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Disunion in Union Square

Controversy surrounds affordable housing project

Photo courtesy of Dimella Schaffner



An architect's rendering of the building planned for 181 Washington Street.

By Elizabeth Sheeran

Conflict over a planned Union Square affordable housing development has grown so heated, the mayor is enlisting professional mediators to cool things down.

At the center of the controversy is a proposed five-story, 40-unit apartment complex that the Somerville Community Corporation (SCC) plans to build at 181 Washington Street, the former Boys and Girls Club site. SCC Director Danny Leblanc said the project supports the non-profit's mission to increase affordable housing options in Somerville.

"We're trying to maintain the economic diversity that we enjoy in the community today," said Leblanc. "We're trying to do everything we can to enable moderate and low income residents to stay here, to sustain a Somerville that can be for everyone."

He said the SCC bought the property because it was priced right to make an affordable housing project workable with a combination of grants, subsidies and tax credits. As planned, the Washington Street Apartments will have a mix of one-, two- and three-

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Raise your art rate

ArtBeat comes to Davis Square this weekend

By Elizabeth Sheeran

It's already a hotspot for entertainment and cultural pursuits. But Davis Square will step up its game still further this weekend for ArtBeat, a two-day celebration of all things creative and artistic.

This isn't just any old cookie-cutter summer arts festival, said Rachel Strutt of the Somerville Arts Council. It's a genuine community event that showcases local artists.

"We're lucky in Somerville that we can tap into such an incredibly diverse, creative pool of innovative artists," said Strutt.

The festivities kick off at 6 p.m. Friday with an eclectic line up of music onstage in Seven Hills Park, behind Somerville Theater. The evening opens with the jazz and big band-era sounds of the Jazzabelles, followed by the Klezwoods' modern take on Klezmer, and the psychedelic experimental music of Ghost Box Orchestra. Award-winning electronic hip-hop act Big Digits will cap off the night.

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Photo by Christina M. Acosta

ArtBeat hits the streets this coming weekend.

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NEWTALK

The annual ArtBeat event is this weekend, starting Friday evening at Seven Hill Park at 6p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Davis Square starting at 11 a.m. going through to 6 p.m. It's our largest and most innovative arts festival, complete with two stages of music with over 15 bands, dance troupes, lots of crafts and food booths.

On June 28, the day of the fireworks here in Somerville, Jaspreet Dhaliwal, age 12, of Morton Street here in Somerville, flagged down a police officer and turned over a wallet containing almost \$500 that he found at WHCS. The next day a 21-year-old former student at the WHCS, who now resides in Malden and was in town for the fireworks, got his wallet back and was extremely pleased. We here at The News hope that the owner of the wallet rewarded Jaspreet for his good deed. We think Jaspreet is one heck of a good guy. If you see him tell him how nice what he did was.

Rumor has it from reliable sources that Senator Pat Jehlen was just notified that her Chief of Staff Bob Fitzpatrick is leaving her office to go and work in some quasi public/private company in Boston. She has lost a couple of Chief of Staff members over her short tenure as Senator. Maybe it's the work environment?

Well, the staff of The News did have breakfast last week at Renee's in Teele Square and we give it a big thumbs. We loved the hash, which was real homemade and extremely delicious - like mom used to make. Also try the French toast with grilled banana, it melts in your mouth. The service was excellent, of course. It was that well-known Patty Oppedisano who waited on us. As the winner two years in a row of Best of Somerville Waitress, we think she's in the running again for the third time. In any case, visit Renee's in Teele

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Comments of the Week

Response to *How to save money on regional transportation: Just do it*

Joe Lynch says:

I agree with the Mayor on this one. But let's not kick the can down the road by not building the GreenLine all the way to Medford. By 2018.

If the intent is to serve the most amount of people, thereby reducing the vehicle omissions that hurt us, building the main line FIRST (from Lechmere to Medford) serves that purpose.

The proposed phasing (from Lechmere to Union) does not serve that purpose. I get that the Mayor wants the revenue from the re-zoned, property tax enhanced Union/Brickbottom/Innerbelt area, but the numbers don't support the argument he and Congressman Capuano are making.

You serve the most amount of people on the main line and the cost is only slightly more than the Lechmere/Washington/bridge reconstruction/eminent domain/ re-zoned Union Sq. district. I know this approach may not be popular, but then neither am I in some circles

Ray Spitzer says:

The more I think about it and the more it seems like a scam! ... Besides, how many people are really going to use the clunky and slow Green Line?...

Meme says:

I havnt seen any studies or figures on the noise pollution. Having the commuter rail go by on those tracks twice an hour is one thing, but the green line twice every five min is something else. Do they plan on covering it (where it goes under the cedar st bridge for example), or managing the sound in another way?

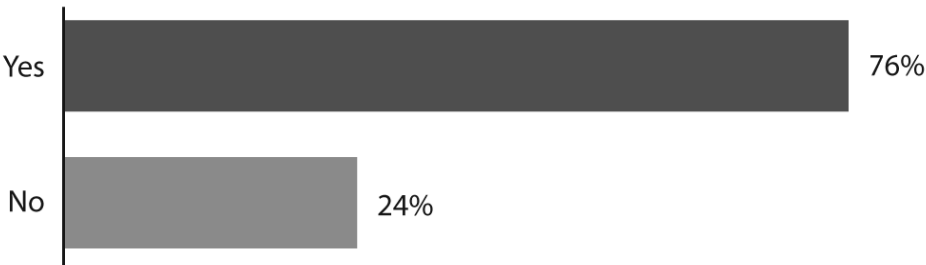
Having Somerville sound like Comm Ave would not be nice.

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you like the convenience of being able to get something to eat from a food truck. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you like the convenience of being able to get something to eat from a food truck?



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Food trucks may be licensed in Somerville

By Cathleen Twardzik

At a recent Legislative Matters Committee meeting in Somerville, the agenda included a discussion about allowing food trucks to be licensed in the city.

The issue was first articulated by the city earlier in 2012. "There was a public hearing held at that meeting where we took testimonies of different folks. The main point on this is, do we let these trucks into central business districts when they may hurt other businesses that are established there, or do we let them in at just certain times? How do we keep up the inspections of these trucks with health inspectors if they have a hard time getting to the restaurants that they're supposed to get to?" said Bruce Desmond, Alderman at Large.

The discussion at the meeting involved the formation of a task force to research the "best practices" for the initiative's completion, which would occur next year; the "municipal" restrictions of food trucks; a guarantee of the economic strength of Union Square and Davis Square, starting with a pilot program; the importance of regulation; the offer of a fair process, which would be "relative" to locations; and the "ef-

fects" on existing businesses, according to the meeting minutes.

Various aspects of the proposed ordinance were explored. Among them were the regulation of state-licensed food vendors; their definitions; the crucial nature of background checks; the effect of the ordinance on current mobile food vendors, all of whom are already operating in Somerville; the hours of operation; the nutritional grading of the food, meals and other taxes; the funding which is needed to support the initiative; the license fees; and cleanliness.

The law department was requested to scrutinize the prospect of requiring real estate taxes to be paid by the locations which will be used, as well as to investigate which additional permits may be compulsory.

"I am also concerned [about] the system to award these licenses. I am not sure first come, first served should be the system, and possibly a discussion about benefits to Somerville and a 'cap' would be valuable," said Ward 1 Alderman William Roche.

It is essential to note that, "There are some food trucks better equipped than most restaurants, and some that pollute the air around them with exhaust fumes, etc. I only



A food truck is present in Somerville from Davis Square's Kickass Cupcakes.

want state-of-the-art technology equipped trucks," he said.

Although Roche has some concerns about food trucks, he will attend "the hearings with an open mind with my constituents' best interests in mind."

"Because this item remains in committee, it will be up to the Board of Aldermen to decide whether to approve a pilot program and to decide what criteria will be used. The city will provide the information they have requested in order to make those determinations," said Tom Champion, City Spokesman.

"How are [the trucks] taxed? I can see where they could be an asset to a community, but we need to make sure that we can control" what the trucks are allowed to do, according to Desmond.

Additional individuals who were present at the meeting showed concern about the food trucks venturing into residential neighborhoods.

"My personal view is that food trucks can be a constructive and successful addition to the Somerville dining and street-life scene. My hope is that we can

give them a meaningful tryout that allows them to operate in our squares and adjacent to our parks. I'm also very open to the idea that food trucks be allowed to operate well into the evening in high-traffic areas where there is already late-night activity. At the same time, I want to make sure that food trucks operating in Somerville engage with the city on our Shape Up Somerville initiative by offering healthy menu items that are consistent with the types of cuisine they serve," said Mayor Curtatone, in a July 11 statement.

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Elsewhere in the park on Friday evening will be Luminarium Dance, a performance fusing light and movement, as well as a chance to get creative with a festival-themed art project.

"The whole thing is going to be family friendly, but it's going to get a little more raucous as the night wears on," said Strutt.

ArtBeat continues at midday on Saturday, when the streets of Davis Square will be teem-

ing with food and craft vendors, art installations and hands-on activities.

Saturday's performance roster spans five different stages throughout the Square: A dance showcase in Somerville Theatre, puppetry and storytelling in Davis Square Theater, a mix of homegrown and international musical styles in Seven Hills Park and at the corner of Elm and Chester

Streets, and a program in Elm Street Plaza that ranges from poetry to the Sunsetters youth vocal group.

Strutt said organizers try to keep things fresh each year by challenging artists to creatively interpret a unique theme. Festival-goers will be part of bringing this year's "migration" theme to life, by joining in the Migratory Movements Parade, creating sidewalk chalk images

of migratory birds, giving rides to paper butterflies "migrating" around the festival, and mapping their own migration as human animals.

All the events are free and open to all, although participants are encouraged to sport \$3 ArtBeat dog tags to show their support for the festival. Strutt said dog tag sales help fund the annual event, along with the generosity of local businesses. "It's very

much an event that's by the community, for the community," said Strutt.

ArtBeat will take place in and around Davis Square from 6 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, July 20, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 21. In the event of rain on either Friday or Saturday, the schedule of events will shift by one day. More information is online at www.somervilleartscouncil.org.



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| Saturday 7/28: | Patsy Hamel Band 6 p.m. Max Jeffers, Dan HL,
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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Somerville home invasion, beating

A Gilman St. resident phoned police last Friday to report that his home had been forcibly entered and that he had been beaten on the previous day.

Upon questioning, the alleged victim told police that he had answered his door on Thursday and saw two men that he had

been acquainted with in the past, and noticed that one of the men was carrying a Machette.

The alleged victim tried to close the door but the suspects reportedly forced their way inside and assaulted the man, striking him repeatedly and breaking the cane that he uses to

aid his walking.

The alleged victim said that the two men apparently believed that he was in possession of a stolen necklace belonging to a girlfriend of one of the men. He further said that he was threatened with more beatings if he reported the incident to police.

The man went to the hospital for treatment but never mentioned the cause of his injuries.

Friends and witnesses reportedly convinced the man to call police and report the incident.

Both suspects were located by police and placed under arrest.

Marc Maisano, 54, was

charged with conspiracy, witness intimidation, kidnapping, and home invasion.

