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Doubts shadow Summer Street environmental reports



The project would create a 31-unit condominium building and new facility for the George Dilboy VFW Post on about an acre of land between 343 and 351 Summer St.

By Tom Nash/Post Somerville

A controversial Davis Square condominium proposal is facing more scrutiny after city officials nearly let the developer avoid submitting reports that detail possible environmental contamination on the development site.

The project would create a 31-unit condominium building and new facility for the George Dilboy VFW Post on about an acre of land between 343 and 351 Summer St.

Opponents have longstanding concerns about the project's size, and doubts about the developer's track record in Somerville. In addition, they say the city is making excuses for a developer who has intentionally hidden reports about the site's environmental conditions.

Changes to the City's zoning application made last year require developers to attach any environmental reports completed for a site and that they be publicly available. In this case, reports prepared during an eight-year period that raised questions about risks from the site's former use as a gas station remained out of the hands of the public.

"If [the developer]

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Milestone ceremony for Tufts' Steve Tisch Sports and Fitness Center

By Tiffani M. Westbrook

Tufts University laid the last beam of the super structure that will be the framework for the in the new Steve Tisch Sports and Fitness Center on August 17. The ceremony marking the milestone in the progress of the construction, begin at 11:30am, when attendees were encouraged to sign the beam. The beam was decorated with a traditional evergreen sapling and balanced on opposite ends by an American flag and the Tufts University flag. The beam was lifted into its temporary resting place by crane amidst the approving applause of the crowd.

The new athletic center will be an addition to the existing athletic structure located on College Street in Medford. Medford Mayor McGlynn noted in his speech that Tufts placement of the entrance of the new athletic center gives is in great proximity to I-93. The new athletic center, scheduled to be finished early August 2012, will be 42,000 square feet with a

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The new Steve Tisch Sports and Fitness Center got one beam closer to completion last week.

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NEWTALK

The campaign web site of Ms. Katjana Ballantyne for Alderman in Ward 7 has some interesting comments we found Tuesday. She goes after Alderman Bob Trane for not going to participate in a debate. She actually had the nerve to say “voters will miss the chance to hear from their Alderman, also that Trane’s refusal seems to give the impression that government is closed.” It further goes on to say, “government should be open and voters deserve to hear from their Alderman.” WOW! This from a lady who we hear called Joe Lynch up Tuesday afternoon to say now SHE WON’T participate in a candidate forum either. Why doesn’t she mention that on her web site? Isn’t transparency wonderful when it’s one sided? So her campaign committee has Marty Martinez, who serves on the same Somerville Community Corp. board of directors (Katjana is past president of the board). Marty, who is on her committee (wonder how many other SCC board members are on her committee and if that’s legal?), is president of the PDS group that recruited her and endorsed her before the endorsements went out, but she wants you to believe that she’s transparent and for open government? She probably has a bridge for you to buy at a bargain price! Wonder if names of the SCC board of directors past/present are also working in Ms. Katjana’s campaign?

Congratulations to Charlene (former Ward 4 School Committee woman) and Brian Harris of Winter Hill, celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary this week. Long time Somerville residents and still here. Both have been and continue to be very active here in the community. We wish them the best and many more years of bliss. Also celebrating their 47th anniversary is Mary Ann and Dennis Sinclair, who we hear will be partying all week long.

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Somerville pols support immigrant higher education

jamie says:

I wonder if any of the people supporting this measure have any idea how difficult it already is to get accepted to any of our state colleges/universities. Now you want to add lots of people who are illegal, but will obviously enjoy ‘minority status’, thus giving them a leg up in the acceptance/aid/grant arenas. I know lots of good, deserving students who are already not being accepted at these schools because of the large numbers of applications. I wonder when people will start voting out these politicians who are actively, openly working for people illegally living in our country at the expense of the legal, voting, tax-paying citizens.

A Moore says:

So as usual we Americans come last. We have to pay extra or not go at all as Americans. Where are the brains God gave them? I see all the names of the pols who are for this but where are the ones working for us Americans????? No wonder we are in so much trouble here with these ... (can’t even say it) Supposedly working for us. They are illegal! Send them back and let them come in legally like so many others and pay taxes and learn English. These pols have no common sense at all. These pols make me sick . We have got to these polls out of office and get some Americans in there.

JM says:

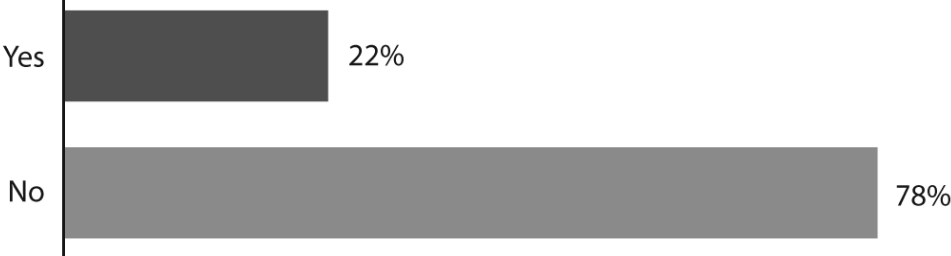
As a American citizen who had to SUE my law school for unfair denial of in-state tuition (and won)...I think it is fundamentally unfair to give in-state tuition to non-citizens when citizens are often denied.

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week’s poll concerned your views on whether or not you support a proposed bill that would allow illegal immigrants to pay in-state rates for tuition to state universities if they meet a high academic standard. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Do you support a proposed bill that would allow illegal immigrants to pay in-state rates for tuition to state universities if they meet a high academic standard?



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Verizon strikers hit Central Street

By Andrew Firestone

Amidst the vitriolic protests taking place nationwide for the last two weeks, a few members of the local International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 2222 found themselves picketing a Somerville Verizon office. There, they fought for their rights as workers.

While these employees have now gone back to work, pending a renegotiation of their contract, the situation still remains volatile. Verizon workers claimed that their job security was put at risk, and defended their right to peacefully protest.

"They want to get rid of us," said one worker. "They want to contract the work out. They want to take our pension away."

Verizon, who made billions of dollars in profit last fiscal year, also achieved tax exemption through a "Reverse Morris Trust." The practices of the communications giant rankled Somerville Congressman Michael Capuano, who joined the Verizon strikers in their protest.

"I understand not giving out

pay raises when times are tough, but when you're making a profit, to then come at regular working people and ask them to give up hard-fought hard-won benefits that they have earned by making this company very successful that makes no sense," said Capuano. "To me, that is nothing but greed and that is an unacceptable approach."

"The worst part of this is that the CEOs of this corporation are making millions upon millions upon millions and the cuts that are happening are on our backs, not their backs," said one of the striking workers.

Much of the problems involved in Verizon's negotiation stance involved their altering of the overtime clause, which would force workers in some situations to work overtime without notice. "It's life-changing when it happens," said one worker, who said that duties to their families would be disrupted under the new guidelines.

"It's not about Verizon, it's not even about this particular union," said Capuano. "To me, this is an attack upon the middle class, and it's the kind of thing that, if America allows to hap-



Members of the local International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 2222, along with some of their family members, were out in force, advocating for their common good.

pen, I guarantee it will be another middle-class person next. It will never stop."

"The middle class wasn't around when we founded the country," he said noting the influence of public policy supporting unions and safety net programs like Social Security. "There was no significant mid-

dle class until after the Great Depression."

The strike caused a disruption in service, which was felt in numerous sectors. The Gulf station in nearby Arlington lost service to their lottery ticket distribution, losing revenue from lack of service.

The 45,000 workers of the

IBEW and Communications Workers of America will continue their acrimonious negotiations with Verizon while operating under their old contract, which expire August 7.

"In the long term, it is not just one battle here and there. It is a way of life," said Capuano.

Milestone ceremony for Tufts' Steve Tisch Sports and Fitness Center

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glass, brick, and cooper façade and green technology installed, will make an attractive first impression of Tufts University and the city of Medford.

In addition to the mayor, Anthony Monaco, Tufts University President, and President of Stanmar Inc Mark Snider, addressed the crowd consisting of mostly Tufts faculty and Stanmar employees. Snider thanked the Stanmar team and gave a special thank you to Dick Reynolds, Vice President for Operations. He also stated that "teamwork and entrepreneurship" were important as-

sets to this project's success thus far.

