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Somerville's Summer 2012



Photo by Kathleen Duncan

Get ready for summer, Somerville! The city's lineup of family friendly events is about to kick off, starting with the annual 4th of July Fireworks celebration on June 28 and Family Fun Day on June 30. Turn to page 23 for details on all the great events planned for the summer season.

School Committee introduces Educator Evaluation system

By Francisco L. White

The School Committee held a public hearing to discuss the Massachusetts Model System for Educator Evaluation on June 18, in the Board of Alderman's chambers. The brief hearing preceded a regular committee meeting as an opportunity for Somerville residents to learn more about the evaluation system and the implications for Somerville Public Schools.

The Massachusetts Model System for Educator Evaluation was designed by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. According to the department's website, the comprehensive system was designed in accordance to the new educator evaluation regulation, 603 CMR 35.00. An eight-part series of documents is in development to aid in the implementation of the new system. The first six are available now and the last two will be published in July 2012 and May 2013 respectively. The series includes guides for planning and implementation at the district level as well as at the school-level. New evaluation regulations apply to teachers, principals, superintendents, and other school system staff whose positions require licensure.

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School's Out! Now What?

Choice of things to do this summer

By Elizabeth Sheeran

At midday on Tuesday, the 2011-2012 school year came to a close in Somerville.

That's great news for students who have been counting down the days until summer vacation. But it presents a whole new set of challenges for parents, who know how quickly the "No more homework!" chant can give way to a chorus of "I'm bored." And even if kids are perfectly content to lounge around all summer watching TV or playing video games, educators say there's a downside to summer months filled with too much "doing nothing."

"Studies have shown that students who are not active in some type of enrichment or learning opportunity over the summer can experience a loss of learning," said Somerville School Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi. "There are so many advantages to keeping kids engaged and active over the summer. Summer enrichment and learning programs such as camps, summer school, sports, and a

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Photo by Elizabeth Sheeran

These Argenziano School students were all smiles on the last day of school (left to right): Theresa Romano, Adriana D'hooghe, Alexandra Marston and Genelle Vieira.

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NEWTALK

The Somerville Arts Council is hosting Bazaar Bizarre this Sunday, June 24, at Union Plaza from 12 to 6 p.m. 50 local vendors will set up on the Union Square Plaza to sell a vast array of idiosyncratic handmade goods. As usual, they will create the mix of vendors for style, methods and materials offering shoppers a fresh mix. This year they have decided to turn the market into a full-on summer block party, nautical style. So wear your nautical stripes and slather on plenty of SPF. Union Made III will feature live acoustic music, demonstrations and hands-on art making. Continuing with the nautical theme, small craft advisory will offer washable stencil tattoos of ships, mermaids, sharks, anchors, and whatever maritime image strikes your fancy. You can also practice your knot tying skills at the market. For a few more tricks that you can check out go to www.bazaarbizarre.org as the event approaches.

Our very good friend Bob Publicover, who owned and operated this paper for many years and is a lifelong resident of Somerville, was married to his long time partner David LeBahn at the Arlington Street Church in Boston. Bob is and has always been very involved here in Somerville in many local charities, sitting on the board of many in the recent past. We were proud here at The News to have his pictures as our center pictures for this week. We wish Bob and David all the best for a long and happy life together.

We know we mentioned this last week, but we want to make sure that the Lions Club here in Somerville is so lucky to have managed to convince long time member Gene Brune to take over the helm of the club with his official installation this coming Friday night at the club house on New Washington Street. Gene Brune has done so much for so many local charities here in Somerville. He makes it so easy to be the spokesman for many charities, but what

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Davis Square Streetscape meetings scheduled

Harry says:

I thought the city was broke? Why the hell would we spend any more money in Davis (of all the squares that one gets the most attention) when the rest of the city needs attention? The best thing you can do for Davis is rip up the parking meters. You do that and business will explode down there. Oh and get rid of that marxist nitwit, Rebecca whatever-her-face-is. She's a looker, but as dumb as a box of bricks.

Luke says:

Harry: Davis Square exploded not because of free parking, but because the T came.

InfrastructureIsKey says:

Luke: Yes, Davis Square exploded because the T came. But that's because people want to live near the T and that made it a happening place. But now that it is a happening place, many people who do not live in Davis or near the T want to drive there. So if parking infrastructure and policies are improved, Davis businesses will do even better. A lot of people drive into Davis from the suburbs.

Somerbreeze says:

So Davis Square is a "happening" place? For whom, exactly?
Oh, I will gratefully genuflect to the "happeners" the next time I'm in Davis Square...
But wait, isn't Davis Square in CAMBRIDGE?

InfrastructureIsKey says:

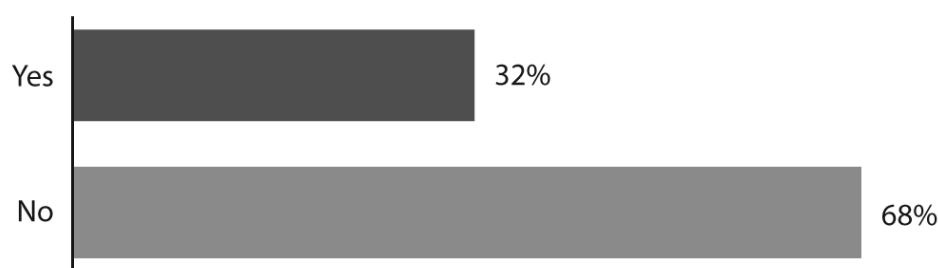
Somerbreeze: It's a happening place for all the people hanging out there. If you don't like hanging out in Davis, that's fine. But many people do.

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 allowing more food trucks to operate in the city would hurt the local restaurant business. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you think allowing more food trucks to operate in the city would hurt the local restaurant business?



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Board of Alderman update from June 14

By Jeremy F. van der Heiden

Last Thursday, the Somerville Board of Alderman held its regular meeting to discuss some of the goings-on around the city, including some important issues in need of action this spring and summer.

The session began with recognition of several long-time Somerville residents who had recently passed away, as well as a celebration of those who observed milestone birthdays. Following this, the Board of Alderman approved permanent appointments to three individuals entering the city's fire department: Thomas Bellini, Eric Saulnier and Francis Otting.

Early in the meeting, the board approved a new regulation to stay within compliance of a recent ruling by the Attorney General's office regarding attendance at BOA committee hearings. This rule states that at any committee meeting attended by less than a quorum of regular members, visiting aldermen must sit in attendance and will have some legislative power. However, if a quorum is present, visiting members must participate as members of the public and will not be allowed to deliberate.

Among the most hotly debated topics of the evening was the request to approve a new ordinance pertaining to food trucks entering Somerville drafted by the City Solicitor, Frank Wright. Many members of the board were concerned with the legality and comprehensiveness of the ordinance.

The move began with the Committee on Legislative Matters convening to assess the need for legal documentation within the city to regulate food truck



The future of the McGrath Highway's McCarthy Overpass was among the many issues discussed by the BOA last Thursday.

driver license approval. Currently, these drivers are granted licenses by the state of Massachusetts, and can simply enter Somerville after obtaining this documentation. This ordinance, the supporters of the bill explained, brings the regulatory process to the Somerville government, and thereby protects it from potentially erroneous decisions made by the state.

With respect to the new rule regarding the Attorney General's ruling, several aldermen spoke out stating that it had prevented them from being as involved as they desired in the drafting and general committee process of the food truck ordinance. This frustrated several members of the board, while many shared the desire to create more stringent Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) checks for drivers and employees looking to set up shop in the city. At present, vendors need only pass through the state's CORI check system, which did not suffice for many of the board members.

Members of the Committee on Legislative Matters explained that the current draft of the ordinance is comprehensive enough to empower the BOA to regulate food trucks comprehensively. Vice Presi-

dent of the BOA Alderman White further explained that the language within the piece of legislation grants the BOA and the City of Somerville government "tremendous discretion" pertaining to the application and approval process of prospective vendors.

In the end, the board decided to send the bill back to committee, while there will be a special meeting to ensure the concerns of all members are quelled before voting on its approval at another open meeting.

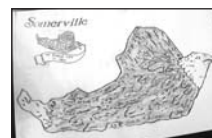
Ellen Reisner, member of the Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership, appeared to discuss the long-standing issue of the McGrath Highway's McCarthy Overpass. This structure, all in attendance agreed, has served as nothing more than an impediment to the economic and societal well being of the surrounding areas. The Massachusetts Department of Transportation agreed with this sentiment in 2011, but made moves to restructure and refinish the overpass.

MassDOT held several meetings later that year and early in 2012 without alerting the public nor any of the committees which oversee traffic concerns in the city. Reisner explained that the results of the grounding study showed those involved from Somerville that the structure simply needed to go, and be removed in ways that ensure the safety of all the area's residents and the road's passers-by.

The BOA ultimately decided to place this matter on file, and will take further action in the coming months, as all agreed that this matter must be held up to public processes to come to an educated decision that wholly benefits the community.

After approving several community works projects and business-backed moves to improve operations within city limits, the board went into a fiery discussion of the current rodent infestation

The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



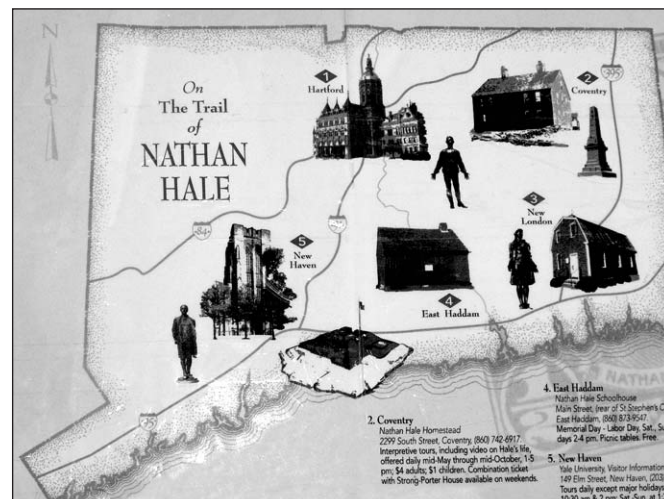
Eagle Feathers #3

All Hail to Hale!

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Heroes come in many different shapes and sizes and from all walks of life. A hero could be a schoolteacher, a military officer or sometimes both. Such is the case with Nathan Hale, a true American hero. In his brief 21 years on earth, the Yale-educated man managed to become an accomplished Connecticut public school teacher, as well as the first member of what is now known as the Central Intelligence Agency. Hale spent the last year of his life in what is now Somerville, training under George Washington in the newly formed Colonial Army.

He quickly rose to the rank of Captain and commanded a company of Connecticut troops stationed at Winter Hill. With the battles of Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill behind them, the army desperately needed to train itself in order to be prepared for the coming onslaught. With a passionate spirit, Hale trained the men of his company to be the best soldiers they could be.



His commander was Colonel Thomas Knowlton, namesake of East Somerville's Knowlton Street and Knowlton's Rangers. A veteran of the French and Indian War and the battle of Bunker Hill, Knowlton began the first American Ranger battalion, of which Nathan became one of his captains. This was the special unit General Washington drew upon to obtain his volunteers for espionage when the fighting moved to New York City.

Hale was the only soldier to volunteer for the secret mission that would ultimately result in his capture and execution. He secretly posed as a Dutch schoolteacher while gathering information about the enemy troops occupying New York City. On the way back to the American lines he was apprehended, coincidentally, by a squad of British rangers. He was condemned and executed for being a spy.

There is a well-known and poignant quote that he made before his death: "I regret that I have but one life to give to my country." Our country's first secret agent is honored at the CIA headquarters in Langley, Virginia. He is the only fallen agent to be recognized with a statue instead of a star on the wall. Statues of Hale adorn the Connecticut State House, Yale University and elsewhere.

In the end, despite his work as a secret agent, soldier and leader of men, perhaps his greatest achievement is that he never stopped teaching. His last words teach us what it truly means to be a patriot and to dedicate one's life to what one truly believes in.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

They didn't do anything

Police were dispatched to a Broadway residence last Thursday evening on reports of a fight in progress.

Upon arrival, officers reportedly found a man, Ryan Gallagher, 32, on the street screaming, "They beat me up! Look at my face! Look at this! For nothing!" A laceration on Gallagher's eyebrow and scratches on his body were observed by the officers, police said.

Gallagher indicated that the alleged assailants had fled to a nearby residence, and officers proceeded to the house to investigate.

After officers knocked on the door a woman, Nicole Bairos,

24, reportedly stepped out and said that nothing was happening there. Gallagher began screaming at her, saying that she was the cause of all the problems.

More screaming was heard coming from inside the residence so officers entered to investigate further.

A struggle between a police officer who had arrived at the scene earlier and an inhabitant of the building, Noberto Bairos, 25, was underway. The officer was attempting to restrain the man after he was ordered to show what was in his hand, later determined to be marijuana paraphernalia, police said.

Mr. Bairos continued to resist

attempts to restrain him and broke free, fleeing to a nearby bedroom, according to reports. Nicole Bairos, Noberto's sister, reportedly attempted to place herself between her brother and police and yelled at officers, saying that they should let him go.

In the ensuing struggle, Mr. Bairos reportedly kicked one officer in the groin and other officers were also struck. Both Noberto and Nicole Bairos were eventually placed under arrest and brought outside of the residence.

As the two were brought outside a crowd of onlookers assembled to observe the commotion. Nicole Bairos continued to

scream obscenities and claimed that "They didn't do anything."