Daniel Gentile, 52, was charged with conspiracy, witness intimidation, kidnapping, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and home invasion.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

A juvenile, July 9, 9:54 a.m., arrested at 104 Wheatland St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Daniel McLean, 54, of 268 Washington St., July 9, 5:11 p.m., arrested at Stone Ave. on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

Edwin Grossett, 28, July 9, 6:11 p.m., arrested at 125C Alewife Brook Pkwy. on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Dener Fernandez, 40, of 83 Summer St., July 9, 6:32 p.m., arrested at 64 Union Sq. on charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Yenarmin Ramirez, 39, of 111 Walnut St., July 10, 10:51 a.m., arrested at 22 Dana St. on a warrant charge of uninsured motor vehicle.

Marie Coady, 62, of 4 Washington Ave., July 10, 11:51 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of leaving the scene of property damage and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Tobi Mirdik, 37, of 37 Dunstable St., Charlestown, July 10, 2:02 p.m., arrested at Myrtle St. on charges of drug violation near a school or park, drug possession to distribute, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to violate drug law, and marked lanes violation.

Edward Cottier, 44, of 37 Harvard St., July 10, 6:28 p.m., arrested at 51 Central St. on a charge of harassment prevention order violation.

William Cruz, 22, of 124 Walnut St., July 10, 6:40 p.m., arrested at 44 Broadway on a warrant charge of assault and battery on a public employee.

Julio Pires, 28, of 18 Johnson Ct., Brockton, July 10, 8:19 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex

Ave. on charges of possession of a burglarious instrument and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Joao Desouza, 52, of 248 Broadway, July 10, 9:09 p.m., arrested at Montgomery Ave. on charges of possession of a class B drug and resisting arrest.

Corey McClintic, 28, of 9 Jaques St., July 11, 11:27 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of larceny from a building and larceny from a person over 65.

Adam Rodrigues, 22, of 124 Manning St., Hudson, July 11, 11:27 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Herrington Placides, 33, of 302 Lowell St., July 11, 11:37 a.m., arrested at 495 Medford St. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Daniel Ryan, 47, July 11, 12:15 p.m., arrested at 10 Cross St. on warrant charges of trespassing and disorderly conduct.

Wilfredo Velasquez, 31, of 34 North St., July 11, 6:08 p.m., arrested at 561A Broadway on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon and drug possession to distribute.

Sandy Moura, 25, of 6 Wellington Ave., July 12, 12:49 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Toure Penn-Foster, 26, of 217 Auburn St., Cambridge, July 12, 3:56 p.m., arrested at 10 Memorial Rd. on charges of receiving stolen property, defacing property, resisting arrest, assault and battery on a police officer, failure to keep right for an oncoming motor vehicle, and failure to stop for police.

John Howard, 42, of 223 Geneva Ave., Dorchester, July 12, 10:54 p.m., arrested at 185 Somerville Ave. on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a

revoked license and operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Jason Coke, 35, of 17 Mason St., July 13, 1:42 a.m., arrested at 21 Mason St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Ralph Wade, 38, of 279 Walden St., Cambridge, July 13, 10:31 a.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on charges of distributing a class D drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Michael Cooper, 31, of 399 Broadway, July 13, 10:31 a.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on charges of possession of a class D drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Frank Whitney, 27, of 103 Electric Ave., July 13, 4:13 p.m., arrested at 15 Rush St. on charges of drug possession to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug violation near a school or park.

Virginia Hussey, 26, of 15 Rush St., July 13, 4:13 p.m., arrested at home on charges of drug possession to distribute, conspiracy to violate drug law, and drug violation near a school or park.

Marc Maisano, 54, of 3468 Jupiter Blvd., S.E. Palm Beach, FL, July 13, 4:31 p.m., arrested at 40 Florence St. on charges of conspiracy, witness intimidation, kidnapping, and home invasion.

Daniel Gentile, 52, of 40 Florence St., July 13, 4:31 p.m., arrested at home on charges of conspiracy, witness intimidation, kidnapping, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and home invasion.

Christopher Kudlack, 22, of 36 Sunset Rd., July 14, 2:55 a.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a charge of felony nighttime breaking and entering.

Jeffrey Western, 50, of 17 Glen St., July 14, 5:06 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of fugitive from justice.

Elaine Monohan, 39, July 14, 6:40 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Ibrahim Muhammad, 20, of 14 Otis St., July 15, 12:22 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of unarmed robbery.

Elizabeth Norena, 19, of 79 Derby St., July 16, 12:53 a.m., arrested at 15B Memorial Rd. on a charge of assault and battery.

Incidents:

Theft:

July 10, 2:58 p.m., police reported a theft at Gordon St.

July 10, 8:19 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

July 11, 1:44 p.m., police reported a theft at 91 Highland Ave.

July 11, 3:22 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

July 11, 9:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Church St.

July 12, 9:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Summer St.

July 13, 11:02 a.m., police reported a theft at Oliver St.

July 13, 2:26 p.m., police reported a theft at Cooney St.

July 13, 7:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Willow Ave.

July 13, 7:57 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

July 14, 8:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Cameron Ave.

July 15, 10:29 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

Robbery:

July 13, 11:15 p.m., police reported a robbery at Otis Pkwy.

July 14, 12:59 a.m., police reported a robbery at Irving St.

July 15, 12:24 a.m., police reported a robbery at 709 McGrath Hwy.

Breaking & Entering:

July 11, 10:37 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Hall St.

July 11, 12:54 p.m., police re-

ported a breaking & entering at Harold St.

July 13, 3:31 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Memorial Rd.

July 13, 2:09 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Ave.

July 13, 4:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Medford St.

July 14, 2:41 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Kidder Ave.

July 15, 6:49 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Foskett St.

Vehicle Theft:

July 13, 8:54 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Vinal Ave.

July 13, 4:09 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Middlesex Ave.

Assault:

July 10, 3:20 a.m., police reported an assault at Somerville Ave.

July 11, 11:37 a.m., police reported an assault at Medford St.

July 12, 12:49 a.m., police reported an assault at Wellington Ave.

July 12, 3:56 p.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

July 13, 1:42 a.m., police reported an assault at Mason St.

July 13, 10:10 a.m., police reported an assault at Alewife Brook Pkwy.

July 15, 3:56 p.m., police reported an assault at 230 Highland Ave.

Drug Violation:

July 10, 9:09 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Montgomery Ave.

July 13, 10:31 p.m., police reported a drug violation at 180 Somerville Ave.

July 13, 4:13 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Rush St.

Great Urban Campout

By Allison Caloggero

The City of Somerville's Recreation Department and parent volunteers will host their third annual urban campout on Saturday, July 28, through Sunday, July 29, at the Lincoln Park soccer field in Somerville. The event will feature campfire songs, s'mores, stories, and lots of other activities.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Campers should setup their tents and other camping gear anytime after 12:00 pm on Saturday, July 28. Campers should bring basic needs for camping such as tents, air mattresses, and chairs, along with instruments and, of course, stories to share. Non-campers are also welcome to join in afternoon and evening activities.

Grills and portable fire pits will be available, so attendees should bring food to grill, marshmallows to roast over the



fire, and a potluck dish to share with fellow campers. In the morning, after a long night of camping, there will be a pancake breakfast with coffee.

Bathrooms will be available. Adult supervision and police will be present throughout the event. There will be a police officer on site and the Somerville Police will also send a cruiser by regularly throughout the night.

If rain is forecasted for Saturday the campout will be held on Friday, July 27. If rain is in the forecast for both days the campout will be cancelled.

If you have any questions you may contact Stephanie Hirsch at shirsch@sprynet.com or at 617-512-4847. You may also visit www.lincolnpark-somerville.com for more information.

Sheriff's Office Training Academy Graduation

53 new corrections officers graduate

Last week Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian welcomed 53 new officers to the Middlesex Sheriff's Office in a ceremony at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. Among the graduates was Ducakis Germain of Somerville.

Sheriff Koutoujian told those in attendance it's his mission to educate the public about the work of corrections officers. "Corrections officers should be recognized in the way fire fighters and police officers are," said Sheriff Koutoujian. "My job is to shed light on the work you do every day."

After being named Sheriff in 2011, Koutoujian made it his top priority to increase the number of academy trained officers and announced plans for the department's first basic training academy since 2008. Koutoujian only opened the academy to those officers who already had been working at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office, most of whom were working on a temporary basis.



"Corrections officers should be recognized in the way fire fighters and police officers are..."

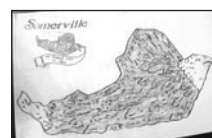
Prior to today's graduation, 1 out of 4 officers serving at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office were not academy trained due to consecutive years of budget cuts. The 53 graduates of to-

day's 35th Basic Training Academy will reduce that number by 50%.

Sheriff Koutoujian specifically recognized Officer Robert Bell who was a temporary officer for six-and-a-half-years, as well as Officers Gregory Petto and Shawn Flynn who were temporary officers for five years.

"Your determination and drive for this field is what led you here today," Koutoujian said. "Your career starts today. So do the right thing. Participate. Lead."

The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle Feathers #5

Knock Knock...Who's There?

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

When I was a kid, Saturday was business day of the week. Houses were bombarded by door-to-door delivery or salespeople. We would see a parade of professionals that would include the milkman, the bread man, the egg man, the paperboy and a host of other merchants. The most memorable of these characters for me was the one who would give free gifts before he made his sales pitch - the Fuller Brush man. In the year 1903, at the age of 18, Alfred Fuller moved from Nova Scotia, Canada, to Somerville, MA. The fifth of his siblings to migrate south because there was no future at home other than working on a farm, he moved in with his sister at 21 Windham Street, right outside of Davis Square.

He occupied 3 different jobs, all of which he was fired from. He was a train conductor, a handyman and a teamster. In 1905, he decided to take a job as a brush and mop salesman. He took a liking to this line of work and decided to start his own business.

Fuller saw a gap in the brush market and started to make types of brushes that were not being produced at the time. He manufactured these brushes in his sister's basement. Money was hard to come by and his sister was not happy with the fact that he spent \$3.75 on a gas lamp that would allow him the light necessary to commence creating his products.



His business opened its door on January 1, 1906. By the year 1918, business was booming and the Fuller Brush Company was boasting \$800,000 in annual sales. By the year 1923, that number had risen to approximately 15 million.

The Fuller Brush Company was a stunning success. It quickly became a household name. Fuller insisted that his business represent values that he personally held dear, which included professionalism, honesty and impeccable customer service. Tens of thousands of young men put themselves through college by working for Fuller during their summers.

The company was propelled to the height of popularity. It became much more than just a brush company. Its brand succeeded in leaving a mark on American culture. In 1948, Red Skelton starred in *The Fuller Brush Man*, a comedy about a door-to-door salesman for the Fuller Brush Company. In 1950, *The Fuller Brush Woman* hit theaters starring Lucille Ball as a girl who goes door-to-door selling cosmetics for Fuller Brush. Many people credit *The Fuller Brush Woman* as the film that sparked our love for Lucy.