University president Monaco stated that the existing structure was clearly outdated and that the new building was definitely necessary providing more room for the athletic department. In addition to new workout facilities and aerobics rooms, there will be locker rooms and offices for the staff. "This is phase 2 in a 3 phase project." The next phase will include a new pool and locker room for the aquatics department.

Also amongst those recognized



was Steve Tisch, whose generous donation of \$13 million made him the major contributor to the

\$16.6million rejuvenation project. Tisch, a Tufts University Alumni is the chairman of the

New York Giants football team as well as an Academy Award-winning film producer.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Alleged Heroin dealers put out of business

Two suspected heroin dealers were targeted for investigation by the Somerville Police Drug Control Unit last week.

Surveillance was established for the residence of Jessica Killeen, 26, at 173 Pearl Street. Killeen was reportedly observed making several short trips away from her home over the course of a single afternoon, at times taking brief rides in vehicles and being let out to walk back home, according to police.

Police officers at the scene noted that the same vehicle that had picked up Killeen earlier in the afternoon returned for a repeat occurrence of the previous activity, police said. After Killeen exited the car a vehicle stop was effectuated by police and the driver, Richard Fermin-Castro, 27, of New York, NY, was approached for questioning, according to reports. Killeen was likewise intercepted by police as she attempted to walk back to her residence, police said.

Fermin-Castro attempted to put something in his mouth as he was confronted, according to reports, but was forcibly prevented from doing so, even as the suspect struggled with the officers on the scene.

Police reported that 27 clear plastic bags containing a brown colored substance believed to be Heroin was recovered from the interior of the motor vehicle compartment.

A search of Killeen's residence reportedly yielded six similar bags, according to police.

Killeen was placed under arrest and charged with conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, and drug violation near a school or park.

Fermin-Castro was placed under arrest and charged with distribution of a class A drug, drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, heroin/morphine/opium trafficking, and resisting arrest.

A pipe collector of a different kind

A Somerville 911 operator received an emergency call last Thursday from someone reporting that a man unknown to him had just exited his home carrying a grocery style paper bag filled with copper pipes.

Police officers were dispatched to the home on Evergreen Avenue, currently unoccupied and undergoing renovations. Inspection of the residence revealed many broken and cut water pipes, with water spilling from several pipes all over the basement floor. A window near the front porch had the front screen cut and it appeared that the intruder gained access to the home from there.

The alleged pipe thief was reportedly spotted by witnesses as he ran from the residence and then placed the pipes inside of his vehicle before speeding away on Sycamore Street, police said. Witnesses were able to provide the license plate number of the suspect's vehicle.

The suspect's vehicle was later located parked at a residence on Albion Street and responding officers spotted three individuals, one man and two women, sitting on the back porch of the home, police said. As the group was questioned, police officers reportedly found a bag containing copper pipes hidden under the porch where they had previously been sitting.

Witnesses subsequently identified the man, Keith Richardson, 25, of Belmont, as the individual seen running with the pipes from the home on Evergreen Avenue.

Richardson was placed under arrest and charged with destruction of property over \$250 and larceny from a building.

Driving and pills don't mix

Police responded to a report of a driver passing out at the wheel last Thursday in the area of Craigie Street.

Upon arrival, police reportedly found that Douglas Doane, 36, had crashed his vehicle and was behaving in a manner suggesting that he was under the influence of drugs.

When questioned, Doane reportedly said that he did not remember what had happened, but believed that he had fallen asleep behind the wheel. Police also said that Doane admitted to being under the influence of prescription pills.

A prescription bottle containing various types of pills, some of which were believed to be Methadone, was found in plain view on the vehicle's passenger seat, according to police. An empty syringe from Doane's right pocket was also reportedly found.

Doane was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle on a public way while under the influence of narcotics. He was cited criminally for reckless operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

David Walsh-Sirianni, 20, of 80 Eustis St., August 16, 5:00 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of larceny.

Jessica Killeen, 26, of 173 Pearl St., August 16, 5:41 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, drug possession to distribute, and drug violation near a school or park.

Richard Fermin-Castro, 27, of 541 W. 211 St., New York, NY, August 16, 5:41 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on charges of distribution of a class A drug, drug violation near a school or park, conspiracy to violate drug law, heroin/morphine/opium trafficking, and resisting arrest.

Olena Demoel, 20, of 57 Magnolia St., Arlington, August 16, 8:14 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a charge of larceny.

Joseph Cardosi, 46, of 7 Woodrow Wilson Ct., Cambridge, August 17, 11:32 a.m., arrested at Grove St. on charges of possession of a class C drug and disorderly conduct.

Lisa Selvage, 46, of 65 Newton St., Everett, August 17, 5:14 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and failure to appear for jury duty.

Damon Smith, 38, of 86 Ormand St., Mattapan, August 17, 7:57 p.m., arrested at Berkeley St. on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and motor vehicle receiving of stolen property.

Keith Richardson, 25, of 11 Benjamin Rd., Belmont, August 18, 12:39 p.m., arrested at 67 Evergreen Ave. on charges of destruction of property over \$250 and larceny from a building.

Douglas Doane, 36, of 47 Craigie St., August 18, 11:00 p.m., arrested at 50 Craigie St. on charges of reckless operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of drugs.

Jose Olivo, 26, of 103 Marion St., August 19, 12:24 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Christopher Nadeau, 42, of 31 Craigie St., August 19, 1:10 p.m., arrested at 8 Howe St. on warrant charges of noise violation and shoplifting by asportation.

Joseph Galluzzo, 52, of 9 Austin St., August 19, 5:49 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of conspiracy to violate drug laws.

Keisha Lubin, 26, of 1366 Broadway, August 19, 7:02 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of sexual conduct for a fee and warrant charges of larceny over \$250, assault and battery, and shoplifting by concealing

Victor Guevara-Zaldana, 35, of 138 Pearl St., August 20, 6:00 a.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of operating a motor vehicle without a license.

Murilo Rechetnicou, 25, of 432 Medford St., August 20, 10:28 a.m., arrested at 252 Medford St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Joshua Malin, 30, of 45 Laurel St., August 21, 1:02 p.m., arrested at home on charges of disorderly conduct, assault and battery on a police officer, and resisting arrest.

Christopher Nucci, 35, of 8 Dartmouth St., August 21, 4:11 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250, conspiracy, and assault and battery.

Rita Smith, 35, of 8 Dartmouth St., August 21, 4:11 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of larceny over \$250 and conspiracy.

Incidents:

Theft:

August 16, 10:10 a.m., police reported a theft at Paulina St.

August 16, 10:42 a.m., police reported a theft at Windsor St.

August 17, 10:54 a.m., police reported a theft at Thorpe St.

August 17, 12:03 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

August 17, 12:24 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

August 17, 1:22 p.m., police reported a theft at 581 Somerville Ave.

August 17, 7:55 p.m., police reported a theft at Union Sq.

August 17, 9:55 p.m., police reported a theft at Perkins St.

August 18, 11:37 p.m., police reported a theft at School St.

August 18, 12:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Evergreen Ave.

August 18, 10:13 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

August 18, 11:19 p.m., police reported a theft at 118 Broadway.

August 19, 10:05 a.m., police reported a theft at Lowden Ave.

Mayor: Council on Aging exec punished enough

By Andrew Firestone

Following the release of a forensic independent audit, Council on Aging executive director Cindy Hickey has been cleared of any financial misdoings, and has returned to work. Hickey was found to have circumvented the financial process of the city by setting up a non-profit, called "Future Friends," but did not benefit from the situation financially.

Mayor Joseph Curtatone said he was not pleased with the action, which city officials say should have gone through the city, but that she would be allowed to return to her job. Curtatone placed Hickey on paid leave in January after allegations arose of financial misdeeds.

"The forensic audit confirmed that no one in the Council of Aging, specifically Cindy Hickey or anyone related to her benefited financially," said Curtatone. "Anything Cindy Hickey did was for the benefit of the seniors."

"Notwithstanding that, she failed to follow certain proce-

dures and protocols and as a result, I applied the adequate discipline as the City's chief executive officer."

Hickey was found to have funneled \$667,000 into the non-profit, used to pay costs. Among the costs were 41 checks totaling \$9,215.33 that may have not been used for Council of Aging activities directly. Among other findings was evidence that she circumvented processes regulated by state-laws, and broke a law that prohibits using funds for alcohol and cigars.

"I want to stress that throughout this entire process, for once, Cindy Hickey has been honest," said Curtatone.