Another woman, Casey Allison, 24, was also reportedly screaming from the front porch of the residence, claiming to be a witness to the events of the evening. As her actions were deemed to be aggravating the situation, she too was placed under arrest and she also screamed that she didn't do anything as she was led away, police said.

Mr. Gallagher continued walking up and down the street, yelling, "Look at this! This is what they did to me!" He was advised by police to go with EMTs to have his injuries looked at, but he instead contin-

ued to raise a ruckus on the street, drawing attention from the assembled crowd, according to reports. Police then determined that he too should be placed under arrest based on his behavior and actions.

Gallagher was charged with disorderly conduct and also booked on warrant charges of municipal by law violation C85 and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Noberto Bairos was charged with disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest.

Nicole Bairos and Casey Allison were charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Ellenmarie McCann, 25, of 167 Pearl St., June 11, 3:18 p.m., arrested at 249 Pearl St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Gary Forestier, 47, of 27 Beacon St., Burlington, June 12, 8:27 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

James Mento, 32, of 20 Wyman St., Lynn, June 12, 10:48 a.m., arrested at 174 Broadway on charges of felony daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, possession of a burglarious instrument, and violation of city ordinance possession of a deadly weapon.

Manuel Hernandez-Roque, 48, of 69 Shawmut St., Chelsea, June 12, 7:18 p.m., arrested at Irvington Rd. on charges of assault and battery on a police officer, disorderly conduct, and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

Paucic Hourican, 20, of 11 Bailey Rd., Arlington, June 13, 5:16 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and possession of a class B drug.

Nicholas Murray, 20, of 9 Lock Land Ave., Arlington, June 13, 5:16 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and possession of a class B drug.

Gregory Moulton, 21, of 7 Warren St., Arlington, June 13,

5:16 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and possession of a class B drug.

Thomas Glover, 20, of 34 Peirce St., Arlington, June 13, 5:16 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and possession of a class B drug.

Dante Quinn, 24, of 1370 Broadway, June 13, 5:16 p.m., arrested at Alewife Brook Pkwy. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, drug violation near a school or park, and distribution of a class B drug.

Christopher Hicks, 23, of 55 Columbia St., Cambridge, June 13, 6:49 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on a charge of violation of city ordinance open container.

Omar Muhammad, 17, of 14 Otis St., June 14, 2:06 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of felony daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, receiving stolen property, and malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

Alejandra Marmolejo, 23, of 17303 Via Susana, San Lorenzo, CA, June 14, 3:50 p.m., arrested at 30 Washington St. on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee.

Francisco Quijada, 37, of 179 Ferry St., Malden, June 14, 7:56 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of resisting arrest and unsafe operation of a motor vehicle.

Ryan Gallagher, 32, of 255 Broadway, June 14, 11:12 p.m.,

arrested at 257 Broadway on a charge of disorderly conduct and on warrant charges of municipal by law violation C85 and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Noberto Bairos, 25, of 259B Broadway, June 14, 11:12 p.m., arrested at 257 Broadway on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest.

Casey Allison, 24, of 259B Broadway, June 14, 11:12 p.m., arrested at 257 Broadway on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Nicole Bairos, 24, of 40 Benton Rd., June 14, 11:12 p.m., arrested at 257 Broadway on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Wilgen Sanchez, 20, of 103 Newman Rd. Malden, June 16, 1:52 a.m., arrested at 150 Glen St. on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Joeber Donascimento, 33, of 202 Pearl St., June 16, 1:52 a.m., arrested at 11 Wheatland St. on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Steeve Milice, 20, of 34A North St., June 17, 12:58 a.m., arrested at 11 Wheatland St. on a charge of larceny from a person.

David Kakles, 42, of 5 Canal Ln., June 17, 8:21 p.m., arrested at home on charges of destruction of property under \$250 and assault and battery.

Incidents:

Theft:

June 12, 6:47 a.m., police re-

ported a theft at Temple St.

June 12, 9:02 a.m., police reported a theft at Park St.

June 12, 1:51 p.m., police reported a theft at Garfield Ave.

June 12, 4:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

June 12, 5:04 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

June 12, 6:11 p.m., police reported a theft at Line St.

June 13, 12:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Flint St.

June 14, 7:03 a.m., police reported a theft at Lowell St.

June 14, 4:56 p.m., police reported a theft at School St.

June 14, 7:04 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

June 14, 7:07 p.m., police reported a theft at 220 Washington St.

June 14, 9:42 p.m., police reported a theft at Oliver St.

June 15, 8:22 a.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

June 17, 12:58 a.m., police reported a theft at North St.

June 17, 4:56 p.m., police reported a theft at Foscett St.

June 17, 7:24 p.m., police reported a theft at 147 Broadway.

June 17, 9:41 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford St.

Breaking & Entering:

June 12, 5:01 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

June 14, 8:48 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Josephine Ave.

June 14, 2:58 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at George St.

June 14, 7:05 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 270 Cedar St.

June 15, 3:57 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Josephine Ave.

June 17, 9:55 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

Vehicle Theft:

June 12, 2:08 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Grove St.

June 12, 2:15 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Hinckley St.

June 13, 8:36 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Madison St.

June 13, 5:23 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Calvin St.

June 16, 1:52 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 150 Glen St.

Assault:

June 12, 7:18 p.m., police reported an assault at Irvington Rd.

June 14, 11:10 p.m., police reported an assault at Mason St.

June 14, 11:12 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

June 16, 1:43 a.m., police reported an assault at Cross St.

June 16, 9:37 p.m., police reported an assault at North St.

June 17, 12:25 a.m., police reported an assault at 1364 Broadway.

Drug Violation:

June 13, 5:16 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Alewife Brook Pkwy.

Students' Q & A with the Mayor

Argenziano sixth graders were given an opportunity to ask questions of Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone. The topics discussed ranged from how he spends his days (in meetings, mostly) to what sports he plays in his free time (he does martial arts and coaches his sons in hockey, soccer and baseball), his favorite food (Italian) and music (a mix) during a late morning meeting last Wednesday between the mayor and the two sixth grade classes from the Albert F. Argenziano School at Lincoln Park.

Curtatone offered a warm welcome to the 39 students, accompanied by teacher Linda Manzelli and Alex Johnson, who attended the special meeting. The mayor offered a brief civics lesson about the city's government; comprised of the Board of Alderman of 11 members and an elected, full-time mayor, and then opened the floor to questions.

The students had all come prepared. They asked where he grew up (Prospect Hill, East Somerville, he now lives in Ten Hills), what schools he attended (he has good memories from high school) and what he dreamed of becoming as a 6th grader, (a pilot). The mayor countered with questions of his own for the students: As the city grapples with the budget process, how much they thought Somerville spent a year on day-to-day city operations (almost \$200 million) and what makes Somerville special. (Community cohesion: "It's a great place to raise a family.")

Jeffrey Zou asked Mayor Curtatone what his children thought of his position.

"I've never asked them," the mayor said, explaining that it is a challenge to balance the two as both demand his constant atten-

tion and time. "It's not a 9-to-5 job. But, the exciting part is that it's different every day."

Some days are very demanding, others are devoted to meetings. Some days are distressing and the mayor responds to emergencies, accidents and other unpleasant incidents that happen in communities.

On other days he talks with Somerville residents, or meets with people who are interested in Somerville's innovative programs. Mayor Curtatone mentioned meeting President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama and discussing the city's Shape Up Somerville program, used as a model for the First Lady's 2010 youth fitness initiative "Let's Move."

When asked if he had met anyone famous as mayor, including popular bands like One Direction and The Wanted, Mayor Curtatone noted that President Obama and his wife are former Somerville residents, and the President referred to the city as his "hometown."

"As to the bands, I like U2," Curtatone said, but promised to support a group of sixth grade girls who identified themselves as The Sunglasses. They approached him after the meeting asking how to acquire permits to sing in the city's parks and plazas. They told him they want to raise money to fund a recording session at a local Somerville studio.

Isabella Ferrari asked whether any of his election victories - he served eight years as an alderman and is currently starting his fifth two-year term as mayor - were won by a landslide.

"I think I won my first mayoral election by 800 votes," Mayor Curtatone said. Subsequent elections were not as challenging. "I believe people have confidence in what we are doing in



Sixth grade students from the Albert F. Argenziano School enjoyed a special question and answer session with Mayor Curtatone last week.

Somerville."

But he did win the FNX radio mayoral radio song contest: "My Song Is Better Than Your Song" in an on-air battle against Revere Mayor Dan Rizzo in February by what was described as "a landslide."

He believes the city's biggest immediate challenge is to ensure the extension of the Green Line is completed.

"The extension of transit into Somerville will unlock economic opportunity; and as we become prosperous as a city, we will fund our own values and priorities." These, said the mayor, concluded center on promoting youth and youth programs: education, recreation and employment.

Phillips Magre asked what was the best part of being mayor? Mayor Curtatone believes he has the most fun talking to the city's residents and being able to make an impact on people's lives; making them better.

"You can be the mayor, or you can do the job," Curtatone said, explaining that his first

thought is always of how to make Somerville a better place to live. "You can like being mayor, but you have to love doing the job."

He advised the youngsters to find something that they love doing because that will be their lives in the future. "I changed my major seven times in college," he said, adding he spent some time studying aerospace engineering. And he earned a law degree and last year earned a masters degree in public administration.

As for leaving office, he told the students he expects to run for a sixth term next fall, but when he does eventually leave the mayoralty, he wants it to be

his own decision. "I hope it's not because I'm being forced out," He joked.

Claudia Pupo asked the Mayor: "Why is Somerville important to you? He countered by asking the class the same question. "Why is Somerville important to you?"

In the end, it boils down to community.

Somerville takes pride in investing in programs that sustain and nurture its young population and ensure that every child has an opportunity to achieve and succeed, regardless of the social and economic challenges they face.

"This is a great place to grow up," Curtatone attested.



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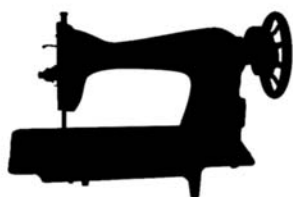


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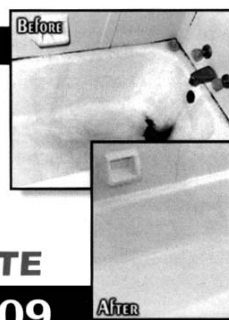
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Swirl and Slice sweetens the night air

By Tatiana Kombo

Swirl and Slice, Somerville's first evening specialty food hub, opened on Thursday, June 14. Complete with a live jazz number and the participation of neighboring restaurants, local vendors presented a gorgeous array of organic foods and farm-to-table products. Ranging from delicious cheeses to delectable wines, this new night market is tailor-made for Somerville's convivial ambiance.

Mimi Graney, current Executive Director of Union Square Main Streets comments on the evening, noting, "Mother Nature showed her enthusiastic support for the opening of Swirl and Slice with great weather for the night."

At its convenient Union

Square location, Swirl and Slice is the perfect spot to pick up some picnic-fare for an estival afternoon or for a romantic dinner. Though there was a "steady stream of visitors through the night," Graney adds that many of them had stumbled upon the market. She expects that "as word spreads, the audience will continue to grow as the season progresses."

In addition to providing Somerville locals with mouth-watering food, Swirl and Slice gives clients the opportunity to learn the facets of the businesses that they are interested in. As the best information can only be gleaned from the vendors themselves, the Swirl and Slice Tasting Table offers workshops highlighting different locally produced goods every week.

This past Thursday, Colleen Hein of Eastern Standard lead an introduction to local wines. Graney comments on the launch of the Tasting Table, calling it "a hit." According to her, upcoming workshops this summer include "a whole range of events...from herbs to the ins and outs of wine pairings, from creating a charcuterie plate to reasons to love stinky cheeses." In particular, she is looking forward to Swirl and Slice's "first chocolate theme night," when several different chocolate producers will be welcomed. She adds, "From bars to bonbons, we'll have something for every sweet tooth!"

Swirl And Slice will be open every Thursday evening from 5-8 p.m., until September 20.



Swirl and Slice will be offering tantalizing treats to Union Square visitors Thursday nights through September 20.

Board of Alderman Regular Meeting CONT. FROM PG 3

problem apparent near Lincoln Park and Central and Madison Streets. Alderman Heuston explained that this issue is of the utmost importance, as several long-time residents cited plans to put their homes up for sale because of the rodent problem.

After years of work to clear the city of these pests, the area in question has seen a marked increase of rodents, preventing residents from experiencing a quality of life in line with city

standards. Absentee landlords were considered the biggest contributors to the problem, as several structures have not been maintained properly and, as a result, have become infested and fueled the spreading of what all aldermen agreed was a serious public health threat.

Alderman at Large Connolly stated that this process needs to be carried out in a joint effort of several branches of local government, including the

Mayor's Office, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Health, and the Office of the Director of Strategic Planning and Economic Development. He shared the sentiment of all others in attendance that all hands must be on deck in this fight, as residents choosing to move out because of the government's inaction is simply not acceptable.

The BOA decided to send this matter to the Committee on Public Health and Public Safety, where a strong and swift plan of action will be established.

Several items were approved regarding outdoor block parties scheduled for this summer around the city, as well as approval for an event called Art-Beat that will take place in Davis Square on July 20. Other financial matters were either approved or sent to the Finance Committee for further action.