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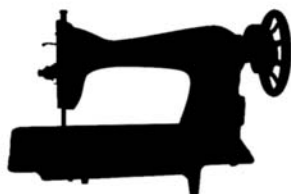
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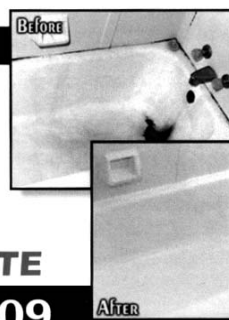
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'Escape' to Brickbottom members' exhibition

By Tatiana Kombo

This summer, the Brickbottom Artist Association (BAA) is having a member's exhibition based on the theme of escaping. Works including photography, painting and printmaking, among other forms of artistic narration, will be on display at the Brickbottom Gallery in Somerville through August 18.

Jen Fries, one of the exhibiting artists and a New Yorker by birth, has lived and worked in East Somerville for the past eleven years. She refers to herself as a "storyteller." Indeed, she states that "the trick is I don't like very much to tell what the stories are. I prefer to let the viewers do that." The piece she is showing at the Brickbottom Gallery was made in 2010, and is entitled *The Diver*. Fries refers to it as a "a collage constructed of found images, decorative papers, and objects." She describes her piece, stating that "It was inspired by watching Olympic divers in competition over the years, and I hope it captures all the possible contexts attached to that moment when the diver leaves the board and does what she's going to do: energy, passion, freedom, danger, hope, commitment, motion and emotion." *The Diver*, much like other works and in-



New York City transplant Jen Fries utilizes a storytelling approach in her art. *The Diver* is intended to convey a sense of "taking a leap."

stallations at the exhibition, is "about taking a leap."

Daniela desLauriers, another member of the BAA, is also exhibiting her work this summer. The piece she is showing, "a group of small ceramic sculptures, three adults, one child, one dog," is entitled *Rain*. She explains, "While the adults try to cover up and escape the rain, the kid is enjoying it. It has be-

come oblivious to its surroundings escaping to its own world." In a sense, *Rain* serves as a reminder "to keep an open mind and to allow yourself to sometime step away and embrace the moment."

For more information about Brickbottom Artists Association and their activities visit the online at http://brickbottomartists.com/BAA_gallery.

All the way from Brazil to the 'Ville



Visiting Somerville from Belo Horizonte Brazil for the summer are (pictured left to right) Bruna Mota, Marco Tulio Mariano, Marli Braga, (their host here in Somerville Marisa Tauro), Lucas Santos and Vinicius Santos.

Cambridge DPW workers arrested in Somerville

By William Tauro

Two City of Cambridge Department of Public Works employees were arrested on Friday in the Target Department store parking lot on Somerville Avenue.

Cambridge DPW workers Ralph Wade and Michael Cooper were arrested by under-

cover Somerville and Cambridge Police officers on alleged drug dealing charges.

The duo were placed into custody right out of their City of Cambridge truck on the department store's property while they were under police surveillance.

Wade and Cooper will be arraigned Monday in Somerville District Court.

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

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You can't beat ArtBeat for creativity and originality here in the 'Ville.

The View From Prospect Hill



Somerville enjoys a well-deserved reputation as being one of the most creatively diverse and active communities in the entire country. This coming weekend we celebrate this fact with ArtBeat, the Somerville Arts Council's annual festival which spotlights the works of our local artists, musicians, and others who help make the city a constant source of inspiration and pride of accomplishment for all of us.

This year's ArtBeat theme, migration, adds an extra dimension of meaning to the festivities. Whether referring to acts of nature, such as migration of birds and butterflies, or to the movements of peoples, it is a theme that can be rich in possibilities for creative interpretation and expression.

Yes, immigration to the area by citizens of other lands can often incite controversy and heated discussion. Few of us, however, would argue against the time-honored tradition of celebrating the diversity of our cultural mix and the right of individuals to legally immigrate and add to the fabric of our society.

Let us consider the positive aspects of migration in all its various forms as we take in the sights and sounds of this lively festival of the arts this weekend.

It is a world in motion these days. We can remain rooted to our core values yet still appreciate the beauty of the panoply that passes before us. We will be all the better for it.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Square and mention you saw it here. We think you will be very pleased. We're going to try the Neighborhood Restaurant in Union Square this Thursday morning. We'll keep you posted. If you have a favorite breakfast place let us know and we'll put it on our list to visit.

The T began to solicit bids for Phase I of the Green Line Extension project with an advertisement in the Boston Globe. Bids on Phase One include South Medford's reconstructing and widening the bridge, and also widening of the bridge here in the 'Ville over Medford Street, and the demolition of the T tire facility at 21 Water Street in Cambridge. The estimated cost of the Phase I work is \$18.3 million. \$15.3 million for the two bridges, and \$3 million for the building demolition.

Happy Birthday to the many 'Villens here in the city: A great guy, Kenny Manzi, who even though he didn't invite us to his wedding, we still like him; Delio Susi Sr., owner of Amelia's Kitchen up in Teele Square; Well known and great guy Richard Spinoza of Winter Hill; Cheryl Challie Horan, another great person; and George Barnoski. Finally, to our good friend Stephen Post. To all these and others here in the 'Ville we wish a happy birthday and have a great week.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of George Hassett, a well-known and successful attorney who is also the father of our former editor George P. Hassett. Mr. Hassett was a nice guy, a great lawyer and was devoted to his son George. We are deeply saddened by his passing. Mr. Hassett suffered a heart attack this past weekend, way too early. Our thoughts and prayers are with his entire family, especially George, his son and our former Editor.

Last week we mentioned State Representative candidate Harry Kortikere, who is running as Denise Provost's opponent, and mentioned he was a far left candidate. Although we must admit we didn't read up on him, he's basically a left leaning candidate, but one interesting aspect of his campaign is that he's for term limits and, of course, we like to hear that. We read about his campaign by going online and hope you do the same. Go to www.electharryk.com/issues.

Speaking of candidates, we see that Denise isn't taking this challenge lightly. She's been having house parties at various homes in the district. She is always more open and around more so than her fellow legislators here who also represent Somerville.

Congratulations to our good friends Kenneth and Mona Kotch on becoming the proud parents recently of their new baby, with the lovely name of Layla Farida. Ken and Mona moved here from New Jersey and find Somerville a great place to live. We congratulate them on this blessed event, and also let them know there will be sleepless nights at the Kotch's home.

The Register of Deeds race is heating up. Maria Curtatone is out there working hard. We hear, according to sources close to her campaign, that she is working all the time going town to town in the county.

Also working hard is Maryann Heuston, as sources tell us that not only has she gotten the endorsement of Gene Brune, the current Registrar, but recently sought and got the endorsement from Mayor McGlynn of Medford and Mayor Christenson of Malden, both of which we hear ran a fundraiser for her in their respective cities.

Another candidate for Registrar came into The News office recently. Tom Concannon, the former mayor of Newton, who also lost a close election to John Buonomo years ago, stopped in to introduce himself and talk about his candidacy. He presented himself very nicely and appears to be well qualified.

The annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund Golf outing is once again upon us, coming up on Saturday, September 8, at the Falmouth Country Club. Each year this annual fundraiser is held to raise money for the Jimmy Fund.

COMMENTARY

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We're not the greatest



By William C. Shelton

My houseguest Nina Kammerstan kept apologizing for how rich Norwegians are. She's a journalist with NRK, Norway's public broadcasting system. I bluntly told her, "Americans are richer."

So we looked it up. Sure enough, in median household income, the U.S. is second, and Norway, with 0.3% less, is third. But then we found that the average American household has 20% more mouths to feed. And Nina explained to me that healthcare, higher education, and many other important essentials are free in Norway.

The next day Nina told me that America's best journalists

are comedians.

"Huh?" I asked.

She said that comedians like John Stewart, Stephen Colbert, and Bill Maher, seem to be the only ones outside the echo chamber-the ones posing real questions and interviewing people they don't agree with.

I thought about former CBS Evening News Anchor Walter Cronkite. Opinion polls of my youth repeatedly found him to be "the most trusted man in America." I can't imagine today's Americans investing the same trust in a TV journalist.

My conversations with Nina got me thinking. During the Cronkite years, I had no doubt that the U.S.A. was the greatest nation on earth. A half-million Americans had given their lives in Europe and the Pacific to preserve democracy. My father knew that his suffering on Saipan had been for moral reasons, not to achieve dominance or economic advantage.

I took for granted that, of all

nations, we had the most political and personal freedom, that individual Americans enjoyed the greatest opportunity to better themselves. In part, this was because our economic system was fair and just. It produced that highest standard of living in the world. And we enjoyed the best educational system for the most people.

None of these distinctions remains true. The Central Intelligence Agency says that 99 out of 139 nations have a more equal distribution of income than we do. The World Bank's numbers put us at 91st most unequal of 163. And our inequality of wealth is even more stark-146th out of 150.

The Wall Street Journal, which promotes itself as "the daily diary of the American dream," suggests that Americans are willing to accept this inequality because they "believe their country remains a land of unbounded opportunity." But the *Journal* then reports that, "in recent

decades the typical child starting out in poverty in continental Europe (or in Canada) has had a better chance at prosperity."

We rank 23rd in the world in literacy rates. We rank 27th in math and 22nd in science test scores.

We do enjoy wonderful freedoms. Political scientists, journalists, and government analysts use the country-by-country scores on political rights and civil liberties annually reported by Freedom House. On a 1-to-7 scale, the U.S. ranks 1 (highest) in both categories. But so do 50 other countries, some of which are more tolerant.

When Nina tells me that she doesn't feel free here, I don't understand her. She explains that she means freedom from fear. Because of what might happen in the U.S. if she became seriously ill or lost her job, she would not be able to feel fully free to make critical life choices. I think that it's odd to conflate freedom with security, until I re-

member Franklin Roosevelt's Four Freedoms Speech. Two of them were freedom from want and freedom from fear.

Despite our freedoms and standard of living, we're nowhere near the happiest people on earth. That would be the Danes. The Satisfaction with Life Index, which inspired Somerville's own happiness survey, ranks the U.S. at 23rd.

Newsweek had the hubris to rank the "world's best countries." Their criteria were education, health, quality of life, economic competitiveness, and political environment. The U.S. ranked 11th out of 100.

The Economist's Intelligence Unit ranked countries on quality of life. The United States came in 13th.

The Reputation Institute annually surveys 40-50,000 global respondents regarding the world's most respected countries. The U.S. has never made it into the top 10.

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Gone but not forgotten



As I face another birthday I go into reminiscing mode. I look back over my many years in Somerville and think about all the changes I

have seen. Forget the obvious ones like the Red Line because that topic has been all talked out.

When I think back over the decades I remember the little things that have changed. One thing that has changed for me on a personal level is my hip. Right about the time of my last birthday in July of 2011, I noticed I was limping because of a pain in my right hip. It turned out to be arthritis and bone spurs and a need for a new hip. Cool! I could finally use that old bad joke, "my hip goes out more than I do!"

The worse part of it, besides the pain, is everyone asking me why I am limping. Being a clown I am starting to give dumb answers like, I was bitten by a shark, shot with a bow and arrow, or stepped in a bear trap.

Surgery is in the near future. When people ask what happened to my hip I say, maybe it was the years of jogging without stretching. Maybe it was from lifting weights in the old days. Perhaps it is from being overweight for too long. Was it all the running, jumping, falling down and goofing around over the years?

