clothing, gold Aztec medallions, and personalized Mexican wrestling masks won't hurt you. They are merely there to entertain you, as only they can do.

Los Straitjackets, the notoriously riotous neo-surf rock, garage punk, instrumental guitar outfit roars into town with a performance at Johnny D's on May 31.

Don't be fooled into thinking that the image they present reveals a reliance on mere gimmickry to please an audience. These guys are the real deal musically, displaying extraordinary instrumental virtuosity while sweetening the proceedings with their unique brand of tongue-in-cheek humor.

Their music pays homage to and takes inspiration from the great surf and rockabilly artists of the 60s, such as The Ven-

tures, The Shadows, Link Wray and Dick Dale. Creating original songs based on the sounds and rhythms of these sources, their high-energy onstage delivery of them has garnered the group a special place in the hearts of their sizeable and loyal fan base. Some wonderfully reimagined cover songs are often presented as well.

Contrary to what one may presume on first encountering the group's exotic image, they do not hail from south of the border, down Mexico way. Rather, they can be regarded as immigrants from below the Mason-Dixon Line, having originally formed in Nashville, TN.

Noted rockabilly guitarists Eddie Angel and Danny Amis met one another in Nashville in 1988 and formed an early version of the group, which they named The Straitjackets. They played several dates that year but eventually disbanded until 1994, when they reformed as



Los Straitjackets wants you to come and be one of them - as an audience member, of course - at Johnny D's on May 31.

Los Straitjackets.

Over the course of the following years they developed a strong cult following, while adding in their signature look and performance style.

A typical Los Straitjackets performance is a non-stop romp, with the band firing off one after another selections from their vast repertoire of songs. With eleven studio albums, two collaboration albums and three live albums under their gilded belts, the band has a virtual treasure trove of material to select from.

As sole spokesman, guitarist Danny "Daddy-O Grande" Amis delivers rapid-fire, badly accented Spanish banter between numbers. The rest is pure entertainment as the band does

what it undeniably does best: rock the house down.

Although primarily an instrumental band, Los Straitjackets has collaborated with vocalists in the past with great success. Their 2001 album *Sing Along with Los Straitjackets* features guest vocal performances by eleven artists, including Big Sandy (of Big Sandy & His Fly-Rite Boys), Raul Malo (of The Mavericks) and Mike Campbell (of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers). 2007's *Rock en Español, Vol. 1* consists of Spanish language covers of classic 50s and 60s English language rock songs, again sung by guest vocalists.

A new single is in the offing with vocals by Sarah Borges of Sarah Borges and the Broken

Singles. One side features a cover of The Rolling Stones' *Let's Spend The Night Together* while the flip side will have *Wild Romance*, a great version of a song by The Hi-Risers.

Los Straitjackets are currently touring the country, and their appearance at Johnny D's will also feature a performance by singer-songwriter Eilen Jewell, a face and voice familiar to Somerville music lovers.

So, be brave, gentle readers. Take the plunge into the Straitjacket zone. You'll be glad you did.

Los Straitjackets - Thursday, May 31, 7:30 p.m., at Johnny D's, 17 Holland St., Davis Sq., Somerville. For tickets go online: <http://www.johnnyds.com/advance-tickets/>