The city commissioned the \$17,000 audit that cleared Hickey enough so that the Middlesex District Attorney said he would not press charges.

Curtatone said that despite it all that he was pleased that Hickey was back on the job. "Cindy has been a dedicated employee for many years. I know that the seniors of the city are happy she's back on," he said.



Mayor Curtatone is calling for a fresh start and a fair chance for redemption for Cindy Hickey as she resumes her duties with the Council on Aging.

Robbery suspect sought

Somerville Police are seeking to identify the suspect who robbed a woman early Tuesday morning. Shortly before 8:00 a.m., a 25 year old Somerville woman was putting a bag in the back seat of her SUV on Lincoln St. at the corner of Lincoln Ave, when a male in his mid twenties approached her and ripped the Victim's pocketbook from her right shoulder. The victim fought back but the assailant was able to get her handbag from her. The suspect then fled easterly on Broadway toward Sullivan Square, Charlestown.

The Suspect is described as a

white male, mid twenties 5'-7"/5'-8" stocky/heavy build with earrings in both ears. He was wearing a blue velvet type hoodie, dark running shorts and sneakers. He was unshaven and had sunken eyes.

The victim was able to assist with creating a composite sketch of the suspect, shown below. Anyone who has information about this incident or who knows the identity of this suspect is urged to contact Somerville Police at 617 625-1212, or they can send an anonymous tip by texting 617SPD to Tip411.



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Housing market promising in Somerville

By Andrew Firestone

With local markets in turmoil and the real estate industry still struggling from the depths of the 2008 sub-prime mortgage crisis, Somerville stands atop its competitors. Even in the midst of global financial uncertainty, the housing market of the densest city in New England remains optimistic.

When Mario Marengi bought up a foreclosed house in last May, he knew that there would be work to be done. Buying a two-family house at 102 Jacques St., he said he knew the investment of renovating and fixing it up was worth it.

"There's a lot of money being spent in this city to make the city up-and-coming like everyone else," said Marengi. "I really think the Mayor is doing a phenomenal job."

A victim of the housing crisis in 2008, the decrepit old house needed a lot of work done. Marengi claims he "got it right back down to the walls, and built it back up again."

Buying the house from Deutsche Bank through his personal broker at Century 21, Victoria Laws, Marengi said he went through the process of tearing down and building up for one purpose, turning the \$175,000 property into something worth living in.

"If I'm going to buy something and do something, I want to do it the right way and make it something that people are going to be happy with when they are

in the house," he said.

Location, location, location. This is the barebones of any person's life choices; where do we want to live? Does it make sense to raise a family here?

Mayor Joseph Curtone said it was this impetus that has made and would continue to make Somerville an attractive place to raise a family. "People want to be in Somerville and there is a growing desire to send their kids to school here. And they see Somerville as a city that's on the move. A city that's a healthy city, a safe city, it's clean. It's got a vision for its future, its development. It's got strong culture and diversity. We've got everything going for us."

The house on Jacques St. tells a story of what continues to be Somerville's bedrock: being a city of neighborhoods. "We may be the most densely populated city in New England, but we've got a small-town feel here," said Curtatone.

Tray ceilings, seven layers of remodeling and the use of an interior decorator for color may seem a bit excessive for a now retail-priced \$249,900 two-family, but to Marengi, it comes along with the territory.

"When I do renovations, I want to make sure that I'm selling something that is going to pass inspection, people are going to be happy. So, a lot of the stuff I buy, I end up doing a little bit more than the usual renovations that some of these guys do," said Marengi, who operates a towing company in Revere.



Things seem to be looking up for the housing market in Somerville.

Curtatone said that the city needs to create these opportunities to attract the kind of middle-class families that would find respite in Somerville.

"We have to be diverse in our ethnicity and language, but also in our socio-economic status," said Curtatone. "Everyone has to have an opportunity here to prosper, and we cannot lose the middle-class. This country is struggling to hang onto its middle class. Somerville has always been a blue-collar town and always will provide that middle class an opportunity."

"If we're that community that prices people out, and doesn't recognize what it has to do to maintain and allow anyone in this city to grow

and to prosper, we'll lose our soul. And that we will not allow to happen, and by we, I mean the community," said Curtatone.

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

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“Get ‘em while they’re hot.”

The View From Prospect Hill



The mythos of the Great American Dream is something that has inspired much greatness of achievement in the past, the present, and, hopefully, the future. Millions of people the world over embrace the dream as they long for lives with greater opportunities for themselves and for their children. Compassionate Americans are

generous in their understanding that the greatness of this country was built upon the diversity of its immigrant population. That most of our ancestors came from somewhere afar and made good in “the land of opportunity.” But the Great Melting Pot achieved its greatness in a systematic and lawful way, for the most part. As a nation of laws, the ma-

jority of us have agreed to certain rules of conduct and order. When the rules are broken and order turns to chaos it becomes time for us to reflect and then act accordingly to rectify matters. As lawmakers propose programs that would circumvent and essentially nullify certain existing immigration policies, we must ask the question of them:

what part of “illegal alien” do you not understand? Our immigration laws exist as a means to protect our society’s best interests. Although some may argue that the system is imperfect, few would concede to the outright anarchy that would prevail if these laws were ignored altogether. We encourage anyone who

would come to this country looking to improve their own lives and to add to the rich tapestry of our culture to do so freely, but by all means legally. We insist upon the rule of law in governing the process. Otherwise, the Great Melting Pot itself melts down. And, of course, anarchy then prevails. Dream on.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Happy Birthday to the following ‘Villens: Big Birthday wishes to Alicia Puglia Loan, Cliff Clark, Hope Parsons, our good friend and transit officer Tom O’Connor, along with Larry Rogers, and a big Happy Birthday goes out to Linda DeCicco who is 13, and Victoria DeCicco who is 14th, both of whom will be eating cake for a long time. To all the other ‘Villens out there celebrating this week we wish you many more from home base here in the ‘Ville.

On the so-called controversy at Market Basket with the bike racks again this week, we had several Newstalkers visiting Market Basket (must be best in Somerville) and noticed that not even half of the racks were filled with bikes, with plenty of room for more. What’s the drama all about? Or is it that the new bikies (we know it’s not proper grammar - so sue us) making demands?

And now for our local so called Transparency group in Somerville called the Progressive Democrats of Somerville or the (PDS). (Please re-read last

week’s disclaimer on membership now and before) If you read last week here in Newstalk we mentioned we would be having more on the following bagged endorsements for the various local races. Up in Ward 7 it’s well known within political circles that the PDS group not only recruited Katjana Ballyntyne to run in Ward 7, but it appears that active PDS members were also on her campaign committee. You remember that Katjana is a past President of the Somerville Community Corporation (mentioned earlier in Newstalk). President of the PDS, Marty Martinez, is also a board member of SCC (now you see why they endorsed before she was practically running for office). In their first act of open transparency they mentioned only Katjana as running in Ward 7 before she was running for the endorsement of the PDS, but they didn’t mention Joan Puglia or Bob Trane. They sent out questionnaires to the candidates under the guise, again we hear, of being transparent (yeah right) - so candidate Joan Puglia submitted her questionnaire, but knew that she wasn’t going to get it, since it was already widely mentioned and talked

about openly that again Katjana was their candidate. Knowing that she wasn’t getting the endorsement, we were told that Joan still submitted her answers but asked and wanted to have her answers published to the members, which they declined. By the way, Bob Trane submitted his answers as well but also knew that endorsement was bagged. It seems that their fearless leader Marty Martinez failed to be honest. He tells the Glob reporter that was present (like this is breaking news, having the PDS endorsements) that Joan never submitted the questionnaire’s answers, so he deliberately lied to the Glob knowing full well that not only did Joan submit her answers, but she knew that the endorsements were phony and in the bag from the beginning. Maybe that’s why Marty is resigning? We wonder what the founders of the PDS group think of the so-called bias transparency of the organization that many a good person worked hard to build, just to become the laughing stock of the city. Is the open lack of transparency being questioned by many of the originals founders of the group, we wonder? We

still love the way Marty runs the club though. We feel personally at Newstalk that he’s run the club in the right direction. The only problem is that others think the same and will probably save it in the near future.

The Somerville High School class of 1966 is having its 45 year reunion on October 15 at the City Club. RSVP SHS Class of 1966 at 44 Morrison Rd. W. Wakefield 01880. Cost is \$35.00 pp.