Maybe it's just old age. Ouch. All the Aleve in the world won't take away the pain of realizing your getting old. But I'll take hip pain, knee pain, loss of memory, nodding out every time I sit in my recliner any day as long I am still drawing a breath. Bring it on. I have several friends who have had replacement surgery and they assure me that it is "nothing." We'll see. Now, on to some more little things that have changed over my time in Somerville.

Remember when dogs would just run around the city unleashed? "Shep" lived across the street and "Fluffernutter" (Fluffy for short) lived up the street. These friendly dogs roamed around the street freely. They came out in the morning and went home later just like us kids. The dogs were part of our group. I don't recall any Pit Bulls or even Rottweiler's back then. As a matter of fact, Fluffy' owner's birthday was yesterday, July 17th. He's three years older than me and still has all his original parts.

My grandfather had a friend named Danielli. I don't know if that's the correct spelling. From what I remember, he brought his huge wooden knife-sharpening pushcart over on the boat from Italy. For years he would push the cart around the streets of Somerville charging five cents to sharpen knives and scissors. He hung around with my grandpa who lived

on Elmwood St, and my great Uncle Henry who had a house on Trull St. My grandfather Giuseppe used to let Danielli keep the push cart in his yard on Elmwood. I remember my father in later years telling me that the cart was probably in some garage someplace and because of its age would be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. I have no idea where it is today. All the old timers are gone so who could we ask? Danielli and his knife-sharpening pushcart went the way of the neighborhood fruit seller. "Strawberries, raspberries, che-e-e-ries!"

Remember the door-to-door salesman that came to our houses? My friend from Bay State Ave. told this story and it's one of my favorites. I think the company name was Melamine and they made "unbreakable" dishes. There were other brand names for these colorful and durable dishes like Melaware. Anyway, the salesman was in the Somerville area one day and his gimmick was a good one. My friend's mother heard a knock on the front door. She opens the door and a plate comes flying through, into the hall, and bounces around on the hard wood floors. The salesman then launches into his sales pitch singing the praises of the "unbreakable" dinnerware. We also had brush and vacuum cleaner salesmen who came to the door along with what dad used to call

holy jumpers, and holy rollers.

When you live a city for a long time you get used to things. I have seen the same people watering their yards for the past 40 years. I have seen a father pushing his daughter in a baby carriage one day, and next thing I know he is yelling at her while she is trying to back the car out of the driveway. Recently, I lost a neighbor to a fast moving disease. It seemed like only yesterday our thirty something kids were in preschool together. You walk in and out of your house performing the same everyday routine and next thing you know, your high school is holding its 40th reunion.

So, to anyone who is celebrating a summer birthday, take a minute and look around at all the changes. Thank God we can get replacement parts for our bodies if we need them. And while you are waiting for that Mass Cash quick pick to hit, be grateful for the small things. Those small things are our memories. As Simon and Garfunkel said, "Slow down, you move too fast, you got to make the morning last."

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on three roll calls and local senators on one roll call from the week of July 9-13.

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.

KEEP TAUNTON STATE HOSPITAL OPEN (H 4000)

House 152-0, Senate 39-0, overrode Gov. Patrick's veto of \$5.1 million in funding for the Taunton State Hospital to keep the psychiatric facility open to serve patients with mental illnesses at a diminished, 45-bed capacity, down from 169 beds.

Override supporters said that closing the facility would leave many Southeastern Massachusetts residents with mental health problems with no local facility to which they can go. They argued that moving patients to a facility in Worcester would be disruptive to those who might not be able to visit their family member at a more distant location.

The Patrick administration said the antiquated 150-year-old Taunton facility is not cost-effective. They noted the new Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital has more of a residential and neighborhood feel to it compared to older facilities that are set in a more institutionalized and cold environment. (A "Yes" vote is for the \$5.1 million.)

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

WELFARE EBT CARDS (H 4237)

House 1-152, Senate on a voice vote without a roll call, rejected Gov. Deval Patrick's version of a proposal, already approved by the Legislature, restricting the use of electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards by welfare recipients. The governor's version would delete several of the Legislature-approved restrictions and allow the cards to be used for vacation services, body piercings, jewelry, rent-to-own stores and bail.

The governor left many of the Legislature's other restrictions intact including strip clubs, adult bookstores, adult paraphernalia stores, firearms dealers, ammunition dealers and cruise ships.

Current law already bans the purchase of alcoholic beverages, lottery tickets and tobacco products.

The governor said some of the restrictions set by the Legislature were opposed by the special commission that researched and evaluated the illegal use of EBT cards.

He noted he agreed with the commission's recommendation that the prohibitions be on usage in particular establishments, rather than prohibitions on particular items.

Opponents of Patrick's version said it is time to crack down on the abuse of EBT cards and ensure that taxpayers' hard-earned dollars are used only for necessities like food. They noted the purchase of non-essentials is outrageous. (A "Yes" vote is for the governor's limited restrictions. A "No" vote is against the limited restrictions.)

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

REQUIRE PROOF OF LEGAL OR ILLEGAL RESIDENCE (H 4238)

House 12-140, Senate on a voice vote without a roll call, rejected Gov. Patrick's version of a proposal, already approved by the Legislature, that would require applicants to provide proof of "legal residence" in order to register their car. The governor's version would require proof of "residence," legal or illegal.

Gov. Patrick said allowing an illegal alien to own a vehicle in Massachusetts does not jeopardize the public's safety. He argued that on the contrary, it serves the public's safety interests to know the name and location of the owner of every vehicle on the road.

Opponents of the governor's version said it is too weak and will still allow illegal aliens to drive on the roadways. They argued it is time to allow only legal residents to register a car in Massachusetts. (A "Yes" vote is for the governor's proposal requiring proof of residence, illegal or legal. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ORDER OF THE THREE NOVEMBER 2012 BALLOT QUESTIONS - Secretary of State William Galvin announced the order in which the three certified ballot questions will appear on the 2012 ballot. Question 1 would require auto manufacturers to sell to non-dealer repair shops complete repair information and diagnostic tools. Question 2 would allow terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain medication they can self-administer to commit suicide. Question 3 would allow medical use of marijuana.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN SCHOOLS (S 2132) - A law that would require every school in Massachusetts to have a written medical emergency response plan takes effect on July 17. The measure is designed to "reduce the incidence of life-threatening emergencies and promote efficient responses to such emergencies." It is called "Michael's Law" in memory of 16-year-old Michael Ellsesser of Sutton, who died suddenly of cardiac arrest during a high school football game.

Provisions include requiring establishment of a rapid communication system linking all inside and outside parts of the school campus to the emergency medical service system; a determination of emergency medical

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service response time to any location on campus; and a method of providing access to training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid for teachers, coaches and other school staff.

EASIER HIV TESTING (S 2158) - A new law that would allow doctors to test for the HIV virus with only verbal consent of the patient is scheduled to take effect on July 27. Massachusetts was one of only two states that still require written permission from patients.

Supporters said the change would reduce the transmission of the virus from mother to child, which is almost totally preventable if the mother is tested. They argued there are an estimated 5,000 people in the state who don't know they have HIV because they have never been tested. They noted the change will result in more people getting tested and receiving life-extending treatment.

STANDARDS FOR DEMENTIA UNITS (H 3947) - The governor signed into law legislation requiring the state Department of Public Health to establish minimum standards for dementia special care units in long-term care facilities in order to ensure the safety and quality of services.

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.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I'm asking, I'm pleading," – Les Gosule, whose daughter Melissa was raped and murdered in 1999 by a repeat offender, urging the Legislature to approve "Melissa's Law."

The proposed law, currently tied up in a conference committee, would eliminate parole eligibility for repeat violent felons after a third offense.

"I'm not going to do anything that makes vulnerable people beg for their benefits. This notion of humiliating poor people has got to be separated from how we make a program ... work well." – Gov. Patrick on some of the Legislature's ban on what EBT card holders can buy with their cards.

"Contrary to the governor's belief that these reforms are 'political grandstanding' tactics, the members of the Legislature and the majority of the citizens of the Commonwealth are in favor of such common sense protections." – Senate Republican Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester) answering Patrick's charges that the Legislature's proposed restrictions on the use of EBT cards is political grandstanding.

"The governor apparently has no problem leaving for a political event in Chicago while several key bills remain in limbo." – Tim Buckley, a spokesman for the Massachusetts Republican Party, on Gov. Patrick's trip to Chicago to campaign for Barack Obama.

"Gov. Patrick's working hard every day to get things done in the Statehouse ... He was in this past Sunday to sign the budget - and now that I think about it, I don't remember seeing any Republicans in here working on Sunday when we were here." – Brendan Ryan, spokesman for Gov. Patrick.

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 July 9-13, the House met for a total of seven hours and 34 minutes while the Senate met for a total of seven hours and 4 minutes.

Mon. July 9	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 2:23 p.m.
Tues. July 10	No House session No Senate session
Wed. July 11	House 1:04 p.m. to 3:10 p.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:23 a.m.
Thurs. July 12	House 11:03 a.m. to 4:19 p.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 4:19 p.m.
Fri. July 13	No House session No Senate session

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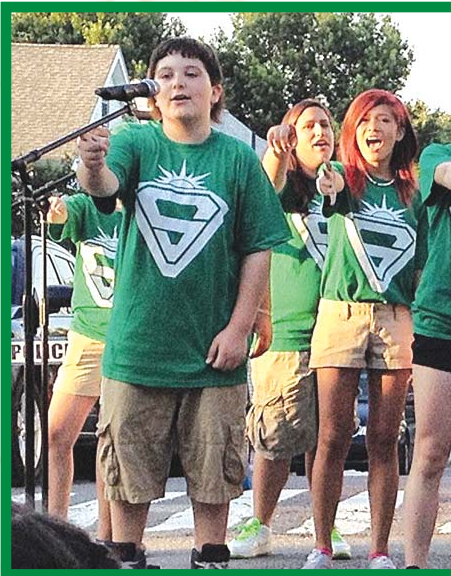
Person of the Week



Meet Lynne Lenoir, a lifelong resident here in the 'Ville. She graduated from SHS then went on to attend and graduate from Salem State. She is now and has been working in the very noble profession of being a registered nurse. She is an extremely nice and kind person who has a wonderful sense of humor. It might help to have a good sense of humor when you're a nurse. Those of us who know her even remotely will tell you she's always a very nice person who is thoughtful and considerate to others. She's married to her lifelong partner Dorothy DiMarzo, who also is a very nice person with the same kind of sense of humor as Lynn. Lynn devotes a lot of time as a hombody but she also volunteers in various charities. We think Lynn, like everyone that knows her, is a great person and makes a great choice for our pick as "The Somerville News Person of the Week." If you see her don't be shy. Say "Hi" and watch her light up.

Sunsetters in action

The Sunsetters are a youth performance troupe, led by Somerville Youth Arts Co-ordinator, Jimmy Del Ponte. They perform popular show tunes and contemporary pop songs on city streets Monday-Thursday evenings in July and August. Last Thursday the Sunsetters performed in front of Mayor Joe Curtatone's home. For a performance schedule visit the city website: www.somervillema.gov.





Photos by Jeanine Jenks Farley

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Alibrandis catch fire mid-season

By Benjamin Klein

The Somerville Alibrandis are on quite the hot-streak and it doesn't seem like they'll be letting up anytime soon. After closing out June with two wins, the Alibrandis have won five straight to start July and now ride a seven-game winning streak to close out the last half of their schedule.