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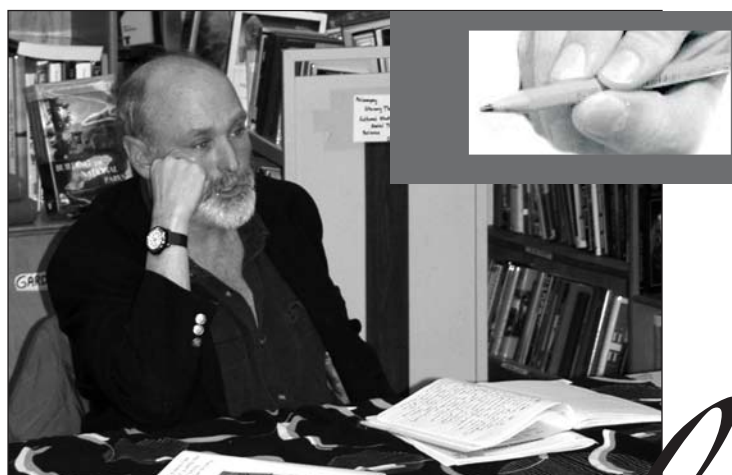
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| SCAT Program Schedule for the Week | | | | | | | |
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| Wednesday, May 23 | | | | | | | |
| 12:00am | Free Speech TV | 6:00pm | Al Jazeera TV | 1:00pm (LIVE) | Bongoman | 1:30pm | Somerville Housing Authority |
| 6:00pm | Somerville Biking News | 6:30pm | Somerville Biking News | 2:00pm | Greater Somerville | 2:00pm | Somerville Rocks |
| 6:30am | The Struggle | 7:00pm (LIVE) | Tele Magazine | | Bicycling: Rules of the Road | 2:30pm | Somerville Biking News |
| 7:00am | Drug Awareness | 7:30pm | The Nicole Show | 2:30pm | Somerville Biking News | 3:00pm | Robyn & Max Exercise |
| 8:00am | Democracy Now! | 8:00pm (LIVE) | Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou | 3:00pm | Portraits of Somerville | 3:30pm | Esoteric Science |
| 9:00am | Somerville News Reading | 9:30pm | Cultural Club | 3:30pm | Henry Parker Presents... | 4:00pm | Thom Hartmann Show |
| 10:00am | Abugida TV | 10:00pm | Somerville Rocks | 4:00pm | Most Interesting Place | 5:00pm | Culture Club |
| 12:00pm | Democracy Now! | 10:30pm | How To Travel The World For Free | 4:30pm | Back In The Day | 5:30pm | Somerville Back In The Day |
| 1:00pm | Somerville Biking News | 11:00pm | Somerville Biking News | 5:00pm | Tele Kreyol | 6:00pm | Al Jazeera TV |
| 1:30pm | Somerville: Most Interesting Places | 11:30pm | Perils For Pedestrians | 6:00pm | Tele Magazine | 7:00pm | Discover The Law |
| 2:00pm | Back in The Day | Friday, May 25 | | 8:00pm | SCATV ANNUAL MEETING | 7:30pm | The Commonwealth Report |
| 2:30pm | Life Matters | 12:00am | Free Speech TV | 9:00pm | Nossa Gente e Costumes | 8:00pm | Right Here, Right Now |
| 3:00pm (LIVE) | Medical Tutor | 6:00am | Live Response | 10:00pm | Wrestling Talk | 8:30pm | Steve Katsos Show |
| 3:30pm | Inside Talk | 7:00am | Culture Club | 11:00pm | GAY TV | 9:00pm | Dedilhando A Saudade |
| 4:00pm | Thom Hartman show | 7:30am | Talk About Somerville | Sunday, May 27 | | 10:00pm | Bate Papo con Shirley |
| 4:30pm | Healthy Hypnosis | 8:00am | Democracy Now! | 12:00am | Free Speech TV | 11:00pm | Visual Radio |
| 5:00pm | Active Aging | 9:00am | Creating Cooperative Kids | 6:00am | Show de Fe | Tuesday, May 29 | |
| 5:30pm | Somerville Housing | 10:00am | Somerville Newspaper Reading | 7:00am | Vida Na TV | 12:00am | Free Speech TV |
| 6:00pm | Al Jazeera | 12:00pm | Democracy Now! | 8:00am | Eckankar | 6:00am | Greater Somerville |
| 6:30pm | Somerville Biking News | 1:00pm | Never 2 Late 2 Play | 8:30am | Healer in Every Home | 7:00pm | Perils For Pedestrians |
| 7:00pm (LIVE) | Chita Tande | 2:00pm | Somerville Housing | 9:00am | Heritage Baptist Church | 7:30am | The Struggle |