Next Wave of graduates



Next Wave School, Somerville's alternative junior high school, graduated seven students on Wednesday night, June 13: Brendon Davis, Gabrielle Etienne, Shawn Soares, Carls Alphonse, Bobby Crump (not in picture: Mercedes Reyes and Ronald Fuentes). Next Wave is designed to meet the special academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs of troubled adolescents who for many different reasons have been unable to experience success in traditional mainstream settings. By combining the clinical concept of a therapeutic community with the educational concepts of individualized and specialized integrated learning experiences. Next Wave has been able to effect academic, social, and personal successes for many students in a cost effective community based program. This year's graduating class has added many different strengths to the school. This group of graduates was definitely leaders in the school and helped to create a positive atmosphere. As a group, their average attendance came out to 97%. They are an incredibly hard working and dedicated group of students who have achieved one of their first milestones in life. They will be deeply missed at Next Wave next year.

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

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School's out for Somerville – enjoy, kids!

The View From Prospect Hill



What is more delicious to the young mind than that savory and unrivaled treat, summer vacation? A well-deserved reward for all the hard work and irreplaceable time invested in the previous school year.

As adults, we can look back fondly on those golden days with a warm sense of nostalgia and a longing to return to the carefree days that linger now only in our memories. And yet, we can live those times again vicariously as we engage with the present younger generation who will be making its own special memories.

Parents need to take as much time as they can to help make the summer break special and meaningful for their kids. Planning and taking a family vacation, even a simple weekend camping trip, can forge stronger bonds and create everlasting memories that could never be bought or traded with gadgets, games, or videos. Simple day-to-day family activities are valuable, too, in making vacation time a rich and rewarding experience for all.

Likewise, we should encourage our youngsters to seek out those activities, on their own, that keep them engaged and active. Whether it is sports, arts activities, taking up a new hobby, or any number of other options that kids are able to enjoy. They should be made aware of how precious this time is and urged to make the most of it.

It may be nearly impossible to convince them of how important this is, but it is still our duty to try to do so nonetheless. They will, without question, thank us for it in the years to come later.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

a gift the Lions Club gets with him being its President. We wish him the very best and to know that The News is here to help, aide, and assist in any way we can. Congratulations Gene, you're the best!

Coming up next week on Thursday, the 28th, will be the city's fireworks at Trum Field (rain date July 5). It's fun for the entire family. Thousands will gather in front of Trum Field to enjoy a nice night of music leading up to the fireworks display. Don't forget that they will be blocking off streets in the afternoons surrounding Trum Field. Next week we will have the streets and times that are being blocked off.

Welcomed home for a private event is a former Somerville resident that grew up here - he and his sisters all went to SHS - Donald Chamberlain, who currently resides in Virginia with his lovely wife Beth and their beautiful dogs that they raise.

This week's special birthday wishes goes to our own Cam Toner, the pen and

brain twisters behind the scenes of all those questions every week with Ms. Cam's Olio. She's a great lady, and is in her young 80's. She raised nine children and they all grew up here in Somerville. What a fine family they are. Send Cam a nice Birthday greeting at camtoner@yahoo.com.

Other big time birthdays this week include some local notables such as the guy who founded Somerville Local First, Joe Grafton. Also, one of our previous reporters, Jack Nicas, who is presently a reporter for the Wall Street Journal. Clinton H. Rumrill III is celebrating this week, as well as Kristen Reardon Desmond. Senator Sal DiDomenico is also celebrating this week. To Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gerwartz's, we wish her the very best and a great day for herself. Chuck Roche's birthday is this week and a big eighth birthday to Steven Roselando, who is said to be a huge fan of The News. He loves the cartoon every week, and why not?

Somerville Senior Chorus, aka

Somerville's Swinging Singing Moonlighters, led by Jimmy Del Ponte, will perform the National Anthem at the Lowell Spinners Baseball game on Friday, June 20. Now, how cool is that? The Lowell Spinner fans are in for a treat.

Save the date for the Somerville Olympics of a Special Kind. It will be on Thursday, July 26, 6 p.m. at Trum Field. Rain date is August 2, same place and time. A good bunch of people showing the world their talents.

Happy graduation to our good friend Paul Glejzer, who is receiving his bachelor's degree. He worked hard for a long time and we are glad he succeeded.

Our deepest condolences go out to the family of John M. "Bucky" White Jr., who sadly passed away last week. John was the loving father of our dear friends Tracy and her husband Bill Desmond. John was a terrific guy and will be sadly missed.

This week marked the 236th anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, and the Masonic Lodge here in Somerville, King Solomon's Lodge, owned the land and built the monument to commemorate the death of so many patriots including the then Grand Master of Masons Joseph Warren who died at the battle. Following this annual ceremony at Bunker Hill, a good size crowd joined together and had dinner at the original meeting place of the lodge for many years, the Warren Tavern in Charlestown. The officers, led by Joey Lacey of Charlestown, along with Peter Mee and Joe Jorge of Somerville, officiated at the ceremony.

Our deepest condolences to the Mackey family on the recent passing of Elizabeth Mackey. She was the mother of Stephen Mackey, the President of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce. Prior to her retirement in 1990, Elizabeth taught English and business courses at Somerville High School for more than 30 years.

COMMENTARY

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The evil empire eyes Somerville

Part 2: What makes the empire evil



By William C. Shelton

This past Friday, Walmart announced that it is dropping its plans to locate stores in Somerville and Watertown.

When the subject of a Somerville Walmart first came up, Mayor Curtatone had said, "I want you to know that I will resist Walmart here in Somerville...I'm not about to let Wal-Mart come in to wreak havoc on our local workforce and business community."

Something must have happened after that, because on Friday he said he was flattered that the world's largest retailer had been interested in Somerville.

By contrast, key political leaders in Watertown remained adamant in their opposition. Town Council President Mark Sideris recently said, "They won't be accepted here, and we

will do whatever we can to keep them out of here." But when news of Walmart's withdrawal broke, Mayor Curtatone said he was "disappointed."

I'm not. The mayor had it right the first time.

Walmart operates 8,500 stores in 15 different countries under 55 different names. Its annual sales are more than those of any other corporation on earth, more than the gross domestic products of most nations. It invests billions of those dollars in proclaiming itself to be principled, worker friendly, environmentally sustainable, and good for communities. In each case, the opposite is true.

An avalanche of verifiable evidence documents its real practices. The online version of this column cites references supporting each point made herein.

Local economic impacts

The economic value that a Walmart brings to a local community is overwhelmed by the loss of jobs and businesses that it displaces. Walmart's buying most of its goods and services from outside the community, and reinvesting its profits elsewhere

as well, multiplies its local economic damage. One study found that for every \$100 dollars spent in such stores, \$43 re-circulates locally. But \$68 does so if \$100 is spent at locally owned stores.

So when a Walmart comes to town, three jobs disappear for every two that it creates. Retail employment declines on average by 2.7% in counties that Walmart enters. Supermarkets and variety stores are hardest hit, falling in sales by anywhere from 10% to 40%.

A Walmart's presence prevents new retail businesses from opening in the same zip code and drives out already existing ones in surrounding zip codes. A Loyola University study found that 18 months after an urban Walmart opened in Chicago, 82 of the 306 retail businesses in the surrounding neighborhood had closed. Such impacts are why Boston's elected leaders last year opposed a plan to build a Walmart grocery store near Dudley Square.

Walmart drives out competitors by lowering prices on promotable items below its own costs, and then jacks up prices

when local competitors have been driven out. When it becomes clear that Walmart will lose a predatory pricing case, it settles and keeps the settlement secret, as it did in Wisconsin and Oklahoma. The German Supreme Court, where such settlements are not so easy, did convict Walmart of predatory pricing.

Labor practices

The average Walmart employee receives \$20,774 per year, well below the poverty level for a family of four. A University of California study found the average U.S. general merchandise workers makes 17.4% more than similar Walmart employees, and the average large general merchandise worker makes 25.6% more.

Only 44% of Walmart employees receive healthcare benefits, and those that do receive inadequate coverage. In 2010, the annual deductible for a family plan was \$4,400. A family would have to pay \$5,102, or a quarter of before-tax earnings, before receiving \$1 of reimbursement from Walmart.

Walmart workers have suc-

cessfully brought class-action suits in Missouri, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Minnesota, and elsewhere because they were forced to work off the clock, were denied overtime pay, and were not allowed to take legally mandated breaks. In 2004, The New York Times got hold of an internal Walmart audit that, "pointed to extensive violations of child-labor laws and state regulations requiring time for breaks and meals."

Dukes v. Walmart Stores, Inc., the largest civil rights class action suit in history, charged that Walmart discriminated against women in pay, promotions and job assignments. Every court that heard the case found for the plaintiffs, until it reached the Supreme Court, which sidestepped the charges and ruled that the plaintiffs didn't have enough in common to constitute a class.

In my last column I described how the company systematically uses contractors who risk workers' lives so that Walmart managers can pay bottom dollar while insulating themselves from the

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Bikes are everywhere



Doesn't it seem like each day there are more and more bikes on the streets of Somerville? Not only are there bikes, but some of these cyclists have their children in the back in those kid haulers. Some parents have a small bike attached to their bike where little Jack or Sally rides behind. They come so close to trucks and buses that sometimes I can't even look at them without wincing. I even saw a guy with a very small toddler on the handlebars of his bike. This really freaked me out because all I could think of was ...what if?

I have become the most careful (and paranoid) driver lately. You never know where one of these bikers will pop up, or pop out. If they all obeyed the rules of the road it would make it easier and safer. For the most part the cyclists are law abiding. It's the others that we need to watch out for. Sometimes at night I actually see a biker by accident. That's because they have no reflective materials and no lights of any kind.

There are several things that can really send me into heart palpitations. Loud noises and unexpected doors flying open when I am half asleep scare me. When one of my kids suddenly appears out of no place I freak. And when a bicyclist darts out in front of me, I basically have a conniption. We need to share the road. The road that has gotten a lot narrower lately with bike lanes. I want to feel that when my kids or I are riding down Highland Ave. on a bike, each driver is awake, aware and alert. As bikers we do our part also. We wear helmets and if we ride at night (which we don't unless it's just on the bike trail) we are equipped with lights.

When I was a kid in the 60's and 70's, just about every street was packed with kids. Every house had one, two or three families in it and each family had from one to five kids. There were more bikes on the streets of the 'Ville back then than there are now. But they were on the side streets and in playgrounds not on the main drags. Today kids are playing video games, watching YouTube and texting one another.

Back then every kid had a bike and it was always with us. There were a lot of Sting-Ray's with banana seats and wing handlebars but no helmets. We would use clothespins to put baseball cards on the spokes of our bikes to make it sound like a motorcycle. We would also put balloons on our bike wheels. They sounded great but you could only ride for a few seconds before they burst.

We didn't have fancy bikes. My first few bikes were hand me downs from my cousin, and we were very glad and lucky to have them. Then my parents bought my sister, brother and me three brand new Columbia bikes from Sears. They had a built in headlamp and white wall tires. They were the greatest bikes in the world and we were each in charge of putting them in the cellar every night.

When I was around 15, my friends and I would go trash picking and find pieces of old bikes. We would actually build bikes out of spare parts. Once we built a bike with a 26 inch rear wheel, and a very small front wheel on an overly extended fork. They looked like crazy choppers. We used to buy bike parts

that we couldn't find in the trash at Ace bicycle shop in Ball Square. Grants and Woolworth's down Davis Square was where you could also get streamers, raccoon tails, and those little screw on reflectors for your fenders.

Speaking of Davis Square, on a dare, I rode my bike in the front entrance to Woolworths on Elm Street, and all the way through the store and out the rear entrance (including going down several stairs) on Herbert Street. It was a wild ride for sure. Another time my fellow young bikers and I noticed that we could see the Prudential building from the Western Junior High School on Holland Street and decided to follow it into town. As soon as we made it to the Prudential building we said, "now how do we get back?" There were no visible landmarks to follow. I wasn't allowed off the street on my bike so every horn I heard I thought was my father bagging me.

Everyone needs to be more careful out there. The bikes and the motorists have to share the road. They both have to follow all the safety rules in order to keep everyone free from

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on four roll calls and local senators on three roll calls from the week of June 11-15.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

MBTA BAILOUT BILL (H 4161)

House 130-25, approved and sent to the Senate a package providing for a one-time transfer of \$49 million from the revenue generated from motor vehicle inspections to the MBTA and \$2 million to regional transit authorities. The authorities would also receive \$1.5 million in surplus snow removal funds. The money would be used, along with recently approved 23 percent average fare hikes and service cuts, to close the deficit in the MBTA's \$1.7 billion budget.

Supporters said it is essential to close this budget gap in order for the T to continue to operate without raising even more fares and making more service cuts.

Opponents said the bill is nothing more than a one-year Band-Aid solution that does not make meaningful cost-saving reforms for the future. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

NO AID FOR T UNTIL CITIES AND TOWNS GET \$200 MILLION (H 4161)

House 34-117, rejected an amendment that would prevent the \$51 million in bailout money from going to the MBTA and regional transit authorities until a bill giving the state's 351 cities and towns their share of the \$200 million for local road and bridge repairs is approved by the Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Deval Patrick. The bill has been tied up since April 24 in a conference committee trying to work out a compromise version because the House and Senate have passed different versions of it. Both bills include the \$200 million but the Senate version also includes millions of dollars for state highway, bridge, rail and other projects that are not in the House bill.

Amendment supporters said the House and Senate should separately approve identical bills providing the \$200 million for which cities and towns are anxiously awaiting.

Amendment opponents said they support the \$200 million but argued the amendment would create a bad precedent that all transportation programs are linked, and we cannot pass one unless we pass the other. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No"

vote is against it.)

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

REDUCE INSPECTION FEE TO \$25 (H 4161)

House 33-120, rejected an amendment reducing the current auto inspection fee from \$29 to \$25.