To open last week, the Alibrandis welcomed the Medford Maddogs to Trum Field, a team they'd defeated 16-6 just a few days earlier. Somerville took an early 4-0 lead after a strong first inning at the plate. They would add a run in each of the third, fourth and fifth innings to take a commanding seven run advantage.

The big lead was more than enough for the combination of Sean Sullivan, Bryant Guilmette and Ryan Cosmopulos who only allowed one run over seven innings. Somerville's Ted Dziuba recorded his second three-hit game of the year while also scoring once and driving in a run. Sullivan picked up his second win of the season in the 7-1 victory.

Somerville's next match-up was an offensive onslaught as they pounded out 22 hits in a 12-5 victory against the Savin Hill Hornets. The Alibrandis scored twice in the first inning and four times in the second inning, but the Hornets would cut the lead to two with a four-run fourth of their own. Somerville would score three



The Somerville Alibrandis are playing like their hair is on fire, as they maintain the top spot in the Ted Williams division.

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1. What state has a license plate that displays the motto "America's Dairyland" - ?

2. What is the difference in digital as opposed to film?

3. Who said, "Always do right, this will gratify some, and astonish others" - ?

4. What state quarter has Washington crossing the Delaware?

5. What does "Fruit Salad" mean in military slang?

6. On the back of what state quarter would you find the portrait of Helen Keller, with her name

written in Braille?

7. What is considered the most popular ball game in the world?

8. What Gilbert and Sullivan Opera is about the Emperor of Japan?

9. How many natural lakes are in the state of Ohio?

10. The movie *Sideways* increased the sale of what product?

11. What country is the biggest producer of corn?

12. What is the most crucial card in the game of Hearts?

Answers on page 17

times in both the sixth and seventh inning as insurance.

Each Alibrandis hitter had at least one hit and scored once in the huge win. Marc DesRoches led the team with four hits while four other Somerville batters each had three hits of their own. Mark Addesa hit his third home run of the season and Dziuba connected for his second on the year.

Chris Foundas picked up the win for Somerville, going six in-

nings and striking out six batters. Foundas leads the Alibrandis in wins, innings pitched and strikeouts this season.

The Somerville bats slowed a little in their next matchup, only scoring five times on eight hits in a 5-2 win over the Brighton Black Sox. Dziuba and David Scioli provided most of the offense, each with three hits. Jon Morse was very good in six innings, only allowing two unearned runs on three

hits while striking out eight. Jay Wisner earned his second save of the year with a perfect seventh inning that included two strikeouts.

Somerville now has a comfortable lead in the Ted Williams division and is tied for the most wins in the entire league with 16. They will play twice this upcoming week and then four times the following week, looking to continue their recent success.

Somerville youths take a swing at cancer this summer

Some remarkable boys and girls from Somerville will take a swing at cancer, both on and off the field. As a part of the 2012 Jimmy Fund Little League Program presented by Extra Innings®, these children will be raising funds to support adult and pediatric cancer care and research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The program, in its twenty-sixth year, provides little leaguers of New England with the opportunity to continue to play baseball/softball after the conclusion of their regular season by participating in this local tournament and fundraising effort. These youngsters are given the opportunity to develop their athletic skills, build self-confidence, and, most importantly help others by fundraising in their local community.

Last summer, more than 5,000 children throughout Massachusetts and New

Hampshire took part and raised more than \$250,000 for the Jimmy Fund and Dana-Farber. This summer, young all-stars from your town will be back on the diamond working to improve their fundraising average and you can help. Support the Jimmy Fund Little League Program in your community by visiting www.jimmyfund.org/littleleague and clicking on support a team.

The Jimmy Fund (www.JimmyFund.org) solely supports Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, raising funds for adult and pediatric cancer care and research to improve the chances of survival for cancer patients around the world. It is an official charity of the Boston Red Sox, as well as the official charity of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge, and the Variety Children's Charity of New England. Since 1948, the

generosity of millions of people has helped the Jimmy Fund save countless lives and reduce the burden of cancer for patients and families worldwide. Follow the Jimmy Fund on Facebook: www.facebook.com/thejimmyfund and on Twitter: @TheJimmyFund.

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An inspired musician finds his own voice

By Max Sullivan

Four years ago, Franchot Tone was a guitarist in the reggae/surf/pop band Culver City Dub Collective. He was a producer and a composer by trade. However, it took an old friend from Boston to convince him to add one more tool to his repertoire.

"I said, 'You're crazy dude, I'm not a singer,'" recalled Tone of his exchange with his friend, actor and director Jimmy Cummings. "I play guitar. I'm a producer and a composer. I do all these other things, but I'm not a singer. I never thought of myself as a singer. So when he told me this, it really took me aback."

"But I valued this guy's opinion" continued Tone. "He said, 'look, you gotta trust me.'"

Now, Tone looks back and sees his accomplishments. His first solo record, recorded in Jack Johnson's studio. A spot opening for Ben Harper in Bend, OR, this past month. It's been shocking for the 39 year old Tone to realize what a gift he's gained at this point in his career.

Currently, Tone is focused on completing the album. He hopes to release it in September, although he opted not to set a release date for the album.

The songs, he said, come from a variety of different places in his life. A chunk of them were written four years ago in the vein of New Orleans funk, particularly influenced by the Meters. Others were pulled from previous sessions, co-written with another songwriter. Another portion

were written in the past year while watching his kids play on the local playground. Tone brought his guitar along and sat for hours while his children played. In this playful environment, the songs flowed easily out of him.

The actual recording process was not always so gracious to Tone. Though he had produced on records before, he had never produced his own voice. It was a bit daunting for the new singer.

"It's a struggle to be your own feedback," said Tone of the recording/production process. "All that stuff was new to me, and somewhat intimidating and somewhat daunting, but also very rewarding."

Tone got a lot of help from his friend and Culver City Dub Collective band mate Adam Topol, who served as co-producer. Topol, also Jack Johnson's main touring drummer from the beginning, worked with Tone on much of the arranging and producing. The two worked well as a team.

Topol also pushed Tone hard into making this record. There was no band-mate resentment in the picture.

"He was one of the guys who was actually, like 'Hey man, I'll help you produce it, you know, when are you gonna make your record?'" said Tone. "And after I moved to LA, he was like 'come on, man, when are you gonna do it, when are you gonna do it?'"

In the end, the recording process was a blast for Tone and his team. A number of guests sat in, including Will Dog Abers of Ozomatli and Fredo Ortiz, long



Photo by Ben Moon

Self-propelled into a new role as front man and singer, Franchot Tone rises to the occasion.

time live drummer for the Beastie Boys.

"We just had a great time, you know. We were in this amazing studio. We had a lot of my very talented friends come in and play," said Tone. "We didn't overthink it, we just did the tracking and the overdubs, and it was a super cool vibe and it came out great."

Hearing his voice played back to him can be a strange experience for Tone. He always tends to pick out the good and the bad, ever a critic. Often, he has to remind himself that singing is not a competition.

"There's always the comparison thing," said Tone. "You listen to a super inspired singer like John Mayer or listening to Ben

Harper the other night perform live, and you can compare yourself to those guys who are super accomplished career singers, and then I kind of step back and say, 'you know what, its not like the Olympics. It's being an artist and performing, and that's what I'm doing.'"

Though currently in the Golden State, Tone was born and raised in New England. He went to St. Paul's School in Concord, NH, and had a promising job with John Hancock Mutual Funds. However, like many before him, he became tired of the office life. When asked why he left town for the Pacific coast, he said it was "to become a rock star."

Tone still finds the musician

life style to be a challenge. Though he's had a great career working with bands like Culver City Dub Collective, he admitted that he still worries about the ups and downs of being a touring musician. When asked the last time he had concerns, he said, "October."

Since then, though, he's been very optimistic. The Ben Harper show a couple weeks ago was a big moment for Tone.

"I was looking around at my band and saying, 'How did this happen,'" said Tone. "Really in awe and gratitude more than, 'look at what I've accomplished.'"

See Franchot Tone at Johnny D's in Davis Square, Saturday night at 7 p.m.

Haitians celebrate prisoner release

It was with great jubilation and immense relief that the Haitian Coalition of Somerville welcomed the news of the safe release of Lissa Alphonse and Rev. Michel Louis by their abductors in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

The Alphonse family requests privacy at this time as Lissa's husband Yves Donald, two children, extended family members, friends and supporters still wait to welcome Lissa back into their arms, again, in person.

"We thank God for Lissa and

Rev. Louis' safe release and can't wait to see her lovely face when she sets foot on US soil," said Yves Donald Alphonse, Lissa's husband. "We miss her tremendously and are grateful to have her back. When we see her, we'll find it very difficult to let her out of our sight ever again. Please respect our privacy as we recover from our shock and await for normalcy to return to our lives."

On behalf of the Alphonse family, the Coalition thanked all of the dedicated family, friends

and supporters who prayed for the captives' return. They also thanked Sen. Scott Brown, Sen. John Kerry, Rep. Mike Capuano, the State Department and other entities and supporters who worked diligently for their release.

The Haitian Coalition of Somerville is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to improve the social, educational, and economic development of Haitian youth and families living in Somerville and the greater Boston area.

Cradles to Crayons




Somerville Public Schools Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi (pictured here with Shalimar Quiles) volunteered, along with Bill McDonald, at Cradles to Crayons last month. The Superintendent and Mr. McDonald participated on Friday, June 22, as part of the School Leadership Celebration of Service at Cradle to Crayons' Brighton warehouse. Pierantozzi, also a guest speaker at the event, worked alongside Quiles, of Lawrence Public Schools, to fill packages with everyday essentials for local children in need. Somerville and Cradles to Crayons have been working together for many years to ensure all children have backpacks and other back-to-school essentials for the first day of school. For more information about Cradles to Crayons, visit <http://cradlestocrayons.org/>.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, August 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

844 McGrath Hwy: (Case #PB 2012-10) Applicant Sprint Spectrum and Owner Talp II, LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 for the installation of wireless communications equipment consisting of the replacement of three existing antennas and related equipment and cables including one GPS antenna and two equipment cabinets. ASMD zone. Ward 1.

331-333 Broadway (Case #PB 2012-11) Applicant Sprint Spectrum and Owner Anthony K. Paone, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.15.3 and SZO §14 for the installation of wireless communications equipment consisting of the replacement of three existing antennas and related equipment and cables including one GPS antenna and one equipment cabinet. CCD 55 zone. Ward 4.

6 Kensington Ave: (Case #PB 2012-12) Applicant Katie-Rose Wagner and Owner George Hatzis seek a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5 to alter the façade of the existing building including new signage, and to legalize recent alterations including new windows and the infilling of a garage door. CCD 55 zone. Ward 1.