Labor Day weekend - the end of the summer is upon us. Has anyone else noticed that traffic in the city this past week is way down? So, that means heavy traffic in Falmouth and up north in NH. Let’s all enjoy the summer as it passes by so quickly.

All quiet down in Winter Hill and Ten Hills. Walking the streets in Ward 4, we see Tony Lafaunte out there every single day, working very hard for this election. He is determined not to lose this one. His opponent,

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Green Line: What's next?



By Joseph A. Curtatone

As most of you know by now, the City is circulating an electronic petition to submit to state officials demonstrating the need and desire for the Green Line Extension through Somerville and for adherence to the legally mandated timeline. In just over two weeks, almost 2,500 residents, and other interested parties have signed on, with more adding their names to the list every day. If that doesn't send a clear message, let me assure you that we're already taking addi-

tional steps to make the message even more clear. Meetings with Congressman Capuano and our State Delegation, the first of many, are paving the way for firmer discussions with the Governor as well as MassDot and MBTA officials. We are seeking additional action and more transparency. Working with the Conservation Law Foundation, we're also reassessing the legal mandate for a 2014 deadline, and determining the next steps for holding the state to that binding decision. In short, we won't take this lying down.

In the meantime, I'm going to continue to stress the importance of and need for Somerville residents and businesses to get involved. After years of tireless community advocacy, resulting only in more broken promises, it's clear that this will not be resolved without a united approach. More than negotiations and discussions by political and local leaders, we need the continued efforts of the entire

Somerville community: we need you to make your voices heard. Write to the Governor and demand an acceptable timeline for a project that is not only legally mandated for our city, but one that can and will improve the quality of life and health of our residents while reducing negative environmental impacts. Remind him that we are a community of 4 square miles and that every day thousands of cars cut through and over our streets on their way to Boston, especially as I-93 carves a path directly through our city. For this reason, the Green Line Extension is not only wanted in Somerville, it is needed. We can't wait indefinitely to reduce the negative health effects this traffic has on our residents. In this time of fiscal uncertainty, we also need this promised transit to contribute to our local and regional economy by unlocking new development and spurring economic growth.

If anyone believes that this is

only the "issue of the moment" and that our momentum will dwindle as the weeks continue, they are mistaken. I have no intention of slowing down, and I hope you don't either. We will stay on track (pun intended) and we will continue to hold those responsible for the 2014 deadline accountable. We want answers, we need answers, we deserve answers and we will get answers.

Somerville is a City on the move. Despite the fact that most surrounding cities and towns are laying off municipal employees, closing public buildings and eliminating services, Somerville is adding and improving services, and our development outlook is stronger than ever. We have a new waterfront community under construction at Assembly Square. Union Square development plans are in the works. Businesses and developers are looking to Somerville as an up-and-coming urban community with a lot to offer. And yet, we

lack the necessary transit to bring in new consumers allowing us to grow our local economy and expand the tax base, which is beneficial not just for Somerville but for the Commonwealth. Somerville has been neglected by transit options as a result of failed policy, and we have waited patiently for the promise of six new stops under the Green Line Extension. Continuing to extend the project deadline is not an option. Broken promises will not be accepted. We will not stop fighting until we see this project break ground.

Bottom line, the Governor made a commitment to our community, and he needs to keep it. We continue to receive conflicting messages: one that notes our state officials are "behind" the project and continue to place importance on the issue; another that has the City of Somerville endlessly frustrated with unmet deadlines and broken legal promises. Let's get this done.

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

And now a word from our sponsor



This article first ran in the February 3, 2010 edition of The Somerville News.

Remember all those old radio and TV jingles that used to stick in our minds? Well, I asked some of my friends to dig deep and come up with some, and they did. So here they are, and we'll start with some of my favorites, as close as I can recall.

"Barbo's Barbo's for furniture you will live with, happily ever after." "How does Dinger do it (we don't know)? come out and see (come and see)! on Route 128 in Braintree." "Wouldn't you really rather have a Buick? A brand new '66 Buick?" "Fly the friendly skies of United!" "How many cookies did Andrew eat? Andrew ate eight thousand. How do you keep your carpets clean? Call Andrew eight eight thousand." "My baloney has a first name, it's O S C A R, my baloney has a second name it's M E Y E R" and "Oh I wish I were an Oscar Meyer Weiner - that is what I truly want to be... for if I were an Oscar Meyer Weiner, everyone would be

in love with me." "He likes it, hey Mikey!" "Where's The Beef?" "You're in the Pepsi Generation!" "Plop, plop - fizz, fizz - oh what a relief it is..."

"Adventure Car Hop is the place to go for food that's always right. Adventure food is always just so (you'll relish every bite)! Out on Route 1 in Saugus, come dressed just as you are... Adventure, where the service is tops, and you never get out of your car." "If it says Libbys Libbys Libbys on the label label label, you will like it like it like it on your table table table." "Brylcreem - a little dab'll do ya. Brylcreem - you'll look so debonair. Brylcreem - the gals will all persue'ya - they'll love to run their fingers through your hair!" "Everybody doesn't like something, but nobody doesn't like Sara Lee."

"Double your pleasure, double your fun, with double-good, double-good, DoubleMint Gum." "I hanker for a hunk-a, a slab, a slice, or chunk-a...I hanker for a slice of cheese." "You'll wonder where the yellow went... when you brush your teeth with Pepsodent." "You've come a long way, baby!" "There's nothing like the face of a

kid eating a Hershey Bar." "We're going down to Raymond's, we're going down to Raymond's, you can't beat Raymond's, so why pay more?" "Don't forget Mrs. B from Bradlees!" "Let Hertz put you in the driver's seat."

"Robert Hall this season, will show you the reason - low overhead, low overhead (or no overhead)." "Come Alive! You're in the Pepsi Generation." "What walks down stairs, alone or in pairs, and makes a slinkity sound? A spring, a spring, a marvelous thing - everyone knows it's Slinky. It's Slinky, it's Slinky..." "You've come a long way baby, and I'd rather fight than switch (Virginia Slims and Tareyton cigarettes)" "I am stuck on Band-Aid and Band-Aid's stuck on me." "I'm a Pepper, you're a Pepper, he's a Pepper, she's a Pepper, wouldn't you like to be a Pepper too?"

"I feel like chicken tonight!" "Manly, yes - but I like it too (Irish Spring soap)!" "Schaefer is the one beer to have when you're having more than one!" "Mabel, Black Label" "Hi neighbor, have a Gansett!" "N-E-S-T-L-E-S, Nestles makes the very best chocolate!" "I'm a

Chiquita Banana and I'm here to say..." "Grab a bucket and mop - at McDonald's we're clean." "In the valley of the Jolly (ho ho ho) Green Giant." "Hot dogs, Armour hot dogs, what kind of kids eat Armour hot dogs." "Mmmm mmmm good, mmm mmmm good, that's what Campbell soups are - mmmm mmmm good!" "Two all beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame seed bun (what...no tomatoes?)" "It takes two hands to handle a Whopper." "I can bring home the bacon, fry it up in a pan, and never, never let you forget you're a man, cuz I'm a woman...Enjoli."

I'm sure you can think of more too. Thanks to all my friends for their suggestions.

I must leave you with this wisecrack. Groundhog Day was yesterday (when I wrote this). In my younger years, this is how I celebrated - I would pop my head out of the barroom door - and if I didn't see my angry girlfriends' car, it meant 6 more - beers!

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, 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.

Beacon Hill Roll Call has obtained the official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the Legislature's 158 state representatives in 2011 through August 8. The list reveals that representatives have so far collected a total of \$178,800. Beacon Hill Roll Call recently reported that state senators in 2011 have so far collected \$39,521 in per diems. The combined current 2011 total collected by representatives and senators is \$218,321.

Under state law, per diems are paid by the state to representatives "for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse." These reimbursements are given to representatives above and beyond their regular salaries.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a representative resides and its distance from the Statehouse. The Legislature in 2000 approved a law doubling these per diems to the current amounts. The payments range from \$10 per day for senators who reside in the Greater Boston area to \$90 per day for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 per day for those in Nantucket. Legislators who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston's Statehouse often collect the highest total of annual per diems.

Supporters of the per diems say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They note many legislators spend a lot of money on traveling to Boston and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions.

Some opponents argue most other private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. Others say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes, the state is in the midst of a recession, and funding for important programs has been cut.

The 2011 statistics indicate that 87 representatives, a little more than one-half of the 160 members, have received reimbursements ranging from \$144 to \$7,300 while 73 representatives have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that legislators must meet in order to collect the per diems.