| 8:00pm (LIVE) | Somerville Pundits | 2:30pm | Neighborhood Cooking W/ Candy | 10:00am | International Church of God | 8:00am | Democracy Now! |
| 8:30pm (LIVE) | Grasping Nature | 3:00pm | Brunch w/ Senator Sanders | 11:00am | The Commonwealth Report | 9:00am | Somerville News Reading |
| 9:00pm | Somerville Rocks | 4:00pm | Thom Hartmann Show | 11:30am | Somerville Housing Auth. | 10:00am | Tele Kreyol |
| 9:30pm | Shrink Rap | 5:00pm | SCATV Promo's | 12noon | The Entertainer's Show | 11:00am | SCTV Promos |
| 10:30pm | The Smoki Dick Show | 5:30pm | Art@SCATV | 1:00pm | Waltham Philharmonic Orch. | 12:00pm | Democracy Now! |
| 11:00pm | The Garage | 6:00pm | Greater Somerville Bicycling | 2:00pm | Effort Pour Christ | 1:00pm | Commonwealth Report |
| 11:30pm | Art @ SCATV | 6:30pm | Somerville Biking News | 3:00pm | Rompendo em Fe | 1:30pm | Somerville Housing |
| Thursday, May 24 | | 7:00pm | Real Estate Answer Show | 4:00pm | Dedilhando A Saudade | 2:00pm | Talking About Somerville |
| 12:00am | Free Speech TV | 7:30pm | Adventures of Scuba Jack | 5:00pm | Ethiopian Satellite TV | 2:30pm | SCATV's Promos |
| 6:00am | Creating Cooperative Kids | 8:00pm | Al Jazeera TV | 6:00pm | Abugida TV | 3:00pm | Groundwork Somerville |
| 7:00am | Discovering Justice | 9:00pm | The Garage | 7:00pm | African TV Network | 3:30pm | Active Aging |
| 7:30am | Perils For Pedestrians | 9:30pm | Bandwidth TV | 8:00pm | Tele Magazine | 4:00pm | Thom Hartmann Show |
| 8:00am | Democracy Now! | 10:00pm | Jeff TV | 9:00pm | Watch This | 5:00pm (LIVE) | Poet to Poet |
| 9:00am | Jeff Jam | 11:00pm | Visual Radio | 9:30pm | Grill Dog | 5:30pm | Jeff Jam |
| 9:30am | Somerville Biking News | Saturday, May 26 | | 10:00pm | SCATV | 6:00pm | Al Jazeera |
| 10:00am | Active Aging | 12:00mid | Free Speech TV | 11:00pm | Undercover TV | 7:00pm | Art @ SCAT |
| 10:30am | Somerville Newspaper Reading | 6:00am | Arabic Hour | Monday, May 28 | | 7:30pm (LIVE) | Greater Somerville W/ Joe Lynch |
| 12:00pm | Democracy Now! | 7:00am | The Struggle | 12:00am | Free Speech TV | 8:00pm (LIVE) | Dead Air Live Show |
| 1:00pm | African TV Network | 8:00am | SCATV Promos | 6:00am | SCATV Promos | 9:00pm (LIVE) | Somerville Biking News |
| 3:00pm | Somerville: Back in the Day | 8:30am | Animal Agenda | 7:00am | Creating Cooperative Kids | 9:30pm | Perils For Pedestrians |
| 3:30pm | Art@SCATV | 9:00am | Festival Kreyol | 8:00am | Democracy Now! | 10:00pm | Animal Agenda |
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| 5:00pm | Ablevision | 11:00am | Dead Air Live Show | 10:30am | Nosse Gente e Costumes | 11:00pm | JuPrey Productions |
| 5:30pm | Cooking w/ Georgia & Dez | 12:00pm | Reeling, The Movie Review | 12:00pm | Democracy Now! | | |
| | | 12:30pm | Somerville Housing Authority | 1:00pm | Ablevision | | |