ASQ Block 4: (Case #PB 2011-15-R1-7/2012) Applicant AvalonBay Assembly Row TRS, Inc.& Owner Street Retail Inc. seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A # PB 2011-15-R1 (7/2012) under SZO §5.3.8 in order to construct an additional tier of parking for a total of 539 parking spaces. The original permit was for final level approval of a planned unit development under the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 for Block 4. Applicant and owner received approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct a 5-story, approx 439,660 gsf project including approx 253 residential units, approx 43,975 gsf of a mix of retail, restaurant and other commercial uses as approved in the PUD-PMP, along with approx 505 parking spaces, two loading bays, and associated service areas. The residential development was subject to inclusionary housing requirements under §13.2. The Applicant and Owner also sought a special permit for signage under §5.1 and §6.4.14 to install signs that are over 35 feet from finished grade. A waiver was required under SZO §6.4.12 and §16.5.5 for fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and §9.7. A ASMD, PUD-A, WOD Zones. Ward 1.

ASQ Block 5: (Case #PB 2012-13) Applicant Street Retail, Inc. & Owner FR Assembly Sq, LLC- Assembly Square Mall, Federal Realty Investment Trust & others seek Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A under SZO §7.11.11.10 for a parking lot with approx 206 spaces to serve retail in Blocks 1, 3 & 4. ASMD, PUD-A Zones. Ward 1.



ASQ Block 6: (Case #PB 2012-14) Applicant Street Retail, Inc. & Owner FR Assembly Sq, LLC- Assembly Square Mall, Federal Realty Investment Trust & others seek Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A under SZO §7.11.11.10 for a parking lot with approx 225 spaces to serve retail in Blocks 1, 3 & 4. ASMD, PUD-A Zones. Ward 1.


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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, August 1, 2012**, in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

30 Wallace St: (Case #ZBA 2012-56) Applicant and Owner Peter Heller seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to make façade alterations to the existing nonconforming single-family structure and to convert the existing attached garage into living space. RA zone. Ward 6.

32 Hinkley St: (Case #ZBA 2012-58) Applicant and Owner Middlesex Enterprises, LLC, seeks Special Permits with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.2 and §7.3 to construct a second principal structure on the lot containing three additional dwelling units, resulting in five total dwelling units at the property. RB zone. Ward 5.

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
The Trial Court
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
P.O. Box 9667
Boston, MA. 02114

Docket No. SU 00P0411GI

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION TO EXPAND THE POWERS OF A GUARDIAN

In the Interest of: Nelly Aka Nelly Laza Hernandez

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To the named Respondent and all other interested person, a petition has been filed by

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In the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

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You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **08/16/2012**. This day is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file a written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs of both. The above- named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.

Date July 11, 2012

Sandra Giovannucci
Register of Probate

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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LEGAL NOTICE
Somerville Conservation Commission
Public Hearing

Applicant: Department of Conservation and Recreation,
251 Causeway Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114-2104

Representative: VHB, Inc., 101 Walnut Street P.O. Box 9151,
Watertown, MA 02472

Location: Mystic River Reservation, between Route 28 and
Winter Hill Yacht Club, Somerville, MA

The Somerville Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday July 24, 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 proposed project consists of a riverfront park with amenities along the stretch of the Mystic River located between Route 28 and the Winter Hill Yacht Club. The project includes adding 1.8 acres of former industrial land to the existing parkland and constructing a series of concrete walkways, riverside amphitheater, play area, scenic river overlooks, pedestrian path and accent lighting. There will be minor grading to facilitate construction, extensive landscaping, and pruning vegetation to provide river vistas.

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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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

Suffolk Division Docket No. SU09P1993

NOTICE OF CONSERVATOR'S ACCOUNT

To all persons interested in the estate of **JOSEPH ROSSETTI FORMERLY OF BOSTON IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND NOW SOMERVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX**, a person under conservatorship.

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the 1st through the 4th account(s) of JOHN MCSHANE

-AS CONSERVATOR (the fiduciary) of the property of JOSEPH ROSSETTI has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at **Boston** on or before the 9th. day of August, 2012, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty days after said return day or within such other time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, **JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, ESQUIRE**, First Justice of said Court at **Boston** this July 9, 2012.

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Disunion in Union Square CONT. FROM PG 1

bedroom homes, rented at below-market rates. SCC offices will occupy a rear area of the ground floor, with two or three retail spaces along the street front.

Around 20 percent of the apartments will be low-income subsidized housing. But most will be so-called "workforce" housing, where residents can earn up to 60 percent of the area's average income, or about \$57,000 for a family of four. A lottery will decide who can move in, with 70 percent of the workforce housing reserved for people who already live or work in Somerville.

But opponents say the planned development will take the neighborhood in the wrong direction. "It's too dense. It's out of character for that end of the Square. It's the wrong development as the new gateway into Union Square," said Zac Zasloff, founder of Union Square Rising, a residents' group that counters the SCC's "Everyone's Somerville" motto with the slogan, "There's room for everyone. But let's be smart about it."

Zasloff, who owns a home next door to the site, said the ad hoc alliance had gathered petition signatures from over 220 area residents and more than 20 neighborhood businesses who oppose the project "100 percent in its current form," saying it will depress nearby property values, and will do nothing to spur economic development.

He said opponents aren't against affordable housing per se, but Union Square already has more than its fair share of affordable housing units, and a building in which all the apartments are subsidized will become a "pocket of poverty" in the neighborhood. Instead, the group favors so-called inclusionary development, where large housing projects include a percentage of subsidized apartments. "It's a great way to organically scale it, without stigmatizing the people who live there," said Zasloff.

Zasloff said neighbors also object to the scale and appearance of the building they've seen in preliminary designs, saying it won't fit in with its surroundings, and will block views from nearby homes. And he said the SCC has

shut their voices out of the process."From the very first meeting, the condescending tone of the SCC in terms of presenting this as a done deal has incited the neighborhood to come together," said Zasloff.

And Zasloff charges the SCC and its supporters with trying to provoke class warfare by demonizing those who can afford market-rate housing, even though many of them chose to live in Union Square because of its diversity. He said he was called a "racist pig" at one of the SCC community meetings.

"I know people who don't feel comfortable going to the meetings anymore because of some of the things they have been called and because of the aggressive tactics taken by some of their supporters," said Zasloff. "It's borderline physically threatening. It's getting uglier and uglier."

Leblanc acknowledged the "racist pig" comment was made, but said it was an isolated incident on the part of one individual outside the meeting, and does not reflect the organization as a whole. He said the SCC had held four community meetings to date, with a lot of public input, and had already changed the building height and design, in response to neighbor concerns. "We do more to reach out to the community and get input than any other developer that I know of in Somerville," said Leblanc.

Tension between supporters and opponents has ramped up in recent months, hitting a fever pitch at a SCC community meeting in June, which opponents picketed. A planned July 11 meeting to bring both sides together was cancelled when Mayor Joseph Curtatone announced he had engaged outside mediators, although the SCC went ahead with a public rally that day, saying it wanted to show that many neighbors supported the project.

The mayor's decision to intervene speaks to how contentious things had become, considering the development has yet to come before the city for approval. City officials, including the mayor, say it's too soon for them to weigh in on the pros and cons of the project, because there isn't yet a formal proposal to consider.

The building is being designed to meet all zoning guidelines. But the final plans will still need approval from the Planning Board, which will consider input from the Design Review Committee, planning staff, city officials and the public. Planning Director George Proakis said the Board will ultimately decide if the proposal meets the intent of the zoning code, looking at things like whether it fits in with the neighborhood and prevents adverse impacts.

Proakis said there's no recent precedent for looking at whether a building with 100 percent affordable housing will have adverse impacts. He said the city's goal for 20 percent of new homes to be affordable can't be met solely by the current mandate for developers to include affordable housing, which is 12.5 percent of units in most of the city, including at the Washington Street site. So Somerville will need some projects built primarily as affordable housing. But it will be up to the Planning Board to review each proposal.

In the meantime, the mayor said mediation can only improve the tone of the conversation around Union Square. He said the non-profit Consensus Building Institute, which has helped smooth out similar conflicts in Somerville in the past, has experience with land use issues and a reputation for evenhandedness. "I thought all parties to the Union Square housing discussion could benefit from their involvement," said Mayor Curtatone.

Both the SCC and Union Square Rising have agreed to the mediation, which will also reach out to other stakeholders. But it remains to be seen if they can find common ground.

"The hope is that we come out of this with something that we can live with, that has wide support from all the voices that have a legitimate interest," said the SCC's Leblanc.

Said Zasloff, of Union Square Rising, "We asked for the mediation, because we want a real dialogue. At the end of the day, nobody wants to be involved in this kind of community unrest. But at the same time, I'm not going to allow a quasi-developer to steamroll this project into the community. It just doesn't seem fair."

Ms. Cam's

Answers from page 14

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Answers

1. Wisconsin
2. Digital uses a chemical process, an electronic sensor to transfer images, or video into electronics
3. Thomas A. Edison
4. New Jersey
5. "chest full of medals"
6. Alabama
7. Soccer
8. The Mikado
9. None, they are all man-made
10. Pinot Noir Wines
11. Japan
12. The Queen of Spades

We're not the greatest CONT. FROM PG 9

In my lifetime, we've gone from being the most respected nation on earth to being the most feared. In part, that's because of one way in which we remain Number 1. Our military spending is now more than the next 19 countries' combined. And those who fear us include our friends.

We're also Number 1 in the world in how much we spend on healthcare, both per-person-

\$8,000-and as a percentage of the total economy-16%. But we're 38th in life expectancy and 34th in infant mortality.

And we lock up more of our people than does any other nation. This Number 1 distinction has implications for personal freedom, security, economics, and fiscal policy.

Yet I've seen America change during my lifetime in a way that

makes me unapologetically proud. Because my mother's family lived in Louisiana and Mississippi, I saw Jim Crow in practice. The subsequent transformation in how we understand and live with each other is, to me, almost miraculous. We still have much to learn. But no other nation has worked as hard at it or changed as much as we have.

I no longer believe that the

United States is the greatest nation on earth, mostly because I believe that the concept is meaningless. Nations, like individuals, are complex creations with diverse mixes of strengths and weaknesses. No one can be "the greatest" along every dimension. Part of maturity is learning how best to use our strengths while improving on our weaknesses.

One way to do so is participat-

ing in community, where we complement each other's strengths to create a whole greater than the sum of its parts. In doing so, we begin to realize that freedom doesn't come so much from non-interference as it comes from working together to create more opportunity for all of us to grow and get better.

When we grow up as a nation, we'll learn the same lesson.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|July 18

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

Sunsetters Performance
7 Maple Ave|7 p.m.

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

Thursday|July 19

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

Sunsetters Performance
5 Windsor Rd|7 p.m.

SomerMovie Fest
Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part 1 (PG-13)
Dusk|Blessing of the Bay
Boathouse|32 Shore Drive

Friday|July 20

Central Library
Preschool: Storytime for 2 year olds
11 a.m. - 12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Saturday|July 21

Central Library
Saturday Morning Creature Show: Dracula Has Risen From the Grave
10 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Yoga with Tania Macerdo, for Kids
Ages 4-7
2 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday|July 23

Central Library
Crafts for Kids!: Animal Refrigerator Magnets
10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

Sunsetters Performance
27 Fountain Ave|7 p.m.

Tuesday|July 24

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

Central Library
Earth Myths from Around the World: Chinese Dragon Art
4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Wednesday|July 25

East Branch Library
Preschool: Sweet Dreams: Favorite Bedtime Fairy Tales with Diane Edgecomb
11 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.|115 Broadway

Central Library
Kidstock: The Velveteen Robot
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Sunsetters Performance
Hall Ave|7 p.m.