Amendment supporters said currently there is a \$51 million surplus in the separate account into which the inspection fees are deposited, which means the fee is generating more money than is necessary to cover the cost of the inspections.

Amendment opponents said current law allows the surplus to be used to help fund the state's Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Program. They argued keeping the T operating reduces car and truck emissions and contributes to clean air. (A "Yes" vote is for reducing the fee from \$29 to \$25. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

PROHIBIT PENSION POSTING AMENDMENT FROM BEING CONSIDERED (H 4161)

House 121-32, upheld the decision of the chair that a specific amendment is beyond the scope of the MBTA bailout bill and should not be considered. The amendment would require the T to publish online all pension payment information including the retiree's name, former position, age and amount of the pension.

Supporters of the ruling of the chair said the bill does not deal with pensions.

Opponents of the ruling said pensions are part of the MBTA finances with which the bill deals. (A "Yes" vote is for the ruling of the chair barring the amendment. A "No" vote is against the ruling.)

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

STANDARDS FOR DEMENTIA UNITS (H 3947)

Senate 38-0, approved a bill requiring the state Department of Public Health to establish minimum standards for dementia special care units in long-term care facilities.

The regulations must include dementia training for all direct care workers and guidelines for the physical design of dementia units, including taking into consideration the best design that would help prevent dangerous wandering by patients.

Supporters said the new standards would ensure the safety and quality of services for dementia patients. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

MAKE ANTIFREEZE TASTE BITTER (S 88)

Senate 38-0, approved and sent to the House a proposal expanding the current law requiring that any

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antifreeze in small retail containers that contains sweet-tasting ethylene glycol also include denatonium benzoate, a substance that makes the antifreeze taste bitter. The bill would expand the requirement to include the large 55-gallon drums that service stations use when servicing a vehicle.

Supporters said the sweet taste of antifreeze is a major reason for its fatal ingestion by young children, pets and wildlife. They noted that sweet-tasting antifreeze often leaks from consumers’ cars after they get the fluid changed at a service station. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS (H 537)

Senate 37-0, approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a bill that would expand protections for volunteer firefighters who risk being fired from their regular day job if they miss work or are late for work because of an emergency call.

The current definition of an emergency call is “responding to a fire.” The bill would expand the definition to include rescues, emergency medical service calls, hazardous materials incidents or natural or man-made disasters. It also provides the protection currently enjoyed by volunteer firefighters to emergency medical technicians (EMTs).

Supporters said the bill will ensure these volunteer firefighters and EMTs are protected from being fired from their regular jobs when responding to a new wide range of emergencies. (A “Yes” vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

EXPAND BOTTLE BILL (H 890)- The Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Committee has recommended that the bill expanding the state’s bottle bill law to cover water and non-carbonated beverages be shipped off to a study committee. Most measures that are sent to study committees are never actually studied and are essentially defeated.

TRASH REMOVAL (H 1546) - The House gave initial approval to a proposal allowing cities and towns to restrict the hours of the day when garbage may be collected by private companies in areas zoned for business, commercial or industrial use.

proved and sent to the House a bill that would prohibit anyone under age 16 from using a tanning bed without a written order from a physician. Teens age 16 and 17 would be permitted to tan with parental permission.

Supporters said these booths are dangerous and increase by 75 percent a person’s chances of getting melanoma, a dangerous and sometimes fatal skin cancer. They said that while adults can make their own decisions, it is the state’s job to protect children.

BAN CYBER CAFÉS (H 3765) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would prohibit cyber cafés that allow gamblers to play online slots. The measure makes it a crime to conduct a sweepstakes with an electronic machine and punishes offenders with up to 15 years in state prison or a \$250,000 per machine fine.

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

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

EMERGENCY BATHROOM USE (H 2366) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would require retail establishments to allow use of their bathrooms by people who have written documentation from a doctor of any medical condition, including ulcerative colitis or Crohn’s disease, that requires immediate access to a restroom facility. Businesses that violate the proposed law would be subject to a \$100 fine. A similar measure was passed by the House in 2010 but died in the Senate.

MALE BREAST CANCER (H 4019) - The House gave initial approval to a measure designating the third week in October of each year as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week to raise awareness of the occurrence of breast cancer in men and to encourage regular screenings.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I think the House and the Legislature have taken the prudent course of not increasing taxes. It is a recession. It is the Great Recession, and we’re trying to come out of it.” – *House Chair of the Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy Rep. John Keenan (D-Salem) on why his committee recommended that legislation expanding the state’s bottle bill law be shipped off to a study committee.*

lic of Massachusetts. Burying this bill today shows how profoundly out of touch a few legislators on this one committee are with their constituents.” – *Janet Domenitz, Executive Director of MASSPIRG on the bottle bill’s defeat.*

“Women who worked their whole lives, who have been good workers and good mothers, end up poor.” – *Victoria Budson, Chair of the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women, on why the state should pass an “equal pay for equal work law.”*

“It really broke the priest’s heart. We were very moved by that.” – *Sen. Stephen Brewer (D-Barre) on why he filed a bill requiring that a bitter agent be added to sweet-tasting antifreeze so that children and pets will not drink it. A priest in Brewer’s district had a dog that licked up antifreeze and quickly died.*

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK’S SESSION?

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

During the week of June 11-15, the House met for a total of 13 hours and 29 minutes while the Senate met for a total of six hours and 53 minutes.

Mon. June 11	House 11:00 a.m. to 1:03 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Tues. June 12	No House session Senate 1:01 p.m. to 2:19 p.m.
Wed. June 13	House 11:03 a.m. to 5:16 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. June 14	House 11:01 a.m. to 4:14 p.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 4:17 p.m.
Fri. June 15	No House session No Senate session

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TANNING SALONS (S 2211) - The Senate ap-

“The idea of sending it to a ‘study’ is an insult to the pub-

School Committee introduces Educator Evaluation system CONT. FROM PG 1

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education states, “A significant portion of the state’s Race to the Top grant has been allocated to support implementation of the new evaluation framework at both the state and district level. This work includes the development of the Model System, the identification of support providers, and other webinars and training designed to familiarize educators with the requirements of the new regula-

tions and support effective implementation.” Thomas F. Taylor, current president of the Board of Aldermen, expressed some concern, saying, “Evaluations need to be used to help professionals become better at what they do, not necessarily to penalize them [and] moved toward dismissal.” However, to address such concerns chairman Paul Bockelman referred to the handout given to attendees which says, the purpose is “to promote growth and

development of leaders and teachers, place student learning at the center, using multiple measures of learning, growth, and achievement, recognize excellence in teaching and leading, set a high bar for professional teaching status, and shorten timelines for improvement.” Taylor responded, “We need to be aware of what it says here and try to follow it.” When contacted for comment about the new system, vice-chair Mary Jo Rosetti said, “I am opti-

mistic about using the new evaluation system to improve the way teachers educate children in the classroom and how the new system can help them improve their teaching style, use of resources and collaboration with their colleagues and parents. It is complex and will take time and care to implement correctly. This is a far more extensive system than we’ve ever had before. It will have landmark implications over the next few years as we seek input from parents and

students as well, and as we apply it to the superintendent at the same time since he is now subject to the formal regulations. However, there are more than 250 pages of instructions, matrixes, guidelines, and regulations to go along with this. My vision is that within a few years, we will have teachers in the classroom who will continue to improve with the constructive guidance and professional development we provide as well as the ability to share their best practices.”

'I thee wed...'

Robert James Lamb Publicover and David John LeBahn, Jr. were married last Sunday at the Arlington Street Church (UUA), Boston, MA. Reverend Kim Crawford Harvey officiated with Reverend Rebecca Froom and Reverend Johanna Mak taking part in the Ceremony.

Mr. Publicover (62) is the founding chairman of the board of 'The Committee For A Response To AIDS', one of the oldest and longest continuously running AIDS NPO's in New England. He is Publisher Emeritus of *The Somerville News*. He is a founder and member of the Somerville High Scholarship Foundation. Mr. Publicover has authored two books, *My Unicorn Has Gone Away: Life, Death, Grief, And Living In The Years Of AIDS*, and *What's Wrong With Uncle Johnny: A Child's Primer About AIDS*. Mr. Publicover is a long time AIDS activist. He has an A.A. from the University Of New York.

Mr. LeBahn (38) from Clarks Summit, PA, is currently studying for his Nursing Degree. He attended Wilkes University, Wilkes Barre, PA, where he studied Psychology and Theater under the tutelage of the late John Farley Swanson. He was a founding board member of both the Black Box Children's Theater and the Diva Production Co. He has also been a board member, director, and actor with several regional theatre companies throughout Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

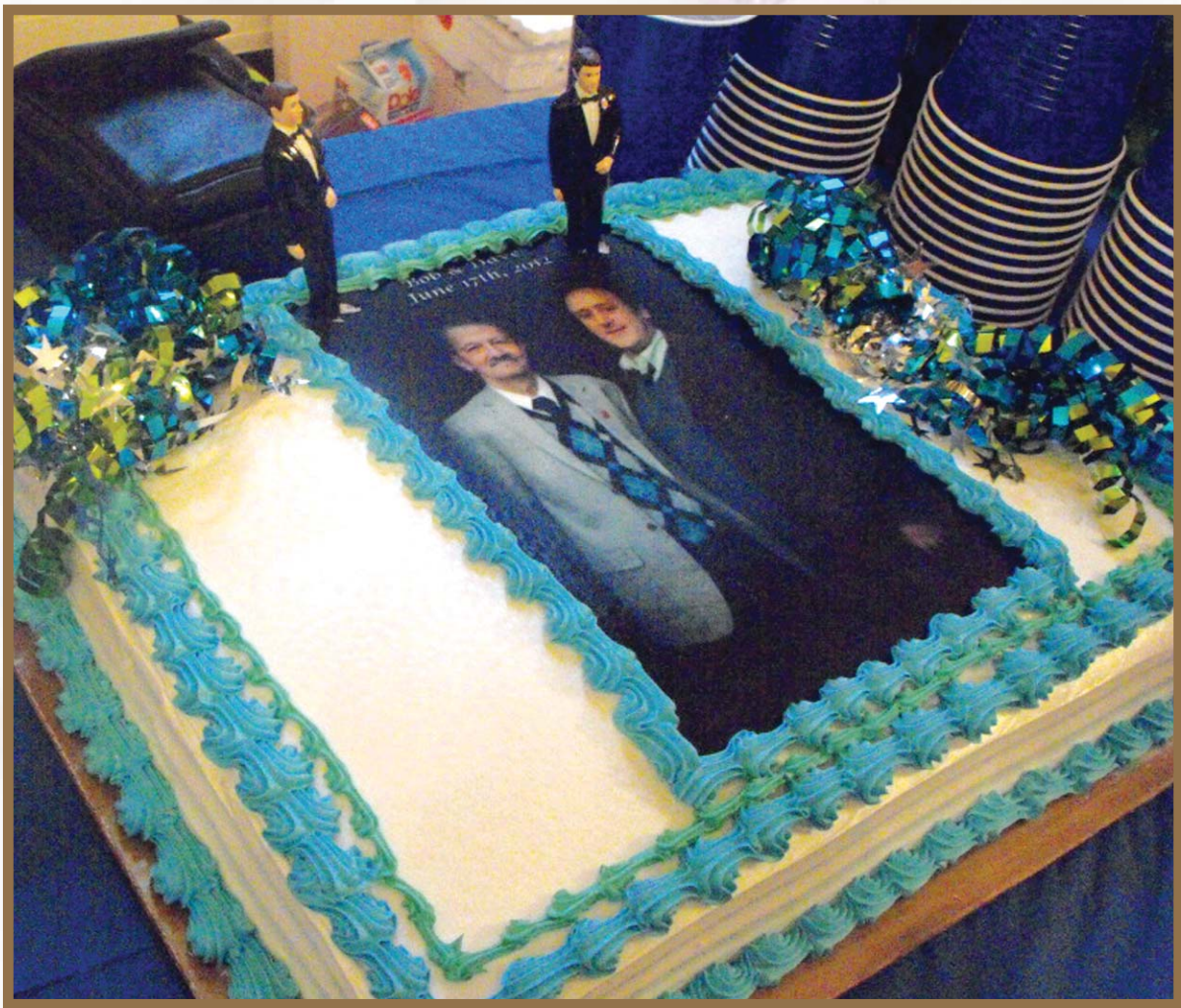
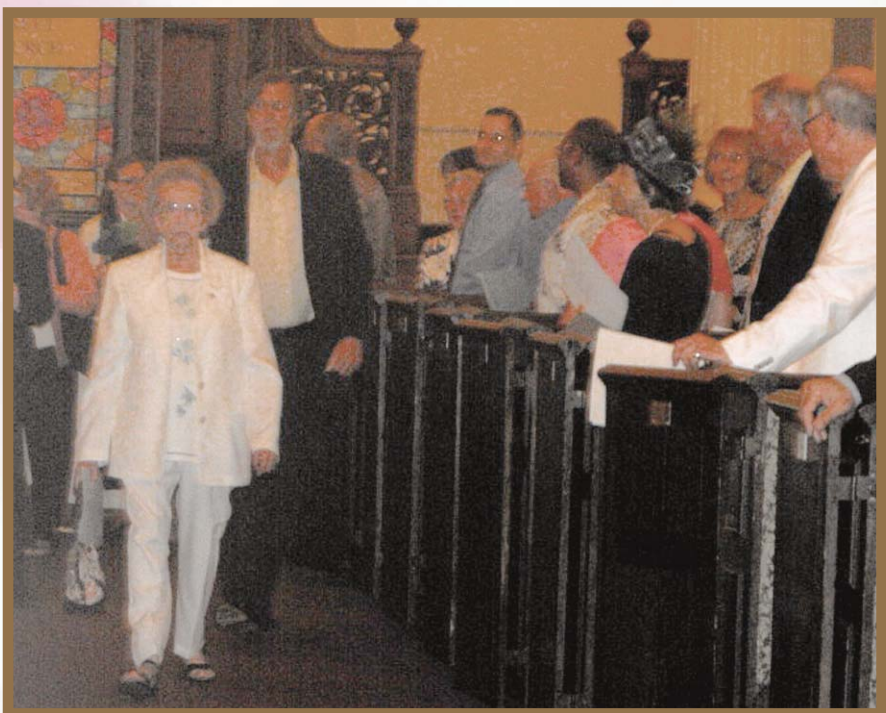
The couple met when Mr. LeBahn emailed Mr. Publicover questions about *My Unicorn Has Gone Away* while writing an educational theatre production focusing on HIV and AIDS in Pennsylvania.