The representative who has so far received the most money in 2011 is Rep. Timothy Madden (D-Nantucket) with \$7,300. Representatives rounding out the top ten include Reps. Paul Mark (D-Pittsfield), \$4,770;

Michael Finn (D-West Springfield), \$4,620; Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown), \$4,366; John Scibak (D-South Hadley), \$4,260; Ellen Story (D-Amherst), \$4,200; Stephen Kulik (D-Worthington), \$3,922; Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick), \$3,828; Benjamin Swan (D-Springfield), \$3,780; and Angelo Puppolo (D-Springfield), \$3,780.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' PER DIEMS FOR 2011

The dollar figure next to the representative's name represents the total amount of 2011 per diem money the state has paid the representative through August 8. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the representative certified he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period.

A total of 73 of the state's representatives did not list any days and did not request any per diems. This should not be construed to mean these representatives were never at the Statehouse in 2011. It simply means they chose not to list the number of days and not to request their per diems.

Rep. Denise Provost	\$1,020 (102 days)
Rep. Carl Sciortino	\$670 (67 days)
Rep. Timothy Toomey	\$0 (0 days)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

RETAIN ORGANS AFTER AUTOPSY (H 2385)

- The House gave initial approval to a proposal that would prohibit any body part or organ from being retained following an autopsy without consent from the deceased's next of kin. The measure was filed on behalf of Cathie and Donald Marcelli, whose 18-month-old son David died suddenly in 1996. David's organs were retained without his parents' knowledge or permission following a hospital autopsy. Supporters of the bill argue the family suffered untold anguish when they had to bury the body parts four months after David's death.

LIMIT FEE FOR CASHING CHECKS (H 3567)

The House gave initial approval to legislation that would set a cap on the fees check-cashing stores and outlets are allowed to charge. The maximum charge would be 10 percent of the value of a personal check plus a \$1 service charge; 3 percent of a government check plus a \$1 service charge; 3 percent of a payroll check of \$100 or less; 2.6 percent of a payroll check of more than \$100; and 3 percent of all other checks including traveler's check, cashier's check and certified check plus a \$1 service charge.

This type of business is growing and even some of the big chain stores like Walmart are getting involved.

Supporters said of the 34 states that regulate check cashing, Massachusetts is one of 8 that do not regulate the fees that may be charged. They argued these check-cashing "stores" are often located in low-income neighborhoods and take advantage of vulnerable residents.

RULES FOR KAYAKING (H 664)

- The House gave initial approval to a bill that would regulate the increasingly popular sport of kayaking. The measure would require kayak instructors to take basic water rescue, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training. It also requires instructors to receive certification from

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the American Canoe Association and be certified by the American Red Cross in small craft safety. Other provisions require students to be taught safety procedures including “wet exit training” - the practice of escaping from a capsized kayak.

Supporters said present law is too loose and does not sufficiently regulate kayaks. They argued the bill will save lives and prevent injuries.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“Like a lot of the American people, the president is taking a little time with his family to recharge his batteries. Whenever you talk about a presidential vacation, you ought to put the word ‘vacation’ in quotes, because you can bet that there will still be work that he’s doing every day.” - *White House spokesman Bill Burton as President Obama arrived on Martha’s Vineyard for a ten-day vacation.*

“If you get tired of paying \$20 for lobster rolls (island prices!) give us a call; we can point you to a wicked good clam shack (Kelly’s Roast Beef) at Revere Beach.” - *From a letter to Obama by the Massachusetts Republican Party.*

“Effective September 9, 2011, he is to be temporarily

suspended from the practice of law.” - *Massachusetts Supreme Court Justice Margot Botsford announcing former House Speaker Sal DiMasi will lose his law license one day after he is scheduled to be sentenced on his conviction of receiving \$57,000 in payments from Cognos, a Canadian software company that he helped land nearly \$20 million in state contracts.*

“These results are yet another confirmation that our students are leading the nation in academic achievement.” - *Gov. Deval Patrick on the announcement that Massachusetts high school graduates in 2011 scored higher than the rest of the nation on the ACT college entrance exam.*

“Contribute \$50 right now to get your own Scott Brown bobblehead!” - *Part of the Scott Brown for U.S. Senate website’s pitch for campaign donations to help re-elect Brown in 2012.*

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, re-

search, 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 August 15-19, the House met for a total of 29 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 16 minutes.

Mon. August 15	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:14 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:11 a.m.
Tues. August 16	No House session No Senate session
Wed. August 17	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. August 18	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.
Fri. August 19	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

Ms. Barber hasn’t been seen around the ward much except on certain streets. Whole neighborhoods, we hear, haven’t even seen her. Meanwhile, up in Ward 7, Bob Trane is out there every single day working hard with several of his campaigners going on into the night. In Ward 3 we hear Tom Taylor is home from the hospital and is doing well and will soon be out campaigning like he always does. One of us ran into Celica, his wife, and she is like always - very optimistic and smiling. She’s a great lady and we are big fans of her.

We hear that Joe Lynch, himself a former candidate for ward 5 alderman (who was crushed and lost by over 600 votes), has been trying to make himself

the king-maker here in the ‘Ville. Joe, who we hear is very popular with his TV show, is seen by tens of Somervilians here on local cable. We can’t say for sure, but we hear that he may even have more viewers than the Real Estate Answers show. Joe has been proposing a sort of candidates night, we hear, but not getting much cooperation from certain people. They are telling him that they are busy that night. Oh, what night? We hear any night. Now we have gone and done it. We made a funny about one of the present PDS member’s favorite TV shows (although we know for sure he doesn’t like them). Like them, he’s so transparent and open minded. Or is he? Or are they? Or will they be once again? Will he be a fan of them?

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Somerville fire training




Photo by William Tauro

Somerville Fire Fighters undergo pump operator training and pump service testing at the department’s station on Somerville Avenue early Tuesday morning.

Somerville Police Crime Log CONT. FROM PG 4

August 19, 12:24 p.m., police reported a theft at Rite Aid/Winter Hill.

August 20, 10:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford St.

August 21, 2:49 p.m., police reported a theft at 100 Willow Ave.

August 21, 10:01 p.m., police reported a theft at Mason St.

Robbery:

August 18, 2:01 a.m., police reported a robbery at Washington St.

August 18, 6:07 a.m., police reported a robbery at Myrtle St.

Breaking & Entering:

August 16, 9:34 a.m., police reported a breaking and entering at Pearson Ave.

August 16, 2:14 a.m., police reported a breaking and entering at 94 Washington St.

August 16, 2:33 p.m., police reported a breaking and entering at 65 Holland St.

August 17, 9:22 a.m., police reported a breaking and enter-

ing at Adrian St.

August 17, 4:26 p.m., police reported a breaking and entering at Perkins St.

August 19, 7:00 p.m., police reported a breaking and entering at Ten Hills Rd.

August 19, 11:05 p.m., police reported a breaking and entering at Elmwood St.

Vehicle Theft:

August 16, 9:09 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Vernon St.

August 17, 7:57 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at School St.

August 18, 3:24 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Maine Terr.

Assault:

August 18, 8:00 a.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

August 19, 2:52 a.m., police reported an assault at Linden St.

August 20, 10:28 a.m., police

reported an assault at Medford St.

August 21, 12:54 a.m., police reported an assault at William St.

August 21, 1:48 a.m., police reported an assault at 1141 Broadway.

August 21, 2:02 a.m., police reported an assault at Laurel St.

Drug Violation:

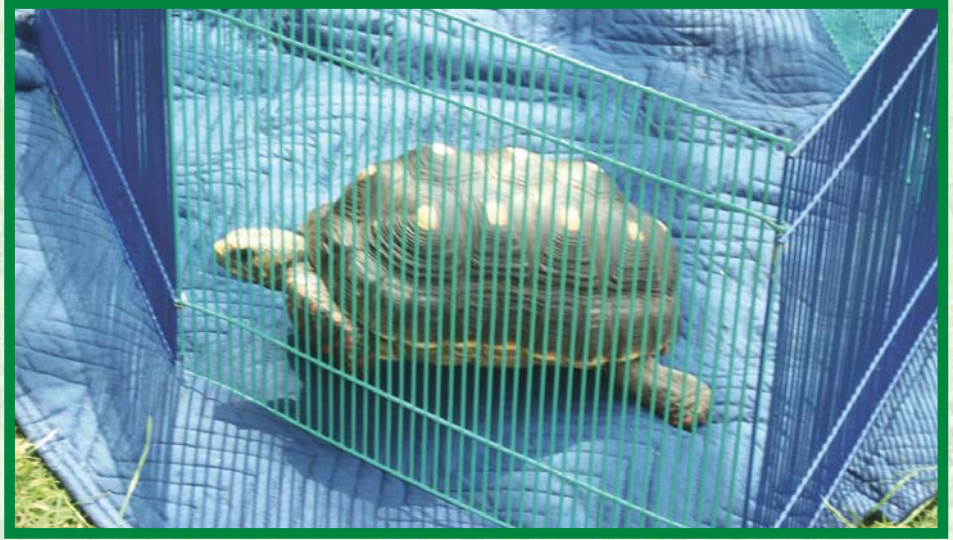
August 16, 5:41 a.m., police reported a drug violation at Cross St.