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

MUSIC
Wednesday|July 18

Johnny D's
Thomas Mapfumpo and the Black Unlimited
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Unrighteous Creature|Global Crash|Gunther's God|Light.Sweet.Crude
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
3penny Open Mic
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
TBA.
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
Rock Therapy with Brendan Boogie!
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Thursday|July 19

Johnny D's
Wake Up Madagascar
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

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

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

PA'S Lounge
Seren|Formless|Boarcorpse|Replacire
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
Wolfie Burns|New Years Revolution|3 Tvs|The Tin Thistles
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
NEPOP
381 Summer St.

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

Arts At The Armory
Intro to Fiction Writing Workshop Series
6 p.m.|Cafe

Arts at the Armory Dance Party!
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Cantina la Mexicana
247 Washington St.

Friday|July 20

Johnny D's
Yo Mama's Big Fat Booty Band|Enter The Haggis
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Stan Martin Band |6 p.m.
Les Sampou Band |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Jimmy's Down
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
Oh Snap! Dance Party - 80's and 90's fever!!
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
TBA|The One & Onlys|The Moan
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
Karaoke
381Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
Lunch at the Dump (bluegrass)
8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Arts At The Armory
Richard Cambridge's Poetry Theatre
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Artbeat 2012
6 p.m.|Davis Square

Saturday|July 21

Johnny D's
Franchot Tone|Gilmour's Breakfast
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.
The Queue with Born Ready |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
TBA
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents:|VD and the Backporch Smokers|The Big Lonesome|The Buckners|Tall Boys|American Beauties
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Drama featuring Djs
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Ronan Quinn 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
Fennario
381 Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
Lisa Marie & All Shook Up
8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Artbeat 2012
All day|Davis Square

Sunday|July 22

Johnny D's
Open Summer Blues Jam|4:30 p.m.
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m.
Darktown Tumblers|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
Marc Pinansky & The Bored Of Health with Swamp Bear
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

Monday|July 23

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.
Big Night Out|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
Young
Hurricanes|Unhuman|Trashawk
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Tuesday|July 24

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Panda Bar
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Dermont Byrne with Florian Black & Padraig Rynne with Ryan McGiver
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band
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

Arts At The Armory
Intro to Fiction Writing Workshop Series
6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|July 25

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

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

The Burren
Pub Quiz 8-10
Comedy @10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Unrighteous Creature|Cause a Rockslide|Wolf Blitzer|Analog
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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
TBA.
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
Chris Wilson plays Arts at the Armory
6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|July 18

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

Thursday|July 19

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

Central Library
Meet, Mingle, Read: Blackmail Earth and It's Raining Fish and Spiders
7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Swirl and Slice
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.|Union Square Plaza

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|July 21

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|July 22

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|July 23

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

Central Library
Writing Our Life Stories, part of a Six-Part Memoir Writing Workshop
Mike Alvarez
646-712-2736
6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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|July 24

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

Third Life Studio
Vinyasa Flow Yoga & Meditation
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884
The Art of Singing Group
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-628-0916 srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday|July 25

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.

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

NEW EXERCISE CLASS: Yoga for Balance 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.

You asked! We responded! Additional Zumba gold class at Ralph & Jenny on Tuesdays from 11:30 - 12:30. Come join Sue for a great class.

Musical Conversation with Alan is July 26 at 12:30 at Holland Street. A great time is always had by all. Don't miss out and it is free.

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 20.

Our Swinging Singing Seniors have been renamed "The Moonlighters." Come Mondays at 10:30 to Holland Street. New members always welcome. Join them at the Lowell Spinner's game on July 20 as they sing the National anthem. Tickets are \$30 for the PIT - all you can eat BBQ, transportation, free give away and game ticket. Tickets are going fast.

It is Bingo and Supper time at Holland Street. Join us for a great afternoon of Bingo and a wonderful early supper.

Farmer's Market - Every Thursday at Holland Street from 11 am - 1 pm. 55+ -half price.

Shear Madness - July 31. Come join us as we go to see Shear Madness. Voted "Best Comedy of the Year" seven times by the Boston Globe. Come for dinner, transportation and great show. RSVP soon.

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

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

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

Exercise tip of the week: Stand like a stork! Balance goes down as we age. To improve yours and maintain it - stand on one foot while you brush your teeth. Switch during flossing.

Trip Corner:

Lowell Spinners - July 20 - Game, all you can eat BBQ at the PIT, free give-away, transportation.

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

Suffolk Downs - Live horse racing - August 1.

Hampton Beach Seafood Festival - Walking, eating, shopping! - September 9.

Suffolk Downs - Live Horse Racing - September 19.

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.

Foxwoods - Beatlemania! - September 25.

Join us in our exercise classes:

STAY ACTIVE:

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

Zumba Gold - new class - Tuesday 11:30 - 12:30 Ralph & Jenny. \$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.

July 18

Holland Street Center

Flexibility @ Balance|9:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

Qigong|1:15 p.m.

Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

July 19

Farmers' Market

Holland Street Center

Current Events Group|10 a.m.

Indoor Exercise/Walking Club|11 a.m.

Farmer's Market - half price for 55+|11 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

Supper|3 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Indoor Exercise/Stretching|10:30 a.m.,

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

July 20

Lowell Spinner's

Audobon visual Art's Center

Holland Street Center

Book club|10 a.m.

Indoor/Walking|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

July 23

Castle Island

Holland Street Center

Swinging Singing Moonlighters|10:30 a.m.

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

Yoga for Strength and Balance|1:30 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

Indoor Exercise/Walking|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

July 24

All Centers Closed - Staff Conference

Zumba Gold will be back at Ralph & Jenny next week on the 31st.

July 25

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Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 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 Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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Patrick Coman's 'Let it Ring' to be featured at ArtBeat

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

Patrick Coman's new EP *Let it Ring* will be featured in his performance with the Low-FI Angels at this week's ArtBeat Festival on July 21, outdoors at Davis Square, 12:30 and 3:15 p.m. The folk and country of his previous album, *Southern Storms* is present with a new blues and rock influence. At a strikingly short five songs, the work here preserves his rich handle on American geography, a picture of Boston and city life against the grain and salt of country life.

The best way to portray the resilience of his music is the documentary *Crumb*, by Terry Zwigoff. Just as the main figure, underground cartoonist Robert Crumb and his vinyl collectors sought after blues hits from the early 20th Century, *Let It Ring* will be sought after in years to come because of its service to nostalgia and the origins of rock out of blues and folk.

"The joys of getting older, hey once you cross that track, you're always looking back," sings Patrick Coman and his backup singer Michelle Vanas in *Boston City Blues*. *Let it Ring*, the song in

the work of the same name is like two lovers taking an afternoon nap amidst heat, ignoring all else except the comfort of each other's arms and choice of ventilation, fan or A.C. If air conditioning sounds too broad a reach for these throwback hits, it's a reference to a love affair ignoring all others hounds and castrated couplings with coincidental partners; oddly enough, the affair, whether it bares fruit like a favorable dalliance, or Tolstoy level cuckoldry, is portrayed as the innocence and penchant for inclusiveness which people discover with America's less urban spots.

Home captures the idyllic south, from the evergreen in the lush landscape up till the cultural hospitality. The South and country are portrayed like the arms of women folk that embrace and welcome with a kiss on the cheek. Home, as most of the songs, features the fiddler Aaron Cross in addition to backup singer, Michelle Vanas.

The departure for a lyricism and broadness from the majority of Coman's previous work, *Southern Storms*, is evident. Coman is a portrait painter that



Photo by Denise Maccaferri

Patrick Coman with the Low-FI Angels will be performing at this week's ArtBeat Festival on July 21.

covers the heart of the idle man. One song in the previous work, *Fortune Cookie*, shares kinship with *Let it Ring* a whole. The narrator with Fortune is basically asking, do you see me in your future, in that crystal ball or tarot deck of your heart? Coman is not talking shop with a gypsy from a country carnival but with

a consort via first impressions. "My responsibilities with the band include being the chauffeur, cat herder, gear packer, and trip organizer. That being said, I'm still the lucky one to get to play with such great musicians," says Coman. "What I notice about our fans is that they are so diverse. Old

hippies, college kids, Rockabilly dudes, folkies, and even young kids, so its fun to play music that can reach so many different types." Patrick will be playing Sherpa to his fans and Somerville this Saturday in Davis Square. Check out his music at <http://patrickcoman.bandcamp.com/>.

St. Helena's penultimate show in Boston

By Sanjeev Selvarajah

St. Helena, a Somerville band, ventured into Café 939 by Berklee and played to an enthusiastic crowd this past Saturday. Now is the time to catch up with the band (<http://home.sthelenamusic.com/>) that has planned this show as the second-to-last live event before an extended hiatus. Friday, August 10, will be their last show, at Cambridge's Middle East, before a much-needed rest and retreat.

Megan Tracy, lead vocalist and keyboards, lives in Inman Square and Mike Ward, guitarist, lives in Somerville as well. Patrick Teahan is the other lead vocalist as well as a guitarist. Keith Wales does background vocals and bass, and James Willets is the drummer, as well as a pleasant conversationalist who sat down in Allston's Model to discuss everything from the sound of the band to Joss Whedon's Hollywood frenzy and Trent Reznor's contribution to Industrial Electronica.

He cites Tori Amos and Weezer as influences. The sound is definitely in the vein of Talking Heads, minus the performance art, with a tonal scope of the Proclaimers. Songs like *E Chord* from the EP *Slow Jack*,

and *Vertigo* from *Modern Tan*, even touch upon the cynicism of Beck's *Mellow Gold*.

But what do they bring to the table, you might ask? So many digits hit the keyboards of Tracy, it's hard to keep track of them-lightning fast-they usher in the countering vocals from Mr. Teahan. The first thing that comes to mind with the second to last song performed, *Vertigo*, was can anyone cram this much music into their head?

Vertigo gets across a drunken stupor that forecasts a tremendous hangover the next day, but the effect is all hedonistic and joyous, a Viking celebration of boar and mead, a pub crawl, in and out of the bar, resulting in affairs of the night. In contrast, *Forget About You* is as sweet and tender as a children's fable. Hansel and Gretel do find their stones and reach home: "And it still looks like a lot like I planned" sings Megan. "With Megan Tracy contributing tunes we gradually got familiar with what was a St. Helena song and what wasn't," says lead singer Patrick Teahan.

Fortune Cookie from *Slow Jack* is a fusion of Weezer and the Proclaimers, an easy sell to filmmaker Wes Anderson for one of his soundtracks. There is a defi-



Photo by Brad Kelly

St. Helena rocked the house at Café 939 this past Saturday.

nite similarity between the tale of a derelict, at a loss for a lovelorn prophecy, with another cynical indie band of Boston, the Four Point Restraints. If one listens closely to the diatribe, there's a resemblance in the song's chastising to The Beatles' *Bungalow Bill*. "All's I can say is you've been uptight...and it's alright with me," sings the band for *Fortune Cookie*.