"I deleted the first email as junk mail," Publicover noted, "I decided to read the second one."

To which Mr. LeBahn responded, "I can be annoyingly persistent and would have kept them coming!"

After many emails and phone conversations LeBahn drove to Somerville from PA, on suggestion of Mr. Publicover, for a meeting with the author in March, 2005. The duo then ended up going on a date and the rest, as they say, is history.





Photos by Donald Norton

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Alibrandis get back to winning ways

By Benjamin Klein

The Somerville Alibrandis got back to their winning ways recently, taking their last three matchups. Strong pitching has been a major factor for Somerville the entire season and continued throughout the week to keep the Alibrandis in second place in the Ted Williams division.

Somerville started their even-tual three-game win streak with a 6-1 victory over the Stoneham Sabers. Mark Addesa helped the Alibrandis get on the board early with his second home run of the season that was a part of a three-run inning. Bryant Guilmette pitched well with the early lead and went five scoreless innings, picking up his second win of 2012.

The Alibrandis would tack on three runs in the fifth inning to give themselves a comfortable 6-0 lead. Stoneham would score once in the last half of the seventh but Brian Tanguy was able to shut the door and preserve the victory for Somerville.

Two days later Somerville

would earn another win, this time against the Savin Hill Hornets behind a great performance by Chris Foundas. Somerville would score once in the third inning and twice in the fifth to give themselves a 3-1 lead. Addesa would drive in two of the three Somerville runs, scoring Mike Maguire both times.

Foundas pitched a complete game, allowing just one un-earned run and striking out 13 to pick up his third win of the season. He has only allowed one earned run in 24.2 innings of work while striking out 35 batters this season.

Guilmette would get the start in Somerville's third game of the week, trying to earn his third win in as many starts. His offense would give him two runs in the first inning and three runs in the third inning to work with. Guilmette would allow four runs over five in-nings, walking four and striking out three in the process.

Leading 5-4 in the top of the seventh, the Alibrandis would add an insurance run that would prove to be very impor-



Photo by Benjamin Klein

The Somerville Alibrandis are bouncing back and looking to overcome division rivals, the Malden Bulldogs.

tant. After a scoreless inning of relief from Ryan Cosmopulos, Marc DesRoches came in to try and preserve the two-run lead. McKay Club would get a run off of him but he eventually got the final out and Somerville came away

with their third win in a row. Somerville received some exciting news off of the field during the week as well, as pitcher Rob Finneran was selected in the 37th round of the MLB First-Year Player Draft by the Tampa Bay Rays. Finneran had appeared in

two games for Somerville this year, striking out six without allowing a hit in 4.1 innings.

The 7-3 Alibrandis will play four games in the next seven days as they try to derail the 8-4 Malden Bulldogs from top spot in the division.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What do the signs along Mass. Turnpike reading X number of miles to Boston refer to?
2. In 1845, what did Elias Howe of Boston, MA invent?
3. When and where was the first Father's Day observed?
4. Where was the first elementary school in America founded?
5. Who was the first mayor of Boston to have an automobile?
6. Nylon was invented by Du Pont Co. - what was its first commercial use?
7. What President gave the "Presidential Medal

- of Freedom" to Mother Theresa and Frank Sinatra?
8. What was the license plate for the first mayor of Boston to have an automobile and what did it stand for? (Hint: it is still used today on the present mayor's official car)
9. What is a female donkey called?
10. What is usually the first trick people teach their dog?
11. What is the difference between a "cranny" and a "nook"?
12. What are the actual colors of a "white rhino" and a "black rhino"?

Answers on page 19

SHS track star to be honored

Nicole Genard was selected to the Boston Globe and Boston Herald All-Scholastic team for her performances in the Javelin this season. The Globe will announce their selections on Sunday, June 24.

Genard had the three longest throws in Massachusetts this year: 139'10", 138'0", and 136'4". She won the Weston Twilight meet, the State Coaches Meet, and the Division 1 state meet. She

holds the SHS and GBL records in the javelin, along with setting the record at the Weston meet.

Genard will conclude her career at SHS with four indoor SHS records and five outdoor records. She was National Champion in the Emerging Elites Javelin in 2011. Nicole was also State Champion in the Heptathlon in 2011 as well.

According to Coach Charles

O'Rourke, "Nicole Genard was the best all-around track athlete that I have seen in my 37 years of coaching. She leaves SHS with nine school records and numerous state titles along with a National Championship. Nicole will continue her track career with a full scholarship at Northeastern University and there is no doubt in my mind that Nicole will be able to excel at the Division 1 collegiate level."



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Annual Somerville and Medford Mystic River Blessing of The Fleet

By William Tauro

This past Saturday the Winter Hill Yacht Club of Somerville along with the Mystic Wellington Yacht Club and the Riverside Boat Club of Medford, invited former Somerville Mayor and current Middlesex Registrar of Deeds Gene Brune to represent The City of Somerville, and Medford State Representative Paul Donato representing The City of Medford, to be part of the over thirty year old tradition of the "Blessing of the Fleet" on The Mystic River for its 2012 boating season.

The day long annual series of events began at the Riverside Boat Club in Medford at 8 a.m. where over a hundred members

from all three boat clubs on the Mystic River enjoyed a full breakfast together on the boat club's outdoor patio deck to commence celebrating the blessing festivities.

Next, the festivities continued to the Somerville Boathouse Waterway on Shore Drive where Father Joe Foster formally of Francis Church of Medford blessed the fleet of over two hundred boats with splashed holy water as they passed alongside in a single file of the vessel "Jolly Rogers" where Father Foster, Mayor Brune, and Representative Donato were stationed aboard with the three club's commodores.

After the blessings, the procession of vessels then continued up



Mystic River Yacht and Boat Club Commodores with Father Joe Forster, Rep Paul Donato, Former Mayor Gene Brune, and WHYC Commodore Bill Rogers.



Yacht Club Members and Medford Mayor Mike McGlynn.

river to the Mystic Wellington Yacht Club in Medford where over two hundred and fifty boaters of Somerville and Medford attended an afternoon old fashioned luncheon/cookout under white banquet hall size tents full of activities including turtle races and children moon walk rides.

The events then continued to dinner later into the evening. It was a great family function

event enjoyed by all attendees. Medford Mayor Mike McGlynn as well as candidate for Middlesex County Register of Deeds Maria Curtatone were also in attendance during the evening activities at the Mystic Wellington Yacht Club. Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone, who annually attends the blessing event, was not in attendance do to a conflicting schedule on Saturday.

For the past 30 years Somerville's Winter Hill Yacht Club, along with the three other yacht clubs on the Mystic River, have gotten together as an annual tradition to have their boats blessed by a priest as a way to kickoff a safe boating season for all.

This year Somerville's Winter Hill Yacht Club is celebrating their 100-year anniversary as a club on the Mystic River.



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LEGAL NOTICE
Somerville Conservation Commission
Public Hearing

Applicant: Patrick Herron, Mystic River Watershed Association,
20 Academy Street, Suite 306, Arlington, MA

Location: Mystic River, Somerville, MA


The Somerville Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday June 26, 2012**, at **7:00 p.m.** at City Hall, 3rd floor, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA, regarding a Request for Determination filed pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. c. 131, § 40, for work described below.

The Mystic River Watershed Association is working in collaboration with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, the City of Somerville, the City of Medford, Groundwork Somerville and Friends of the Mystic River to remove the invasive water chestnut plant in the Mystic River. Work will consist of both hand-pulling efforts and mechanical harvesting to efficiently remove the plants. Hand-pulling efforts will be focused in the area downstream of the Rt. 28 bridge. Mechanical harvesting will be conducted in the area of high plant density upstream of the Rt. 28 bridge. Plants will be offloaded at the boat ramp of the Blessing of the Bay boat ramp, placed in dumpsters and taken to a composting facility. Hand pulling efforts will commence each year on June 15 and extend to Aug. 15th. Mechanical harvesting will commence on July 1 and end on Aug. 21st.

The application can be viewed at the Mayor's Office Strategic Planning and Community Development, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville. Contact Rachel Kelly, Conservation Agent, at 617-625-6600 x2516 for more information.

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
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There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Ilana Inc. dba Executive Auto Body for a Garage License at 30 Medford Street, for mechanical repairs, autobody work, spray painting, washing vehicles, and storing vehicles, all for 13 vehicles inside and no vehicles outside.


There will be a Public Hearing before the Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits on **Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at 6:00 PM**, in the Committee Room on the 2nd Floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, on the petition of Joseph and Mario Rocha dba J&C Auto Repair for a Garage License at 91 Prospect Street, for mechanical repairs, for 2 vehicles inside and 8 vehicles outside.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND AND BE HEARD.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Commissioner of Public Works will be holding a public hearing on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 in the Committee Room on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue at 5:00 pm. The purpose of this hearing is to compile testimony from Somerville ratepayers relevant to the setting of the Fiscal Year 2013 water and sewer rates. Anyone interested in providing testimony is welcome to attend.

**Stan Koty
Commissioner**

**Ginger Barrett
Water Superintendent**

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**NOTICE OF ACTIVITY AND USE LIMITATIONS AND
RESPONSE ACTION OUTCOME STATEMENT**

**360 Medford Street, Somerville, MA 02143
Release Tracking Number 3-15184**

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.0480), a Response Action Outcome Statement has been submitted for the above referenced site. Releases of oil and/or hazardous materials occurred at this location, which is a disposal site (defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, Section 2). The RAO is based on an Activity and Use Limitations used to control the future use of the property. The AUL was recorded at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 59270 on page 333. Response actions at this site were conducted by Mr. Anthony F. Martignetti who employed Geological Field Services, Inc. to manage the response actions in accordance with the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (310 CMR 40.000). Any person interested in obtaining additional information or reviewing the disposal site file may contact Luke Fabbri, at Geological Field Services, Inc., 14 Hubon Street, Salem, MA 01970 or at (978) 594-1376.

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School's Out! Now What? CONT. FROM PG 1

variety of other activities not only help students keep their minds and bodies sharp, but helps them continue to grow socially as well.”

Fortunately, the city of Somerville and local non-profits offer lots of ways for kids to stay active and engaged between now and September.

Kids looking for a rustic camp experience without having to pack up a sleeping bag can hop on the bus every weekday at the Elizabeth Peabody House on Broadway and ride nearly a century of tradition out to Camp Gannett, on 22 wooded lake-front acres in rural Sharon. Campers aged five through 13 can take in a daily dose of land and water sports, outdoor adventures and other fun and games.

Camp coordinator Alex Schuppert said the program is designed to build on the learning kids do during the school year. “We integrate math, science and social studies, but all in a fun, camp kind of way,” said Schuppert, adding that the rural setting adds to the enrichment. “It gets them out of the city and into a different environment, which is an advantage, because it provides for a hands-on learning experience about nature and sustainability.”

Parents of elementary and middle school-aged students can also choose from a variety of full-day summer programs based at sites in Somerville. Like Camp Gannett, all are designed to provide a safe, structured environment for kids to thrive over the summer months. And while all are fee-based programs, they offer different levels of need-based financial aid, and free breakfast and lunch.

The seven-week Adventure Camp, run by the Somerville Schools, is based at the Healey School and combines a rotating schedule of special-interest programs, like nature, technology or the arts, with physical activities, free play, and twice-weekly field trips that have included beaches, museums, amusement parks and ballgames.

“We do a good job of balancing free play, outdoor activity and enrichment,” said Rosanna Paribello, one of the program administrators.

The Somerville YMCA also strives for that mix in its summer program, said Youth Services Director Joe Pinto. Day campers get full use of the pool, gym and other facilities at the Y’s Highland Avenue site, as well as canoeing at the Mystic River Boathouse, and still venture out two to three times per week to

kid-friendly destinations around the region. And Pinto said the Y builds in time to directly combat learning loss, such as with summer reading help.

The recreation department's six-week-long Somertime program is based at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, but kids spend a large part of their day on the playing fields and in the pool at the nearby Dilboy Complex. Group-based games, arts and crafts, weekly dance parties and field trips add to the mix. “The kids are always moving, always playing,” said program director George Scarpelli.

And parents don’t have to commit to a full-time schedule to get kids moving over the summer. The recreation department is offering a full roster of partial-day sports clinics, including golf, soccer, baseball, softball, football, basketball and volleyball, with a focus on fundamentals and a flexible approach tailored to each kid’s skill level. New this year will be a boxing club clinic, emphasizing non-contact, non-competitive boxing discipline.

Somerville’s ever-lively cultural scene serves up lots of ways for kids to explore the arts this summer. Middle-schoolers can hone their talents in Project Star, the

city’s free performing arts program directed by Jimmy Del Ponte. Kids can learn to play an instrument or perfect their musical skills at a two-week strings camp at the Kennedy School in July. Arts-at-the-Armory lists a full array of part-time classes for kids of all ages, just one of many local non-profits offering up instruction in just about anything a kid might want to do.