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SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Alibrandis wins Quarter Finals Series

By Harry Kane

Game three of the series between Somerville and Medford began with Bernie Driscol's walk to first base. This gave David Scioli some impetus to drill an RBI double into center field bringing in Bernie and making it 1-0 in favor of Alibrandis.

In the bottom of the first Medford struck back with multiple hits. In a matter of minutes the score was tied at one and the bases were loaded. Pitcher Andrew Babb dealt the pitch to the next Medford batter who lined the ball to the third baseman Sal Mendonca. Sal missed the ball and a runner would score, but as the next Maddog runner rounded third base Mendonca redeemed himself by retrieving the ball and throwing out the base runner at home plate.

In the second inning Somerville bounced back, start-

ing with Yondo Nyadjroh's liner through the shortstop's legs. Sal returned to the plate and rocketed another base hit into center field. Mike Maguire took four balls and was walked, loading the bases. Bernie knocked in an RBI single making the score tied at two. Then Scioli hit a sacrifice fly bringing in the leading run. Somerville was back on top with a 3-2 lead.

The next round of excitement came in the bottom of the third inning when Medford strove to retake the lead. Babb held the batters on the bases and with a bit of luck and a lot of skill the Alibrandis got out of the inning unscathed and managed to continue their lead.

Then in the top of the fourth the Alibrandis added another point to the board with an RBI single from Driscoll. In the top of the fifth Ted Dzuiba hit a home run into right field to ex-



Photo by Harry Kane

Alibrandis ace pitcher Andrew Babb burns one into the plate in game three of the series match up with the Medford Maddogs.

tend the lead to 5-2.

The Maddogs pitched around Mike Maguire once again in the sixth, walking him for the second time. Maguire stole second and then third base. Scioli struck out trying to bring Maguire in, latter cracking an old hickory maple bat over his knee in a fit of rage. Dzuiba drove in the final run with an RBI single into right field making the final score 6-2. The Alibrandis play the AIThomas Athletics in the next round of the playoffs.

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Saturdays	Session 2-Fall October 1- December 3, 2011
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Registration for Non-Somerville Residents	Monday, September 19 th beginning at 3pm.
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Class #2	October 15
Class #3	October 22
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Class #6	November 19
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2. Why do onions make your eyes water?

3. Why can't elephants jump?

4. In the 2000 film *Cast Away* what nickname did the stranded hero Chuck Nolan give to the volley ball he turned into a companion?

5. Where is "Gasoline Alley"?

6. What is the name of the newspaper that had its editorial offices recre-

ated for the film *All The President's Men*?

7. What was the name of the first supermarket that opened in America?

8. What was the nickname for the Model T Ford?

9. What is "Mach 1"?

10. What is known as the "Roaring Forties"?

11. How many miles are in a league?

12. Where did the Japanese sign the formal surrender to World War II?

Answers on page 21



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Somerville celebrates Honey Bee Day

By Harry Kane

The Somerville Community Garden hosted an informal seminar on National Honey Bee Day to share factual information on the joys and challenges of beekeeping. The Growing Center is a microcosm of an agricultural setting and the bees are a new and important part of the garden. Emma Oster is a beekeeper at the Growing Center and she expressed her fondness for the industrious insects. "I love bees and I think that the most important thing for people to know is that they are not bad and that you shouldn't be afraid of them." Of course, that is unless you are allergic to bees, in which case it is advisable that you should avoid them.

According to the National Honey Bee website, Honey Bees pollinate up to one third of all fruits and vegetables. They are directly or indirectly responsible for up to 80 percent of the planet's food supply. And, while Einstein did not say that the human race would become extinct if all the bees died out, many experts agree that there would be serious consequences for our environment if the bees disappeared.

"I grew up on a farm in Maine and we had bees. It was always my favorite aspect of farming," Oster remembered. "I loved the bees and loved to maintain them, doing work on the hives and harvesting the honey." The Somerville Growing Center has given Emma an opportunity to incorporate bees into her life again.

Initially, the beehive was installed last year and the bees died over the winter, probably be-

cause they were buried in snow," Oster explained. "Now that we know that the snow was the issue we're gonna keep a better eye on it. We installed the new colony this spring and they are doing really well. The beehive is now sitting on a wooden platform, jacked up to protect it." The front door, where the bees came in and out, may have been blocked by snow and this year the issue will be averted by constant supervision of the hive.

Following last year's demise, the head beekeeper, Kamal Hadidi, ordered a Nuc, or nuclear hive, which contains a colony of bees (up to 10,000 bees). The Nucs are delivered in the mail, are made of cardboard, and weigh three pounds. The Nuc includes 4-5 frames of happy bees ready to work for their hive. It can take a few months before honey is ready to be harvested. They'll need gallons of sugar over the course of the first month to maintain their colony.

The bees at the Growing Center are Russian Bees. While the most common bees in the U.S. are Italian Bees, the Russian Bees were selected because they do better in colder climates and because they are less likely to swarm. Swarming means that they are not as likely to fly away to another nearby area like a tree, leaving their hive.

"Having a bee hive at the growing center is a new thing so we're not really sure yet how to incorporate it into the programming. We have some plans for children's programming to get kids thinking about bees and we'll probably have some bee related activities around our harvest fest," Oster revealed.



Photos by Harry Kane

How sweet it is, and sticky, too. The prototype beehive at the Somerville Community Garden is adding a new dimension to the Growing Center's diverse repertoire of activities.



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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
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MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, September 7, 2011**, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

39 Adrian St. (Case #ZBA 2011-61) Applicant and Owner Kelly Liu seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct dormers on an existing two-family residence. RB zone. Ward 2.

1323 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2011-62) Applicant Volunteers of America of Massachusetts, Inc. and Owner CASCAP Realty, Inc., seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to establish more than three dwelling units under SZO §7.3 and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13 to modify parking and loading standards to establish a Group Residence and 7 affordable units. RB zone. Ward 7.



70 Inner Belt Rd: (Case #ZBA 2007-63-R2-8/2011) Applicant and Owner CoreSite Real Estate 70 Inner Belt, LLC seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review (SPSR) (ZBA2007-63) under SZO §5.3.8 in order to substantially renovate the building façade. The original SPSR was for the expansion of an existing 22,667 sf data storage use (§7.11.15.1.c) within the second floor of an existing building for a total of 61,436 s.f. Prior revisions include ZBA 2007-63-R0308 and ZBA 2007-63-R0808 which consisted of increasing the use by approx 141,000 sf and altering the site. IA zone. Ward 1.


33 Paulina St: (Case #ZBA 2011-63) Applicant and Owner, Eric Stange, Barbara Costa, & Margit Stange, seek a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to replace and alter an existing three-story deck attached to the rear of an existing three-family residence. RA zone. Ward 7.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE, MAYOR

LEGAL NOTICE - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 1, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

133 Middlesex Ave (Assembly Square Block 10): (Case #PB 2011-10-R1(7/2011)) Applicant & Owner FR Assembly Square, LLC seek a revision to Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A # PB 2011-10 in order to remove the loading area from the plan. A waiver is required under SZO §6.4.12 and 16.5.5 for one loading space that is required under §9.16.3 and 9.7. The original permit was for final level approval of a planned unit development under the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan to construct an approximately 4,500 square foot, single-story building for restaurant with outdoor seating (§7.11.10.1.1.B or 7.11.10.2.2.b) and/or retail (§7.11.9) along with 29 parking spaces. Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A); Waterfront Overlay District (WOD) / Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
The Trial Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA. 02141

Docket No. MI 11 P 3656GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G. L.c. 190B ss5-304

In the matter of: **Tammy Vo** **RESPONDENT**
 Alleged Incapacitated Person

Of: **Somerville, MA.**

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

Maryann Vo of Somerville, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Tammy Vo** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

Maryann Vo of Somerville, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian

To serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

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 AM on the return date of **09/07/2011**. 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 the 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.