Café 939 is in Copley, adjacent

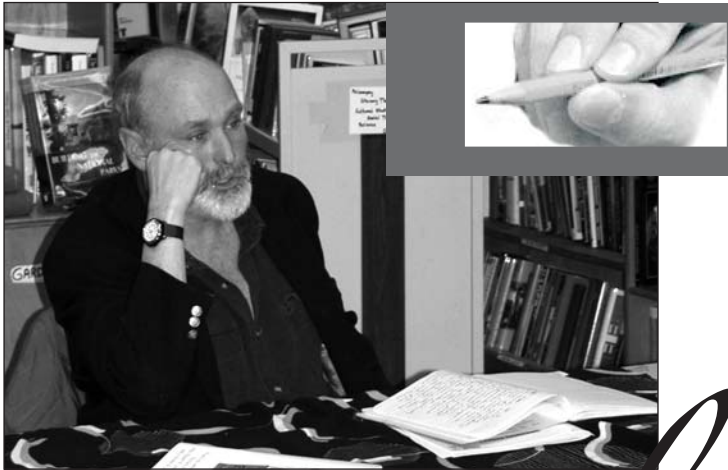
to the Hynes Convention Center. "I thought some of the mic-ing onstage was a little overkill, but I do realize that it is partially a training ground for Berklee students, and they like to be prepared for every possible situation. I thought the hospitality was great and everyone was very professional, and the added bonus was the recording we received of the set at the end of the night," says drummer James

Willets. "I've gotten really positive responses from fans too about the sound and space," says Mike Ward, guitarist.

"I'm a huge fan of playing the Red Room at Cafe 939. The sound is great. The room has a good feel and the staff is courteous and professional. Many of the staff members there are Berklee students, and they really do a phenomenal job," says Megan Tracy.

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week							
Wednesday, July 18		9:30	Affordable Housing in Union Square	2:30	Physician Focus	10:00	Somerville Newspaper Reading
12:00	Free Speech TV	10:00	Somerville Rocks	3:00	The Struggle	10:30	Nosse Gente e Costumes
6:00	Somerville Biking News Share The Road	10:30	National Wildlife Foundation	3:30	Affordable Housing mtg. 6/6/12	12:00	Democracy Now!
7:00	Drug Awareness	11:00	Creepy Castle	4:00	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	1:00	Ablevision
8:00	Democracy Now!	11:30	How to Travel the World Free	4:30	Back In The Day	1:30	Somerville Housing Authority
9:00	Abugida TV	Friday, July 20		5:00	Tele Kreyol	2:00	Somerville: Most Interesting Place
11:00	Somerville News Reading	12:00	Free Speech TV	6:00	Culture Club	2:30	Somerville Back In The Day
12:00	Democracy Now!	6:00	Live Response	6:30	Nepali Sakela Festival	3:00	Exercise With Robyn & Max
1:00	Somerville: Back In The Day	7:00	Culture Club	7:00	AARP	3:30	Esoteric Science
1:30	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	7:30	Talking About Somerville	8:00	David Parkman	4:00	The Thom Hartmann
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2:30	Life Matters	9:00	Truth About Drugs	10:00	Sonic Lobotomy	5:30	Talking About Somerville
3:00 (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	10:00	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:30	Somerville Rocks	6:00	Al Jazeera TV
3:30	Inside Talk	11:00	Back In The Day	11:00	GAY TV	6:30	Perils For Pedestrians
4:00	Thom Hartman show	11:30	Somerville Housing	Sunday, July 22		7:00	Somerville Biking News
5:00	Neighborhood Cooking	12:00	Democracy Now!	12:00	Free Speech TV	8:00	MDOT McCarthy Overpass
5:30	Cooking w/Georgia & Dez	1:00	Never 2 Late 2 Play	6:00	Show De Faith	9:00	Dedilhando A Saudade
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6:30	Ethanol Transportation	2:30	Cooking w/Georgia	7:00	Eckankar	11:00	Somerville Rocks
7:00	MDOT: McCarthy Overpass Meeting	3:00	Brunch w/Senator Sanders	8:00	Program Celebrai	12:00	Art@SCATV
8:00 (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	4:00	Thom Hartmann Show	9:00	Heritage Baptist Church	Tuesday, July 24	
8:30 (LIVE)	Grasping Nature	5:00	National Wildlife Foundation	10:00	International Church of God	12:00	Free Speech TV
9:00	Somerville Rocks	5:30	Art@SCATV	11:00	The Commonwealth Report	6:00	Anti-Drug Program
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11:00	The Garage	7:00	Real Estate Answer Show	12:30	Affordable Housing Mtg. 6/6/12	8:00	Democracy Now!
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10:00	Active Aging	Saturday, July 21		7:00	African National TV	3:30	Active Aging
10:30	Jeff Jam Sing Along	12:00	Free Speech TV	7:30	National Wildlife Foundation	4:00	The Thom Hartmann
11:00	Creating Cooperative Kids	6:00	Arabic Hour	8:00	Healer in Every Home	5:00 (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
12:00	Democracy Now!	7:00	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:30	Affordable Housing Mtg. 6/6/12	6:00	Al Jazeera
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2:00	Baby Boomers	8:30	Mystic Learning Center	10:00	AARP	7:30 (LIVE)	Greater Somerville w/Joe Lynch
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City Cable TV Schedule for the Week							
Wednesday, July 18		12:30am: (13/22)	Harris Park Groundbreaking	8:55pm: (15)	Argenziano School Spring Concert	8:15pm: (13/22)	Congressional Update
9:00am: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	12:30am: (15)	SHS Class Day 2012	Sunday, July 22		8:25pm: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors
9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:45am: (13/22)	Voices of Somerville	12:00am: (13/22)	COA Volunteer Recognition Awards	8:55pm: (15)	School Day Games 2012
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12:55pm: (13/16)	Special Board of Aldermen Meeting - 6.21.12	2:55am: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	1:00am: (15)	New ESCS Walk-Through	12:00am: (15)	SCALE Graduation
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7:30pm: (13/22)	Harris Park Groundbreaking	12:45pm: (13/22)	Family Fun Day	2:00am: (15)	2012 SHS Graduation	12:30am: (13/22)	COA Volunteer Recognition Awards
7:30pm: (15)	SHS Class Day 2012	12:55pm: (13/22)	Medication Tips for Seniors	9:00am: (13/22)	COA Volunteer Recognition Awards	1:00am: (15)	WHCS Moving On Ceremony
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8:15pm: (13/22)	Congressional Update	1:40pm: (13/22)	Magoun Square Walking Tour	11:30am: (15)	Basketball Championship	1:35am: (15)	Kid Stuff
8:45pm: (13/22)	Taste of Somerville	1:55pm: (15)	Argenziano School Spring Concert	12:00pm: (13/22)	Historic Preservation Awards	1:45am: (13/22)	Harris Park Groundbreaking
8:55pm: (13/22)	Life Stories from Somerville	7:00pm: (13/22)	COA Volunteer Recognition Awards	1:00pm: (15)	SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12	1:55am: (13/22)	Special Board of Aldermen Meeting - 6.21.12
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Writer Eli Jace:

A Somerville Scout

Eli Jace walked into the Bloc 11 Café in Union Square looking like he stepped off the set of a Grunge rock band. He is a lanky young man with longish hair, and sports a beard in its seminal stages. Jace happens to be the Arts Editor of the local magazine the *Somerville Scout*. The magazine describes itself as: “Direct, Vibrant and Local.”

Jace, 25, is originally from Arizona, and came to Somerville last April. He did a stint as a stringer at a small paper in the Berkshires. But when the job went south he wound up in the Paris of New England, Somerville, Mass. Jace has a degree in Journalism, and he works at Target in Somerville to make ends meet. Jace told me that he lives with roommates near the high school on Highland Ave. He likes Somerville because it offers him the chance to write about a highly eclectic group of artists and events that are part of Somerville’s landscape.

I asked Jace what he writes about. He said: “ I concentrate on music and sports. One of my favorite pieces is about the post-apocalyptic performance/music group Walter Sickert and the Army of Broken Toys. The iconoclastic group performed at the local club Radio. Jace writes in his article for the Scout:

“There was androgyny, Kabuki masks, red balloons, girls disrobing at intervals, breasts with mustaches, breasts without mustaches, Native American headdress...an inflatable Bozo the Clown, and some of the most chunky, grizzled rock’n’roll in town. My eyes were like wall sockets stuffed with too many plugs.”

Jace said the market is very sour for aspiring



journalists and like many folks of his ilk he hustles and struggles to get by. Journalism is not Jace’s only genre. He is also a serious fiction and poetry writer.

He usually writes in the privacy of his apartment, and likes to take walks to Davis Square and Bunker Hill in Charlestown to clear his head.

Jace is also a consummate blogger. He uses this medium to create an audience for his work He tweets, and uses other outlets to spread his word.

I asked Jace about the *Somerville Scout*—his main writing venue. Jace said: “ It was started by Holly Banks, and it is going strong with sponsors and advertisements. I profile members of the arts community. I find them by searching the internet, Google, etc...

There was a burning question I had to ask the young writer. “ Do you consider Somerville the Paris of New England?” This thoughtful reporter paused and nodded yes. Jace then left Bloc 11, and with his reporter’s gimlet eye he undoubtedly was looking for his next story.

Lyrical

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edited by Doug Holder

In her new book *Journey into A Dark Past* Norma Roth traces her ancestral roots back to Eastern Europe, as it is now and how it was devastated by the Nazi occupation and destruction of Jewish peoples there. It is a poignant and relentless search for meaning and family bonds in which the author both recognizes the great culture that once existed and questions how it could ever have been the target of Hitler's ruthless determination to exterminate the Jewish people who developed it. Interspersed with a travelogue of her journeys back to these cities, she writes marvelous poems of startling revelation and understanding.



A Start	Hopes
by Norma Roth	Dreams
	Love
To discover these roots	Riches
Is painful	
Yet – there is beauty here too:	Cities that spawned, formed –
In its architecture	And deformed them.
In its art	
Its music	I had to come here
In all that my grandfather,	I am after all them:
Father and mother held dear,	They are me
It is a start.	I carry their genes
	All that remains
More than that	And that will be
My family was formed	All that is
Here:	I need to know
In Budapest	
In Vienna	To see their land
In Prague	To feel its pulse
In Nagyvarad (now Oradea)	To feel it:
	Its beauty and
All that they were, became –	Terribleness
And lost, are here too.	To know they were more than I knew
It is a start:	To see they were more than I saw
	To sense they were something other
Joy, beauty mix with	
Pain, sorrow	It is a start without end....
Cities of their Youth:	p. 35-37

This book is available at the Harvard Book Store through their instant Paige M Gutenberg Press book section.

Norma Roth holds a B.A. from Hunter College, an M.A. from Simmons College and a J.D. From Suffolk Law School. She is a lawyer, educator and writer. She currently spends her time between Cambridge, MA and Lincoln, NH.

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Somerville resident receives

nursing scholarship



Somerville resident Nazha Ferradi has just been awarded with a nursing scholarship from Mount Auburn Hospital. A recent graduate of Somerville High School, Ferradi will be attending UMass Lowell in the Fall to pursue nursing. “As a young girl, I was always interested in helping people. I would like to make a difference in peoples’ lives. It begins with a smile,” Ferradi said of her inspiration to pursue this field. Pictured here, Ferradi (left) accepts her scholarship from Mount Auburn Hospital’s Vice President of Patient Care Services and Chief Nurse Executive Deborah Baker, RN.

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