Younger teens who are too old for day camp but too young for employment can use their summer vacation to shore up their job skills for the future in the city’s CIT/LIT Job Readiness program, where they learn interviewing and job search skills and get a taste of entry-level work. “They get a good grounding in what they need to get a job and what job opportunities are available to them,” said Pinto of the YMCA, which runs the program.

Students of any age are welcome six days a week at any branch of the Somerville Public Library, which is planning teen book clubs, kid-friendly performances and special interest classes over the summer, but is also just a place where kids can go to catch up on summer reading or use the internet. “The library is always open, so it’s a great drop-in resource for kids

who are in the city for the summer,” said children’s librarian Catherine Piantigini.

And the library is a near-bottomless resource for parents looking for plan their own activities with their kids this summer, including the museum pass program, where families can check out free passes to a long list of area attractions, including local zoos, art institutions, and popular sites like the Kennedy Library, the Childrens Museum or the Museum of Science.

Add to that a city that is home to a network of 50 or more open spaces, and a full roster of summertime special events, like the upcoming Family Fun Day and Fireworks, the SomerMovieFest series of outdoor films, ArtBeat in Davis Square in late July, and monthly Somerstreets events, and there’s no reason for any Somerville student to spend the summer sitting at home.

“Students in Somerville have a multitude of summer programs from which to choose, and a community who really encourages an active lifestyle. We hope every student takes advantage of the many opportunities available to them over the summer to keep them engaged academically, socially and physically,” said Superintendent Pierantozzi.

BCG will go above and beyond in 'Threshold'

By Cathleen Twardzik

The Boston Circus Guild (BCG), a Somerville-based organization, will hold its most ambitious production yet on June 28 and 29 from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Arts At The Armory performance hall. *Threshold* will combine dance, music and circus arts.

"This show isn't your traditional cavalcade of circus talents," said Chuck Lechien, Jr., Creative Director of The Boston Circus Guild. He is known as The Rev. Handsome Chuck. "It will employ these kind of expressions in order to look at how we connect and explore our lives and loves with other people."

"We've made sure to explore all of the dynamics of life and love, including times that are playful, flirty and even silly. You will recognize moments from your own life, and people you knew, or even perhaps once were," he said.

Although *Threshold* does not contain any mature content, it is not a kid's show. Five acrobats will explore the dimensions of space between people, moments of suspension and connection, and the anticipation of moving in and out of relationships with each other.

You will watch lovers walk on

air before their first kiss, lift each other up and hold each other back, and tie themselves in knots about romantic entanglements.

Set to an original score of live music, *Threshold* features breathtaking group acrobatics, aerials, contortion and hand balancing, which will enthrall the audience.

"Additionally, the music for this show has also gone in a different direction from past shows. We usually use the music of Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band, which is BCG circus band, as performed by the full 15 piece band," said Lechien.

"For *Threshold*, the band is half the size and has been deconstructing and experimenting with new instrumental arrangements of their brand new material," he said.

"However, people who are familiar with the band should expect to hear a sound that is much different than the band's usual brass band based repertoire."

This is the organization's most ambitious project because, "*Threshold* is intended as more thought-provoking and engaging with weightier issues than we have in the past. Our shows have had large casts, many of whom only performed one act per show."

In comparison, *Threshold* has a cast of five individuals, all of whom will participate in four to five acts, as well as in all of the ensemble theatrical elements. However, the entire cast will partake in all of the acrobatics in the show in some way.

BCG emerged in 2009. Its purpose was partially to create more work and performance opportunities for artists, musicians and circus performers in Boston. The organization is a collaboration of over fifty musicians, circus performers, dancers, artists and event producers.

Last year, the organization's first large performance in Somerville occurred. That show was entitled *Reign of Revelry*.

BCG members perform on a regular basis at prominent events and venues throughout New England, which include the Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Pfizer, Cirque du Soleil and The Boston Bruins Foundation.

BCG produces its own original shows, and it is available for hire for special occasions, corporate events, weddings and festivals.

What is the most rewarding part of being in the circus for Lechien?

"Honestly, I've committed my life to doing this, which means working at all times of day sev-

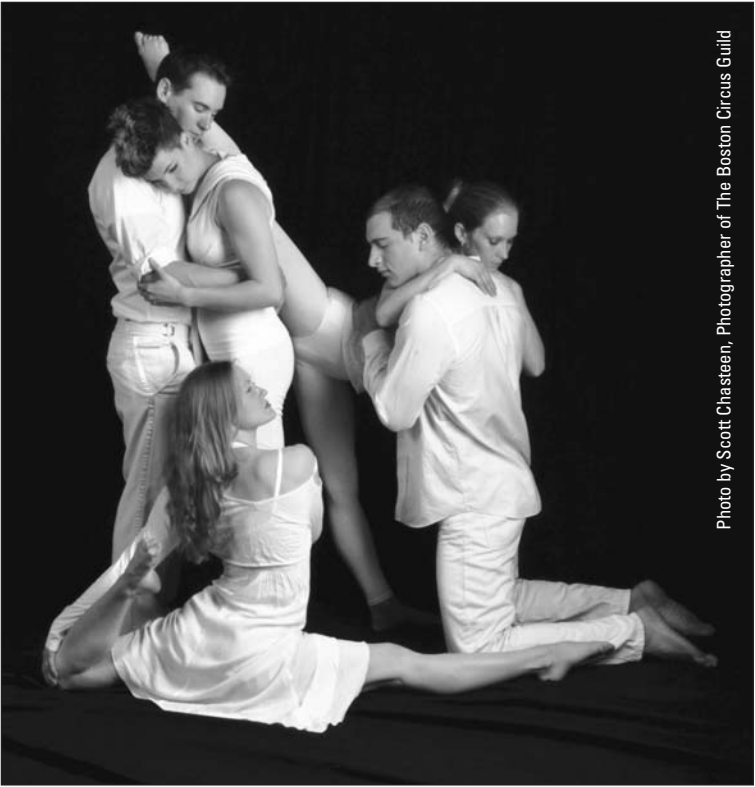


Photo by Scott Chasteen, Photographer of The Boston Circus Guild

Threshold is a unique performance art experience, exploring themes of life and love.

en days a week. I've never been involved in something that I've found this deeply satisfying on so many levels. If I had to pick two though, firstly, it would be getting to work with so many talented people who are dedicated to pushing their boundaries as artists in order to create meaningful entertainment," said Lechien.

"It's presenting a performance like this to an audience and learning about what they take away from it. Among other reasons, we do circus because it's fun, but ultimately,

what we inspire in our audience is what keeps us working so hard at this."

"People should come to the show, sign up for our mailing list, and stay in touch. We'll have more shows, more events and more spectacular entertainment for many years to come," he said.

Visit <http://bostoncircusguild.com/performance.php> for more information and to view the promotional video.

Tickets cost \$25 to \$15 in advance and \$35 to \$25 at the door.

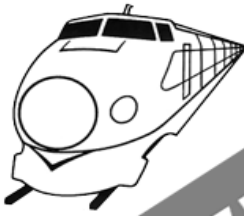
THE Somerville News Person of the Week



Meet Patty Hamel Oppedisano, our choice for the Somerville News Person of the Week. A lifelong East Somerville resident, attended Somerville schools, and still lives here with her family. Now, if you know her you'll know she's a little bit off center but that's good. She's not a conformist. Actually, no one from East Somerville is and that's a good thing. Patty is seen all over the city, even at the DD's in Maquon Square once in awhile. She was voted Best Waitress in Somerville, twice, probably because of her large fan base. A lot of people know her and we can't find anyone who doesn't like her. She's funny, witty, smart and very considerate of others. We hear she's a great friend to her many personal good friends throughout the 'Ville. According to her Facebook page, she works for God and he has her do his dirty work. That shows you her sense of humor, because we can't imagine her being bad, unless her attractive smile is hiding something we haven't heard about. But we doubt it. You can catch her smiling face at Renee's Café on Holland Street every Wednesday to Saturday in the a.m. Tell her you saw it here and congratulate her. When you meet her you'll even walk away with a huge smile on her face yourself. She will brighten up your day like she does with everyone.

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

West Branch Library
West Branch Summer Reading Club
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.| 40 College Avenue

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

Thursday|June 21

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Friday|June 22

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

Saturday|June 23

Union Sq. Farmers' Market
Storytime at the Union Square Farmers' Market
10 a.m.-11 a.m.

Central Library
Saturday Morning Creature Show: Destroy All Monsters
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday|June 25

East Branch Library
East Branch Summer Reading Club
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.| 115 Broadway

Wednesday|June 27

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|June 20

Johnny D's
Dave Sholl Tribute
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes!
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Comedy @10
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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 Presents.....
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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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

Arts At The Armory
Rock Therapy with Brendan Boogie!
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|June 21

Johnny D's
Monophonics

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
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
Kyklops|Easter |Squall|Way of Return|Traces of Empire
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Gold Blood&the Associates|Black Taxi|Mattison|The Motivated Sequence|doors at 8pm
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
The Invisible Rays|The Weisstronauts
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 - Finals Dress Rehearal
6:30|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Friday|June 22

Johnny D's
Kelly Willis & Bruce Robison|Pressure Cooker
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Radioactive Rustlers|6 p.m.
The Low Sparks \$5 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Spike The Punch
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ
10 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
Franc Graham Band|The Vivs|The Rationales|Eddie Japan
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Bobby Joe Ebola And The Children MacNuggits|The Civil Warblers|Gums McGee|Baby Driverarty
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ starting at 10 p.m.
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
No Room To Breath
381Summer St

Casey's
Entertainment every Friday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Cantina la Mexicana
The Fathoms featuring Frankie Blandino
8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Arts At The Armory
Reaching for the Stars - Finals
6:30|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Saturday|June 23

Johnny D's
Real School of Music|4 p.m.
Girl Howdy|Booty Vortex|8 p.m.
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Patsy Hamel |6 p.m.
Gumbo Diablo & Radio Mamba \$5 cover|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Cherry Bomb
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents:Heloise & the Savoir Faire|Lunic|Evil Animals|Patch of Grass|Andrew Merzi
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
The Pilgrims|Dying Falls|The Double Stops|Zanois
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

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Cal Cali|The Beachcomovers
381 Summer St

Casey's
Entertainment every Saturday
173 Broadway|617- 625-5195

Arts At The Armory
Ben Miller: Found Sound
11 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Performance Hall

Boston Tango Society
9 p.m.|Performance Hall
Sound/Installation/Improvisation. By members of Mission of Burma, Glenn Branca Ensemble & Neptune
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|June 24

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.
Jim Coyle & The Barroom Gentlemen|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
Township|Gymnasium
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
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Arts At The Armory
Bacon Takedown 2012
2 p.m.|Performance Hall
Deadwin plays the Arts at the Armory Cafe!
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|June 25

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 8pm no cover
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

Bull McCabe's Pub
Stump Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Arts At The Armory
The Artist's Way at the Armory with Kim Childs
7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|June 26

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Panda Bar: Cold Chocolate, Chasing Blue, The Loose Handle Band
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
UnRegular Radio Presents:The Scatter Gang|Froggy & The Friendship|Bomb Pilot
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
TBA- Check Facebook
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

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

Wednesday|June 27

Johnny D's
Red June|Boston Boys
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
jla & the boyz|Born Ready
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
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Demise|Dreamchild|Bathaus|8 bucks
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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Dave Wells Presents.....
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

Arts At The Armory
Somerville Arts Council Arts Salon
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|June 20

Central Library
Job Interview Workshop
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday|June 21

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|June 23

Union Square Farmer's Market
9 a.m.- 1 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

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

Sunday|June 24

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|June 25

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

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

Third Life Studio
Beginning Hawaiian Hula
6 p.m.| 781-729-2252

Tuesday|June 26

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

Central Library
Meet, Mingle, Read: Island Apart
7 p.m.-8:30 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|June 27

Central Library
Online Job Search and Résumé Submittal Workshop
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

We will be celebrating Pride Month at the Holland Street Center on June 25 at 3:00 pm for an Intergenerational Ice Cream Social. We welcome members of the LGBT community to join us. Have questions or would like to RSVP, call Lisa Heyison 617-625-6600 ext. 2316 or lheyison@somerville.ma.us. All ages welcome.

NEW EXERCISE CLASS: Yoga for Balance begins June 25th with a great new instructor, Muire! The class is from 1:20 pm - 2:30 pm. \$5 per class. Great class to stretch, strengthen and relax. Holland Street Center

Get your ticket to the Annual Mayor's Picnic by calling our office at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300. The picnic is August 8.

Join our book club! We meet the third Friday of every month at 10:00 am at Holland Street Center. We have books you can borrow so please join us! The next book is "Jacob's Ladder" and we will meet July 21.

June 21st is the day of our next Cultural Celebration. In collaboration with MAPS - Mass Alliance of Portuguese Speakers - we will be celebrating the rich cultural of Portugal through music and art. RSVP required. \$3.00 for lunch.

June 26th brings back Alan Cohen for a wonderful hour of Musical Conversation at 12:30 pm at the Holland Street Center. Please join us for a wonderful time of conversation, listening to great music and reminiscing.

Trip Corner:

Revere Beach - talk about the old days of Revere Beach! - July 11.

Revere Beach - Spend a day at the beach! July 13.

Foxwoods Casino - July 16.

Castle Island - Join us for a walk around the castle - July 23.

Suffolk Downs - Live horse racing - August 1.