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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 or both. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness: Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court
Date: August 10, 2011

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 11P 3691EA

In the Estate of: Yolandi Foti

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02145

Date of Death: 06/19/1982

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

to all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that

Carl N Foti Jr. of Salem, NH

or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve.

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ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10: 00 AM) ON:
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WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court
Date: August 2, 2011

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Doubts shadow Summer Street environmental reports CONT. FROM PG 1

followed procedures and did everything they were supposed to, one wouldn't question them," said neighbor Nancy Iappini, who has been fighting the project since it first was proposed in 2002. "That's not what we experienced with this project, and for whatever reason the City won't enforce its own rules. We're sitting around constantly wondering if we're being lied to."

Even after the reports were finally delivered to the City, months after the application was initially filed, residents remain concerned about what they contain. The Licensed Site Professional who prepared them was suspended by the state earlier this year for conduct violations such as preparing reports without sufficient data.

Following months of pressure from neighbors, city officials have backtracked and required the developer to begin the zoning process again. Since that point, residents have been barred from participating so far.

'There's no other way around it'

Iappini, who sued the city when an earlier permit was extended in 2009, said the missing reports are just the most recent example of the city siding with the developer, the name of which has shifted three times during the past nine years but remained within control of the same people. Roberto Arista is the head of the current company listed on the application, Strategic Capital Group.

The issue of the missing reports stems from requirements the city put into effect last year, after possible contamination became a concern at another development. The Planning Department now requires that any environmental reports prepared for a site be included as a part of the zoning application.

Confronted with questions from both residents and aldermen at a June ZBA hearing, George Proakis, City of Somerville planning director, explained that city officials view such applications as "living documents" that could be added to over time.

As an example, Proakis cited a cover letter to a 2009 report that said there was a "moderate to high" risk of contamination based on the land's previous use as a gas station. The developer added it to the application the day before the hearing - a move Alderman-at-Large Bill White called "unacceptable."

At that meeting, Arista said the failure to submit the report ear-

lier was an oversight, and future reports would be included.

"If there is [environmental] contamination that's found that's reportable, it will be cleaned up," said Arista, who has not responded for comment about the issue. "There's no other way around it."

A real estate agreement between Arista's other company, Dakota Partners, and the Dilboy indicates otherwise. Submitted along with a request for a liquor license transfer last year, the agreement states that any environmental reports would not be released to any third party, including city officials, without permission of the Post.

Dilboy Post Commander Bob Hardy, who signed the agreement, said he was unaware of any specific order to keep the reports out of public view.

"I don't believe there's anything being hidden," Hardy said, adding the details of the agreement, since expired, are "between us and the developer."

"If people think there's hanky-panky there, there's nothing I can do about that," he added.

Before a second ZBA hearing, Proakis asked for a completely new application, meaning the final approval process needed for the development to go forward would start again.

The decision may have in part been because of what Summer Street neighbor Tom Bok found before a meeting at the VFW. When he walked in, he saw an environmental report from 2010 lying on a table.

"Where it crossed the line is when I found out there was another report," Proakis said of the request for a new application. "I said, 'I can't deal with you guys doing this anymore.'"

A bigger issue than 'oops'

The residents opposed to the project, however, question why the earlier application wasn't denied altogether, or allowed to be withdrawn with prejudice. Allowing the developer to withdraw with prejudice would keep the project out of the ZBA for one year, while a denial would block it for two years.

"Given the history of uses at this site ... the excavation and construction required pursuant to this proposal represents a serious threat to the safety of our families," Bok said in an email to the ZBA before the second hearing. "The idea that the developer would intentionally withhold these reports long after the appropriate time to disclose them is extremely troubling."

Bok and other neighbors were barred by board Chairman Herbert Foster from speaking on the withdrawal at the hearing. Ward 6 Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz, however, was allowed to speak.

"That these [environmental reports] weren't included doesn't feel to me, and doesn't seem from the evidence or the facts as just a simple oversight," Gewirtz said, adding, "I think that this is a bigger issue than 'Oops, they forgot to include the reports.'"

With the insistence of the developer's attorney, Richard Di Girolamo, that they did not intentionally neglect to submit the 2010 report that Bok found, and a staff report recommending the move because the disclosure policy remains a work in progress, the ZBA approved the withdrawal.

The community just doesn't trust this developer to do the right thing on environmental issues...There are just too many red flags

In a new application filed a week after the second ZBA hearing, the city suddenly gained hundreds of pages of previously undisclosed reports and documentation, completed between 2002 and July 2010. No explanation has been given so far as to why four additional reports hadn't been submitted earlier.

The nearly six inches of paperwork contained in the seven reports filed leave most of the questions about the conditions of the site unanswered. While the reports note the site acquired gasoline storage tanks in 1931, it is unclear whether their location was taken into account during environmental testing, and testing to explore possible contamination further never took place.

A suspended license

Residents also remain skeptical of what's in the reports themselves.

The testing was conducted under the supervision of Daniel Jaffe, president of Somerville-based IES Inc. He held a license from the state to perform environmental testing and plan clean-up efforts until it was suspended for 15 months in February.

"In light of the nature of

this suspension and the questions it raises about his past conduct, it would be naïve to accept any of his past work at face value," Bok said.

A statement from the Board of Registration of Hazardous Waste Site Cleanup Professionals said he violated the board's rules from 2001 through 2006 at sites in Acton, Newton, Lawrence and Watertown.

According to the press release, the board found that Jaffe "failed to collect sufficient data and information from the site to adequately demonstrate the lack of risk" at one site where fuel oil release was a possible issue.

In an email, Jaffe said that rather than fight the suspension, he agreed to waive his right to appeal in exchange for not admitting any wrongdoing.

Jaffe said he plans to resume Licensed Site Professional work when the suspension is over and none of the work he oversaw for the Summer Street site required LSP status to be performed. After neighbors raised the suspension with the Planning Department, it recommended Jaffe's Summer Street reports be reviewed by an independent consultant, selected by the city and paid for by Arista.

"I am seeking to get to a point where we can review this case based upon the facts and the merits of the project," Proakis said in an email. "This cannot be done until there is a common understanding of the facts as it relates to the environmental testing done to date and the appropriate strategy going forward to address environmental impacts of the project."

The consultant, however, would not conduct new testing, and recommendations would be left to Arista to implement. Bok said those limitations do more to raise suspicions than assuage neighbors.

"The community just doesn't trust this developer to do the right thing on environmental issues," he said. "There are just too many red flags."

George O'Shea, Iappini's husband, said because the state Department of Environmental Protection is the only agency that can act on contamination issues, the city shouldn't be focusing on vetting the IES reports.

"What seems crazy is review-

ing documents from a guy whose license got suspended," O'Shea said. "What [the city] needs is all new digging and all new research. Proakis is only prolonging our ignorance of what really could be there. I wouldn't trust anything that [Arista] submitted."

Ultimately, Iappini said, the residents' faith in the city to act in their interests instead of the developer's is gone.

"We're on our eleventh city planner [for this development]," Iappini said. "They know nothing about this project, and they're not interested. This should be a healthy, collaborative effort, but that's not what's happening."

'Interference'

That dynamic was on display at the August 4 ZBA hearing, where the city's decision to hire a consultant to review the environmental reports was not up for discussion.

The hearing - initially advertised in a mailing to abutters as a chance for people to weigh in on the new application - was essentially shut down despite the ZBA's vote to approve fronting \$4,000 for the consultant.

Bok and about a dozen others neighbors attended the hearing hoping to have a chance to speak on the issue. Proakis demurred, saying, "It's important to me that we select the consultant without interference from either side."

"I don't understand why they're not letting the public have their say," Gewirtz said after the meeting.

For his part, Bok said the neighbors are only looking to have a voice in the decisions the city makes about the project, and that Proakis's assertion that the city is a neutral party is "laughable" considering how it's handled the proposed project so far.

"The only people acting independently right now are the neighbors," Bok said. "The city is doing whatever it can to push this project forward. They've been participating in the sales pitch from Day One."