| City Cable TV Schedule for the Week | | | | | | | |
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| Wednesday, May 23 | | | | | | | |
| 9:00am: (13/16) | Voices of Somerville | 12:30am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 7:25pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 12:20pm: (15) | Gaeta Student Farewell |
| 9:00am: (15) | Raising Families | 1:00am: (15) | SHS Baseball vs S. Boston | 7:55pm: (15) | SHS Scholarship Awards | 12:50pm: (15) | Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter |
| 11:30am: (15) | Vocational Ed. Awards | 9:00am: (13/16) | The Aldermen's Hour | 8:00pm: (13/16) | Milk Row Cemetery Walking Tour | 7:00pm: (13/16) | Senior Circuit |
| 12:00pm: (13/16) | School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 5/21/12 | 9:00am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 8:45pm: (13/16) | Medication Tips for Seniors | 7:00pm: (15) | SHS Basketball 2011-12 |
| 12:35pm: (15) | Welcome to Kindergarten | 12:00pm: (13/16) | 2012 Spring Clean Up | 9:25pm: (13/16) | Voices of Somerville | 7:20pm: (15) | Gaeta Student Farewell |
| 1:05pm: (15) | SHS Softball vs Cambridge | 12:00pm: (15) | Welcome to Kindergarten | Sunday, May 27 | | 7:30pm: (13/16) | Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout II |
| 7:00pm: (13/16) | The Aldermen's Hour | 12:20pm: (13/16) | Talking Business | 12:00am: (13/16) | 2012 Spring Clean Up | 7:50pm: (15) | Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter |
| 7:00pm: (15) | Welcome to Kindergarten | 12:25pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 12:00am: (15) | Welcome to Kindergarten | 8:00pm: (13/16) | The Aldermen's Hour |
| 7:25pm: (13/16) | Gene Brune Scholarship Breakfast | 12:55pm: (15) | SHS Scholarship Awards | 12:20am: (13/16) | Talking Business | 8:30pm: (13/16) | Mayor's Business Town Meeting |
| 7:40pm: (15) | Pre Prom Drug & Alcohol Awareness | 1:00pm: (13/16) | Milk Row Cemetery Walking Tour | 12:25am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | Tuesday, May 29 | |
| 8:05pm: (13/16) | Talking Business: B2Green | 1:45pm: (13/16) | Medication Tips for Seniors | 12:55am: (15) | SHS Scholarship Awards | 12:00am: (13/16) | Senior Circuit |
| 8:25pm: (13/16) | Assembly Row Groundbreaking | 2:25pm: (13/16) | Voices of Somerville | 1:00am: (13/16) | Milk Row Cemetery Walking Tour | 12:00am: (15) | SHS Basketball 2011-12 |
| 8:40pm: (15) | Spring String Fling at SHS | 7:00pm: (13/16) | 2012 Spring Clean Up | 1:45am: (13/16) | Medication Tips for Seniors | 12:20am: (15) | Gaeta Student Farewell |
| 9:15pm: (13/16) | BOA Agenda for 5.24.12 Meeting | 7:00pm: (15) | Welcome to Kindergarten | 2:25am: (13/16) | Voices of Somerville | 12:30am: (13/16) | Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout II |
| Thursday, May 24 | | 7:20pm: (13/16) | Talking Business | 12:00pm: (13/16) | Senior Circuit | 12:50am: (15) | Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter |
| 12:00am: (13/16) | The Aldermen's Hour | 7:25pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 12:00pm: (15) | SHS Basketball 2011-12 | 1:00am: (13/16) | The Aldermen's Hour |
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| 9:00am: (13/16) | Talking Business: B2Green | 12:00am: (15) | Welcome to Kindergarten | 7:20pm: (15) | Gaeta Student Farewell | 1:00pm: (13/16) | Congressional Update |
| 9:00am: (15) | Welcome to Kindergarten | 12:20am: (13/16) | Talking Business | 7:30pm: (13/16) | Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout II | 1:00pm: (15) | Raising Families |
| 11:30am: (15) | SHS Spring Concert | 12:25am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 7:50pm: (15) | Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter | 1:30pm: (13/16) | Homeless Coalition Benefit |
| 12:00pm: (13/16) | Senior Circuit | 12:55am: (15) | SHS Scholarship Awards | 8:00pm: (13/16) | The Aldermen's Hour | 1:30pm: (15) | SHS Baseball vs S. Boston |
| 12:30pm: (13/16) | Medication Tips for Seniors | 1:00am: (13/16) | Milk Row Cemetery Walking Tour | 8:30pm: (13/16) | Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 5/24/12 | 7:00pm: (13/16) | Senior Circuit |
| 1:10pm: (13/16) | Gene Brune Scholarship Breakfast | 1:45am: (13/16) | Medication Tips for Seniors | Monday, May 28 | | 7:00pm: (15) | Kid Stuff |
| 1:30pm: (15) | Kid Stuff | 2:25am: (13/16) | Voices of Somerville | 12:00am: (13/16) | Senior Circuit | 7:30pm: (13/16) | Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout II |
| 2:00pm: (13/16) | Council on Aging: Aging & Hearing | 12:00pm: (13/16) | 2012 Spring Clean Up | 12:00am: (15) | SHS Basketball 2011-12 | 7:30pm: (15) | SCAP Annual Meeting |
| 7:00pm: (13/16) | Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE | 12:00pm: (15) | Welcome to Kindergarten | 12:00am: (15) | Gaeta Student Farewell | 8:00pm: (13/16) | Congressional Update |
| 7:00pm: (15) | Kid Stuff | 12:20pm: (13/16) | Talking Business | 12:20am: (15) | Sit & Be Fit - Overall Workout II | 8:30pm: (13/16) | Milk Row Cemetery Walking Tour |
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| 8:00pm: (15) | SHS Baseball vs S. Boston | 12:55pm: (15) | SHS Scholarship Awards | 12:50am: (15) | Superintendent Awards - 3rd Quarter | 12:00am: (13/16) | Senior Circuit |
| Friday, May 25 | | 1:00pm: (13/16) | Milk Row Cemetery Walking Tour | 1:00am: (13/16) | The Aldermen's Hour | 12:00am: (15) | Kid Stuff |
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| 12:00am: (15) | Kid Stuff | 2:25pm: (13/16) | Voices of Somerville | 9:00am: (15) | Welcome to Kindergarten | 12:30am: (15) | SCAP Annual Meeting |
| 12:30am: (13/16) | Mayor's Annual Business Meeting | 7:00pm: (13/16) | 2012 Spring Clean Up | 12:00pm: (13/16) | Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 5/24/12 | 1:00am: (13/16) | Congressional Update |
| | | 7:00pm: (15) | Welcome to Kindergarten | 12:00pm: (15) | SHS Basketball 2011-12 | 1:30am: (13/16) | Milk Row Cemetery Walking Tour |
| | | 7:20pm: (13/16) | Talking Business | | | 2:00am: (15) | SHS Spring Concert |