Twin Rivers - September 25.

Winnepesaukee Turkey Train - Turkey Dinner, Train Ride, Shopping and more! October 2.

Penn Dutch Country - An Amish Experience October 8 - 12.

Join us in our exercise classes:

Yoga for Balance - Monday at 1:30. Holland Street. \$5. All levels welcome.

Line Dancing - Tuesday 3:00 - 4:00 Holland Street \$5 All levels welcome.

Zumba Gold - Wednesday 5:15 - 6:15 Holland Street \$5.

QiGong - Wednesdays at Holland Street from 1:15 - 2:00 pm. Stretching and moving.

Flexibility & Balance - all three centers.

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

Indoor Exercises/Walking Club - all three centers

Walking Club has begun again! Check at each center for the schedule!

June 20

Moonlighters performing Lowell St. VNA 1:15

Holland Street Center
Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.
SHINE By appt. only|10 a.m.
Women's Group|10:30 a.m.
Movie: HUGO|12:30 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
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

June 21

Cultural Day - Portugal

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.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center
Indoor Exercises/Walking Club|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

June 22

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

Cross Street Center
Closed on Fridays for the summer
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

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

June 25

Dance at the Holiday Inn - RSVP required.

Holland Street Center
Veteran's Group|9:30 a.m.
Singing - Moonlighters - new members welcome|10:30 a.m.
English Conversation|10:30 a.m.
Yoga for Balance|1:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300
Cross Street and Ralph & Jenny Closed

June 26

Holland Street Center
Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.
Chair Yoga|10:15 a.m.
SHINEmedical insurance advice|1 p.m.
Knitting|1:30 p.m.
Line Dancing|3 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

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

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

June 27

Hanscom Field - Supper and Bingo

Holland Street Center
Flexibility & Balance|9:30 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
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.

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

COA cruise and museum trip



The Council on Aging, led by Senior Project Manager Janine Lotti, went on a day long Essex River boat Cruise and Museum Trip. As you can tell by the smiles of this group, it was a wonderful day.

Carroll Center for the Blind visit



The Low Vision Group, led by Nancy O'Connor, visited the Carroll Center for the Blind and checked out some of the new eyewear to help with every day tasks. Low Vision Group meets once a month. Contact Nancy if you want to learn more: 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Ms. Cam's

Answers from page 14

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Answers

1. The distance from that point to the dome of the State House

2. The sewing machine

3. On June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington

4. The Mather School in Dorchester, MA

5. James Michael Curley

6. Bristles for tooth-brushes

7. President Ronald Reagan in 1985

8. "756" – the number of letters in his name, "James Michael Curley"

9. A jennet or Jenny

10. To sit

11. A cranny is a crack or slit, a nook is a corner

12. They are gray

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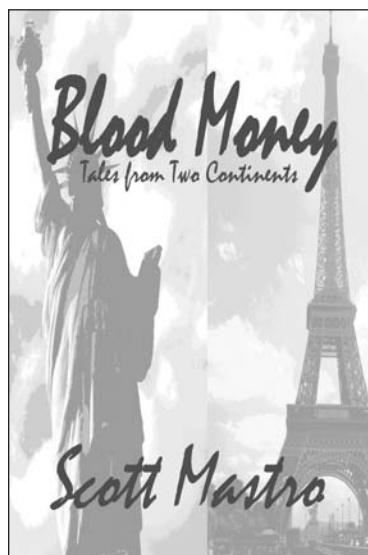
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Scott Mastro's 'Blood Money' rises above locale

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Somerville author Scott Mastro divides the short stories in his *Blood Money: Tales from Two Continents* chiefly between North America and Europe. This literary work came out earlier this year. The stories in the collection range from Hawaii, and the American South to France, Italy, and London. The characters of Mastro's work are like the average reader, outsiders, who are impelled to speak the way they do and act as a result of their localization; the readers look to the Southern, the Hawaiian or the Parisian for a portrait of humanity one has only heard about.

Mastro composes a rich tapestry with his narratives and use of dialogue, or occasionally the conscious absence of communication. Two young individuals, a Muslim and a Korean engage in an innocent romance with which the collection establishes the cosmopolitan fixtures of each chapter. During this first instance, which is Paris, very little except for physical intimacy is



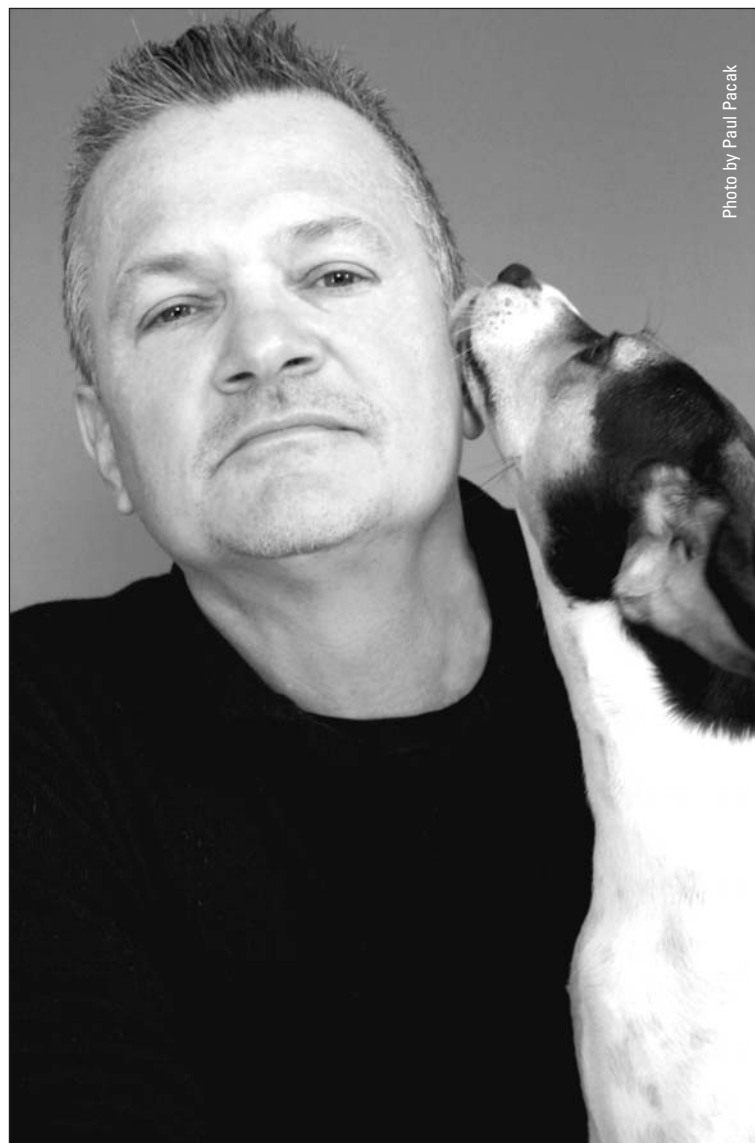
said and shared between the two guests. The allusion to the ancient storytelling tradition that traversed the old Silk Road, from the Middle East to Asia, centers itself around the two initial characters before the other short stories follow.

"At the river, they turned along a foot path that hugged the bank and stopped in the middle of a bridge to watch the water beneath them, suspended together in what Time could not touch." The publishing house that managed to grab a hold of Scott Mastro first was Hawaii's Savant Books and Publications. Hawaii is featured in the series, which includes the island in a tale of a Hawaiian man and his dog on a fishing trip. Like any good writer, Mastro slipped on the bait, dropped the line, and waited-it-out, until his patience paid off. "We like to say that Savant is all about sharing with readers the finest in enduring literature - stories with a twist - that, in their reading, enlarge our individual points of view of this incredible spinning ball, flying through space, that we inhabit and share together. In all three, *Blood Money* is a wonderful "fit" for Savant, and we're proud to have created an opportunity for the world to meet Mr. Scott Mastro," says Daniel S. Janik, publisher.

Each local pays off. The wealth of tone created by the dialogue or silence is immense. "Another point that attracted us to his manuscript, was his interest in linguistics, especially in writing as if the story were being told in "local slang" of the place and era," says Mr. Janik.

The reader discovers that a character like Professor Skoczek possesses an inner dialogue with his cat Szprotka, who, despite the Professor's absent-minded affection, prefers its own company and devices. Rarely are animal friends seen as objects of respective journeys, yet one expects them to greet each at the door after a hard day's work. The Professor attempts to enlist the aid of his little Polish village, like some pet-friendly militia made up of grandmother-shopkeepers and their granddaughters, epitomized representing their local scene with lines like, "We Hate History!" coming from the beautiful triplets; it's almost as if their refusal to pander to all of the Professor's whims parallels the Pink Floyd song, "We Don't Need No Education"; double-negatives aside they "don't need no thought control" either, but they will help the Professor find his lost companion. The Professor pleased as punch for the assistance in finding his pussycat, is on a high and tangent that surges past the beauty and the singularity of the three girls.

The serene is captured here in village life; in contrast, the claustrophobia of a major metropolitan life such as the Londoner Mr. Emm's is detailed in absurdist representations of the British Invasion of rock and roll, and even sketch comedy. With the mention of *Maxwell's Silver Hammer*, John and Paul's cartoon lyricism, and a sense of knighthood is transferred to the key character, who not only lives out the dreams of the Beatles, but also of other English nation-



Author Scott Mastro offers short stories spanning the globe with *Blood Money: Tales from Two Continents*.

als like Monty Python, and their clash of props and anachronisms. The charm of this short story is worth the price of the entire text for its creative driving force which uses popular culture and its hero as a fulcrum.

"Lost in the horrific image of his beloved Zoonie's Oxford education morphing into a two-year-associate-business-college-dental-assistant certificate. Mr. Emm didn't answer picturing his daughter with a six-year-old's teeth clenched to her tender hand".

Like a silent prayer, the ab-

surd middle-aged man, Mr. Emm wishes his daughter can hopefully assist in the pain and punishment of a bad set of teeth. It's the touch of humanity, and other character traits that both isolate and propel these characters; how can they maintain their trajectories, yet they must, lest Mr. Mastro cap his pen. In addition to *Blood Money* which is already out, director Arno Kuhlein is making Scott Mastro's play *Moon over Man groves* into a film, as of right now in pre-production.

The evil empire eyes Somerville

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consequences. Sometimes their deniability wears thin. On October 23, 2003, federal agents raided 61 Walmart stores in 21 states and arrested 250 undocumented workers. When Walmart blamed the contractors, federal investigators revealed wiretapped conversations showing that the executives knew the workers were illegal immigrants.

Some Walmart defenders say that a successful cost-leadership strategy obligates Walmart-style labor practices. But year after year, Costco, where 96% of workers enjoy good health insurance, is rated one of the best places to work in America. CEO Jim Sinegal says, "This is not altruistic. This is good business." He must be right, because Costco's stock trades at 25 times its annual earnings, while Wal-

mart's trades at 14.

Taxpayer Subsidies

Since Walmart does not pay for its employees' health insurance, you do. In 21 of the 23 states that have disclosed information, Walmart has the largest number of employees on Medicaid of any employer. In Massachusetts, over 5,000 Walmart employees and their dependents are on MassHealth.

Walmart's CEO confessed that, "In some of our states, the public program may actually be a better value." Yes, and a much better value for Walmart as well.

In 2010 Walmart was forced to admit that it had failed to pay \$3 billion in taxes on its prior fiscal-year earnings. And best estimates are that Walmart avoids paying \$245 million in taxes by deducting rent that it charges it-

self on property that it owns.

At one time, Walmart took out life insurance policies on janitors, cashiers, and stockers, making itself the beneficiary, and deducting the premiums as a business expense. The IRS subsequently closed the tax deduction and went after Walmart for back taxes.

False claims

The \$2.6 billion that Walmart spends annually on advertising often promotes false or misleading claims. The National Advertising Division of the Council of Better Business Bureaus is the Advertising Industry's policeman. It regularly cites Walmart for false advertising.

Walmart mobilizes lobbyists and orchestrates studies representing itself as a boon to humankind. For example, a widely

quoted Global Insight study paid for by Walmart claimed that the company's low prices save consumers \$263 billion annually, or \$2,329 per U.S. household. But independent economists find that this statistical analysis "fails the most rudimentary sensitivity checks."

When Walmart can't get its way by using campaign contributions, lobbyists, and lawyers, it's not above bribery and cover-up. In April, the New York Times reported that Walmart's Mexican subsidiary had paid bribes to government officials totaling more than \$24 million. The company had known about it since 2005, but had closed down its internal investigation, covered up its findings, and promoted executives responsible for it.

When the news broke, Mayor

Curtatone went on CNBC to insist that, in his experience, Walmart had been completely forthright, honest, and open. He added that he was excited to learn from the world's largest retailer.

The foregoing merely scratches the surface of Walmart's systematic wrongdoing. Nor is there room to analyze its supplier abuse, environmental destruction, product selection, impact on American manufacturers, or use of foreign sweatshops and prison labor. But you get the idea.

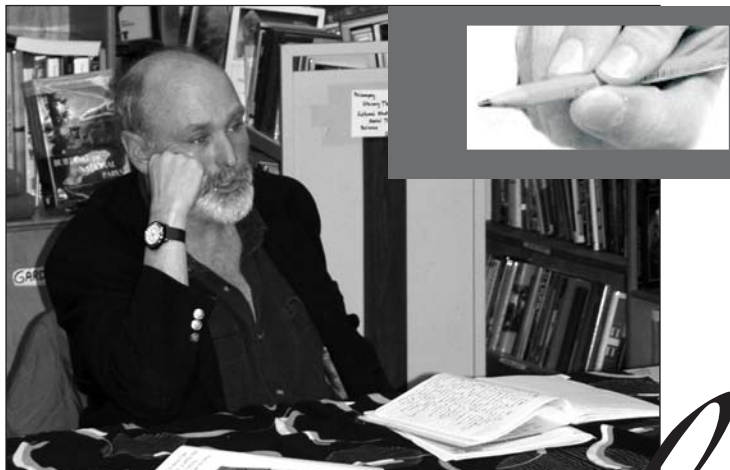
On Friday, Walmart's spokesman explained that that the company had decided that Somerville and Walmart stores would not be sufficiently profitable. Indeed, profit maximization is the only basis on which the company makes a decision.

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, June 20		5:00	Ablevision	10:00	Tele Galaxie	7:00	Creating Cooperative Kids
12:00	Free Speech TV	5:30pm	Culture Club	11:00	Dead Air Live	8:00	Democracy Now!
6:00	Somerville Biking	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	12:00	Reeling: the Movie Review Show	9:00	Gay TV
7:00	Drug Awareness	7:30pm	Greater Somerville W Joe Lynch	12:30	Somerville Housing Authority	10:00	Somerville Newspaper Reading
8:00	Democracy Now!	8:00 (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	10:30	Nosse Gente e Costumes
9:00	Abugida TV	9:30	The Nicole Review	2:00	Henry Parker Presents...	12:00	Democracy Now!
11:00	Somerville News Reading	10:00	Somerville Rocks	3:00 (LIVE)	Marc Biennestin	1:00	Ablevision
12:00	Democracy Now!	10:30	National Wildlife Foundation	4:00pm	Most Interesting Place	1:30	Somerville Housing Authority
1:00	Somerville: Back In The Day	11:00	Creepy Castle	4:30pm	Back In The Day	2:00	Somerville: Most Interesting Place
1:30	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	11:30	How to Travel the World Free	5:00	Tele Kreyol	2:30	Somerville Back In The Day
2:00	Culture Club	Friday, June 22		6:00pm	Culture Club	3:00	Exercise With Robyn & Max
2:30	Life Matters	12:00	Free Speech TV	7:00	AARP	3:30	Esoteric Science
3:00 (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	6:00	Live Response	8:00	David Parkman	4:00	The Thom Hartmann
3:30	Inside Talk	7:00	Culture Club	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:00	Culture Club
4:00	Thom Hartman show	7:30	Talking About Somerville	10:00	Sonic Lobotomy	5:30	Talking About Somerville
5:00	Neighborhood Cooking	8:00	Democracy Now!	10:30	Somerville Rocks	6:00	Al Jazeera TV
5:30	Cooking w/Georgia & Dez	9:00	Truth About Drugs	11:00pm	GAY TV	9:00	Dedilhando A Saudade
6:00	Al Jazeera	10:00	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Sunday, June 24		10:00	Bate Papo con Shirley
7:00 (LIVE)	Chita Tande	11:00	Back In The Day	12:00	Free Speech TV	11:00	Somerville Rocks
8:00 (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	11:30	Somerville Housing	7:00	Semando Vida	Tuesday, June 26	
8:30 (LIVE)	Grasping Nature	12:00	Democracy Now!	7:30	National Wildlife Foundation	12:00	Free Speech TV
9:00	Somerville Rocks	1:00	Never 2 Late 2 Play	8:00	Eckankar	6:00	Anti-Drug Program
9:30	Shrink Rap	1:30	Somerville Housing Authority	9:00	Heritage Baptist Church	7:00	Perils For Pedestrians
10:00	Mystic Learning Center	2:00	Neighborhood Cooking W/ Candy	10:00	International Church of God	7:30	The Struggle
11:00	The Garage	2:30	Cooking W/ Georgia	11:00	The Commonwealth Report	8:00	Democracy Now!
11:30	The Literary Scene	3:00	Brunch W/Senator Sanders	11:30	Somerville Housing	9:00	Somerville News Reading
Thursday, June 21		4:00	Thom Hartmann Show	12:00	The Entertainer Show	10:00	Tele Kreyol
12:00	Free Speech TV	5:00	National Wildlife Foundation	12:30	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	11:00	Talking About Somerville
6:00	Live Response	5:30	Art@SCATV	1:00	The Tish MacIntosh Show	12:00	Democracy Now!
7:00	Healthy Hypnosis	6:00	Al Jazeera TV	1:30	How To Travel The World Free	1:00	The Commonwealth Report
7:00	Physician Focus	7:00	Real Estate Answer Show	2:00	Effort Pour Christ	1:30	Somerville Housing
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10:30	Jeff Jam Sing Along	9:30	Bandwidth TV	5:00	Ethiopian Satellite TV	5:00 (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
11:00	Creating Cooperative Kids	10:00	Jeff TV	6:00	Abugida TV	6:00	Al Jazeera
12:00	Democracy Now!	11:00	Somerville Rocks	7:00	African National TV	7:00	Art @ SCAT
1:00	African Television	Saturday, June 23		9:00	Active Aging	7:30 (LIVE)	Greater Somerville W/Joe Lynch
2:00	Talking About Somerville	12:00	Free Speech TV	10:00	AARP	8:00 (LIVE)	Dead Air Live
2:30	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	6:00	Arabic Hour	11:30	SCATV	9:00	Somerville Biking News
3:00	Somerville: Back in the Day	7:00	Creating Cooperative Kids	Monday, June 25		10:00	Perils For Pedestrians
3:30	Art @ SCATV	8:00	Jeff Jam Show	12:00	Free Speech TV	10:30	The Gerry Leone Show
4:00	Thom Hartmann	9:00	Festival Kreyol	6:00	Atheist Viewpoint	11:00	Talking About Somerville

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, June 20		1:40am: (13/16)	Memorial Day Parade 2012	12:00am: (13/16)	SomerStreets - E. Somerville	1:25pm: (13/16)	PorchFest 2012
9:00am: (13/16)	Medication Tips for Seniors	2:25am: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	12:00am: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation	7:00pm: (13/16)	Medication Tips for Seniors
9:00am: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	9:00am: (13/16)	Life Stories from Somerville	12:10am: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff
11:30am: (15)	Show 'Em & Tell 'Em	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:40am: (13/16)	Medication Tips for Seniors	7:30pm: (15)	Highlander Forum
12:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 6.18.12	12:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets - E. Somerville	1:20am: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Meeting - 6.21.12	7:40pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville
1:20pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:00pm: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation	1:20am: (15)	Middle School Basketball Championship	8:00pm: (15)	ESCS Spring Concert at SHS
1:50pm: (15)	Vocational Ed. Awards 2012	12:10pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	8:10pm: (13/16)	Memorial Day Parade 2012
7:00pm: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Meeting - 6.19.12	12:40pm: (13/16)	Medication Tips for Seniors	12:00pm: (15)	WSNS Moving On Ceremony	9:40pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets - E. Somerville
7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:20pm: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Meeting - 6.21.12	12:30pm: (13/16)	Taste of Somerville	Tuesday, June 26	
7:30pm: (15)	Middle School Basketball Championship	1:20pm: (15)	Middle School Basketball Championship	12:40pm: (13/16)	Life Stories from Somerville	12:00am: (13/16)	Medication Tips for Seniors
9:00pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	7:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets - E. Somerville	1:00pm: (15)	Kindergarten Concert at Capuano	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff
Thursday, June 21		7:00pm: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation	1:30pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:30am: (15)	Highlander Forum
12:00am: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Meeting - 6.19.12	7:10pm: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville	1:40pm: (13/16)	Historic Preservation Awards	12:40am: (13/16)	Voices of Somerville
12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	7:40pm: (13/16)	Medication Tips for Seniors	2:00pm: (15)	An Evening of Song	1:00am: (15)	ESCS Spring Concert at SHS
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1:00pm: (13/16)	Milk Row Cemetery Tour	1:20am: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Meeting - 6.21.12	9:00pm: (15)	An Evening of Song	12:30pm: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12
1:50pm: (15)	SCALE Graduation	1:20am: (15)	Middle School Basketball Championship	Monday, June 25		1:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update
7:00pm: (13/16)	Life Stories from Somerville	1:20am: (15)	Middle School Basketball Championship	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	1:00pm: (15)	ESCS Spring Concert at SHS
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8:25pm: (15)	Spring Concert at Argenziano School	12:40pm: (13/16)	Medication Tips for Seniors	1:00am: (15)	Kindergarten Concert at Capuano	7:30pm: (13/16)	Sit & Be Fit: Overall Workout II
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Friday, June 22		2:00am: (15)	An Evening of Song	2:00am: (15)	An Evening of Song	8:00pm: (15)	Kindergarten Concert at Capuano
12:00am: (13/16)	Life Stories from Somerville	7:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets - E. Somerville	9:00am: (13/16)	SomerStreets - East Somerville	8:30pm: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation
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Sunday, June 24		8:20pm: (15)	Middle School Basketball Championship	12:30pm: (15)	Show 'Em & Tell 'Em	1:00am: (13/16)	Historic Preservation Awards
				1:10pm: (15)	City-Wide Track Meet	1:00am: (15)	Kindergarten Concert at Capuano
						1:30am: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

It's Tough Being A Writer

I wrote this speech for a recent Grolier Book Shop fundraiser at the Bloc 11 Cafe in Union Square. Hope you enjoy it...

It's tough being a writer. In my case even when I was born I was so ugly the doctors slapped my mother instead of me. My own father, not a literary man mind you, said "What a treasure, let's bury it!" I remember the tender moments with him though. He once said to me with love in his expressive eyes: "You are in the flower of young manhood Doug--you are a blooming idiot."

And I could never keep a job. I once had a good gig at an orange juice factory--but I couldn't concentrate. I mean even in restaurants I have trouble. I ordered a bowl soup at Bloc 11, and I told the counter person there was a fly in it, she replied "We'll charge you extra." I said: "Ok give me pork chops, and make 'em lean." She said "Which way?" Since I live in my head so much--I am socially awkward. I don't know what to say in certain situations. I mean I went into an antique store and said "What's new?"

I don't make much money--a few teaching gigs here and there and a night shift at the local mental hospital. Paycheck to paycheck...get my drift? So I don't live in the best neighborhood. Where I live they don't ask you the time they just take your watch.



And god forbid if the mandarins should ever compliment my work! For god-sakes I translated the works of Eliot into English!

You know its good to live with a creative partner--take my wife... please! Well I am a poor writer--I don't know if I told you this, and my wife needs plastic surgery--we had to cut her credit cards.

So I am on my last legs. I go to a psychiatrist, and I say Doc "I going to kill myself" (I mean all the big deal poets have said that at one time, right?) He said "Pay in advance." I cried "I am in psychic pain!" He looked at me with that studied, compassionate expression and said "Go to the window, and release your tongue." I said "What's that going to do?" "Nothing," he said "I hate the guy across the street."

Bikes are everywhere CONT. FROM PG 9

injury. Bikes need to know and use hand signals. There is no contest when it comes between a bike and a car. Any distractions can lead to danger. The bikes have to pay attention and the drivers have to be sharp also. Texting, cell phone conversations, fighting kids, or out of control pets have no business in an automobile. And when driving please be super aware of what is on either side of your vehicle. Bikes are literally coming out of nowhere. I

know because I drive the length of the 'Ville several times a day every day.

Everybody just be nice and we will all be safer.

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

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Fourth of July Fireworks, Family Fun Day, SomerStreets, SomerMovies, ArtBeat and More Included in City's 2012 Summer Celebrations

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone invites you to celebrate Summertime in Somerville, beginning with two Independence Day celebrations at Trum Field, Thursday, June 28th and Saturday, June 30th. These events officially kick off the summer events season, which includes the annual SomerMovie Fest series, Somerville Sunsetters performances, ArtBeat, the Mayor's Senior Picnic, and the continuation of the annual SomerStreets series. All events are free of charge and open to the general public, as follows:

- ♦ Thursday, June 28th, 6 - 10pm: **Fireworks at Trum Field** (rain date July 5th)
- ♦ Saturday, June 30th, noon - 5pm: **Family Fun Day** (rain date July 1st)
- ♦ Friday & Saturday, July 20th & July 21st: **ArtBeat in Davis Sq.**
- ♦ Sunday, July 29th, noon - 4pm: **SomerStreets "Seize the Summer"** on Highland Avenue (Walnut Street to Cedar Street)
- ♦ Sunday, August 19th, noon- 4pm: **SomerStreets "Going Green on Route 16"** (Dilboy Field to Broadway)
- ♦ Wednesday, August 8th, 11am: **Mayor's Senior Picnic**

More information on each event, including Sunsetters performance schedules and SomerMovie Fest lineup, can be found on the City's website, www.somervillema.gov.

I once saw a hilarious skit on *Saturday Night Live*. A deranged counselor talking to a student said: "So you want to be a writer, huh? Well-La-De-Freakin'-da." Now my colleague at Endicott College Professor Dan Sklar is a serious writer but he doesn't take himself too seriously. Here is a poem to explain his point of view to you.



ARE YOU SERIOUS ABOUT YOUR WRITING?

Actually I am
not serious
about my writing.
I never was.
If anything
I am silly about
my writing.
I do not need
comprehensive lists
of grants & awards
with prominent
writers to inspire me.
My kids jumping
inspire me enough.
A cup of tea
inspires me enough.
I do not need leads
on contests and
conferences and
writers colonies.
I am more interested
in ant colonies and
the straggler ants
who will not join.
I take one look at
Poets and Writers
Magazine and ...

— Dan Sklar

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