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Singer/Songwriter Lisa Doyle Puts on a 'Lion Face' for children

One Saturday morning in March Lisa Doyle negotiated the riotous terrain of the Bagel Bards meeting at the Au Bon Pain in Davis Square to meet with me for an interview. Doyle, a longtime Somerville resident, has created along with her sister Lisa and her brother Mark a sophisticated collection of songs for children titled "Lion Face Song."

Doyle, lives in the Beacon St., Shaw's Market section of our city, and counts the Café Rustica as one of her favorite haunts. Like many a Somerville artist she loves the city's energy, and all it has to offer.

Doyle told me that her sister Amy Doyle is a writer, former teacher and mother of three, and her brother Mark Doyle is a renowned producer and arranger who has over 65 albums to his credit and has worked with the likes of Hall and Oates, Leo Sayer, Judy Collins, and Meat Loaf, to name a few. Although Mark Doyle lives in Syracuse, New York he is in close contact with the sisters. This brother and sister trio formed the studio group 3D that performed and wrote the songs in this collection.

According to their website the "...lively multi-cultural music in this collection invites listeners to participate and move to a variety of rhythms, including: reggae, salsa and meringue." Doyle told me: "These songs are perfect for early childhood music and movement activities."

Doyle said that the cd includes lesson plans for



kids and uses adaptive yoga techniques to spike the kids' imagination, and keep them centered. The music and songs teaches kids about ways to release tension. One song "Shake" introduces children to the ancient Chinese Qigong method of relieving tension and stress. The CD also teaches respect for the environment, one's elders and other cultures.

And although this might sound corny in these cynical times, Doyle said that the cd teaches kindness, rather than focusing on negative activities like bullying. Well—a little kindness goes a long way as I hope "Lion Face" does!

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Lyrical SOMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

Somerville poet Reza Tokaloo sent us this poem he wrote while he was away in the woods involved with a psychodrama retreat. Tokaloo is studying for his M.S. in Social Work at Simmons College in Boston.

The Crawling Speech

Murky water rolling in its crawling speech.
River trees with roots like tussled hair.
Winter vapor curtain hanging everywhere.
Dying leaves toward tall branches reach.

A cardinal spies a suburban gutter weeping.
Mist curtain falling from the hands of rain.
Our tired feet decline but cannot complain.
Slow season's breeze in the trees busy sweeping.

Lips embrace the monuments they petrify.
Ghosts of children infatuated by their reflections.
Cold cities sprout into doomed erections.
Along rivers our doubts attempt to clarify.

Holy ladies in gardens with cherubs in arms.
Crystal showers never dousing bright candles.
Like the tears a mother carelessly handles.
Until we sell our last summer charms.

— Reza Tokaloo

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Answers from page 14

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Answers

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| 1. b) every two years | 7. Oliver Stone |
| 2. The crow | 8. The Contract with America |
| 3. Pumice | 9. Martin Luther King Jr. |
| 4. Intense heat | 10. Tweetie Pie |
| 5. The United States | 11. The middle finger |
| 6. The Stilt | 12. Harry S. Truman |

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