While the next hearing on the project was scheduled for tonight at City Hall, it is expected to be delayed until August 24.

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Thursday|August 25

Central Library
Kidstock! presents Make Way for the Ugly Duckling
2 p.m.-2:45 p.m..|79 Highland Ave

Friday|August 26

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

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Wednesday|August 24

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

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The Burren
PUB QUIZ 8-10|Comedy@10
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Deli Magazine Presents|New Highway Hymnal|Satellites Fall|Myra Flynn|Stanberry|Between Tall Saints & Sinners
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
Deep Sheep|No Way Jose|Metal Feathers|Headband
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Tilt A Whirl
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Highland Kitchen
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10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Night Games

Name your tune
Wednesdays|Karaoke
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

Samba Bar & Grille
DJ
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Choices Restaurant & Lounge
381 Somerville Ave

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
Russell Entriikin|Belen Cusi|Pamela Means
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

Thursday|August 25

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

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band 6 p.m.
Agachiko |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge
The Lowbred Watts||I Albanico|The Brother Fox|Scott Danger Bravo
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Brothers Bellamy|Canary Curren|Seconds Prior
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Bloc 11
Open mic with Kristen Ford
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

PJ Ryan's
Live Music
239 Holland St|617-625-8200

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

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

Samba Bar & Grille
Live Music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Nate Leavitt|Solo CD Release: Special Guests, Tad & Kate from Sidewalk Driver| Dan & Ryan from Old Jack
381 Summer St.

Friday|August 26

Johnny D's
Delta Generators|Racky Thomas
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Jimmy Ryan Band|6 p.m.
Rocking Horse Rodeo |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
5 Helena
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Live Acoustic Music
8 p.m.|65 Holland St

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents|Sour D|DCLA|The Lucid|Tim Novak
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge
The Sapphire Sun|Whiskey|Ununi
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Bull McCabe's
Bryan Pero & The Tired Horses
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

Joshua Tree
DJ

10 p.m.|256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

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

Samba Bar & Grille
Live music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Jimmy Z Birthday Show: Keith & Jess from Mellow Bravo, Preacher Roe
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

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

Arts at the Armory
Red Car Acoustic Sessions
7:30 p.m.|Caf |191 Highland Ave.

Saturday|August 27

Johnny D's
Tom Hambridge Band|Los Sugar Kings
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Johnnie Mac "Pictures To Prove It" CD Release|5:30 p.m.
Conor O'Brien Trio |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents|Speed The Harvest|Dakota|Oh So Peligroso (wa)
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke|on demand DJ
9p.m.|65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
Casiorossi |Teen Squeeze|Perseus
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Night Games
Sexy Saturdays|new old school
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

Samba Bar & Grille
Live Music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Dirt Mall
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

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

Sunday|August 28

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase| 5 p.m.
Natalie Flanagan with Trusty Sidekick|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
Opposite People
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Dub Apocalypse
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
RockBand every other Sundays
9 p.m.|65 Holland St

‘VILLENS ON THE TOWN

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

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

Highland Kitchen
Live Bluegrass Brunch |noon-2:
30p.m.
Live Music|10 p.m.
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Night Games
Sports Blitz Sundays
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

Samba Bar & Grille
Live Music
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-
718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Citizen Comedy
381 Summer St

Monday|August 29

Johnny D's
Team Trivia
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
Back Closed
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar

Skot Bellamy|Jon Aanestad|Dan
Baker & The Breakdown|James
Houlahan
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

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

Tuesday|August 30

Johnny D's
Hula Workshop|Na Kane Hou
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Sarah & The Tall Boys|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
Back Closed
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt,
Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by
Tony Amaral
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1557

Precinct Bar
Sierra & Andrew|The Black Tea
Project|Or Cat|Jeff Michaels Band
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
David Johnston Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Highland Kitchen
Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday
of the month

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Samba Bar & Grille
DJ
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-
718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

Wednesday|August 31

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

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

The Burren
PUB QUIZ 8-10|Comedy@10
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA'S Lounge
Bo & Rachel|Jonathan Pape|Phil
Wisdom
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
Universe Narrows|Sweet
Ride|Private Shapes|Nervous
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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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

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Name your tune
Wednesdays|Karaoke
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

Samba Bar & Grille
DJ
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-
718-9177

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Bloc 11
Andrew Scandal| Slacker
James|TBA
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|August 24

Third Life Studio
Belly Dance Fundamentals with
Nadira Jamal
6:30-8:00 Level 2|8 p.m.-9 p.m.
Level 1
33 Union
Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday|August 25

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Therapy Workshops
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Yoga Flow
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|maria.taesil@gmail.com
Zumba with Alyne Silva
4 p.m.-5:30|33 Union Sq

Sunday|August 28

Third Life Studio
Belly Dance Fundamentals with
Nadira Jamal
Noon- 1 p.m.|33 Union Sq

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|August 29

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

Tuesday|August 30

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

Third Life Studio
Leading group singing|Starts
Sept 13
7-9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq|617-
628-0916

Wednesday|August 31

Third Life Studio
Belly Dance Fundamentals with
Nadira Jamal
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Address:	Address:	Address:	Address:
20 Jaques Street	45 Marshall Street	53 Harding Street	70 Elmwood Street
45 Main Street	84 Concord Avenue	36 Ames Street	8 Pinckney Street
24-26 Ossipee Road	47 Whitman Street	505 Medford Street	113 Glen Street
8 Appleton Street	40 Paulina Street	37 Charnwood Road	10 Cleveland Street
36 Fountain Avenue	420 Medford Street	17 Gilman Terrace	417 Medford Street
38 Robinson Street			

Greg Klyma takes Somerville by storm

By Michelle Cooper

Greg Klyma has been playing the guitar since he was an early teenager around 13 years old. It was something that just came natural to him. His mother had a friend whose daughters took guitar lessons and she saw the talent in her son to do the same. Since then Greg has been playing and writing his own songs. His inspiration is described as “everywhere and everyone.” He could be playing a game of basketball and come up with a song and go write it down. At 18 he released his first song and by the age of 21 he had written over 100 songs. He has written mostly about family and friends. From 1993 to 1997 Greg was part of a band, but eventually decided that the time had come to

break up the band and go solo at almost the same time he was fired from his job. That was what ultimately put him in the position to pursue his talent to the fullest. He dove headlong into playing guitar and writing songs. Now he is releasing a DVD that contains a full set of live performances, a music video, and guitar lessons which are “quite entertaining whether you play guitar or not,” Greg says. He is releasing *Live Belt DVD* on September 2 at the Armory Center for the Arts. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday night and will also feature a special guest, Samantha Farrell, who also plays guitar and offers great vocals. Tickets are available for purchase at the door for \$12 or online: www.forthesakeofthesong.com for \$9.



Greg Klyma sings and plays it from the heart, and will be releasing his *Live Belt DVD* on September 2 at the Armory Center for the Arts in Somerville.

Somerville R&R Yard Sale

By Mariam Sharia

The looming threat of rain didn't keep Somerville's music fans from tracking down fresh vinyl this weekend. Hundreds of local music enthusiasts and bargain hunters flocked to Somerville's Union Square for last Sunday's Rock and Roll Yard Sale. The outside market was sponsored by the Somerville Arts Council and gave shoppers an opportunity to support a variety of local DIY small business owners. While some vendors were fresh to the event, many sellers have made the yard sale an annual staple since its first Somerville appearance in 2007. Worcester-born record shop owner Mick Lawless is one of these veterans. A vinyl devotee ever since his discovery of rock band The Monkees in high school, “the saddest day of my life” Lawless recounts, “was in 93’

when I walked into Newbury Comics and all the records were gone.” This love for vinyl has continued throughout his whole life, inspiring him to open his own store in Upton, The Nevermind Shop, home to rare records and a wide span of music memorabilia. Lawless has accommodated his business to the rise in demand of punk and early 1960's garage rock, but is quick to add that he doesn't discriminate when it comes to music genres. Although vinyl was the cornerstone of the yard sale, many shoppers were leaving with homemade crafts. From handcrafted cupcake-shaped soap to refurbished vintage bicycles, skateboard decks, and felt hair accessories, vendors braved the grey skies to offer their wares to visitors. Somerville resident and returning vendor Rachel Kupillas manned a booth lined with racks

of vintage clothes. Owner of online Etsy store 1128, she has been finding her goods at estate sales and thrift stores and reglamourizing them into one-of-a-kind pieces. Kupillas named her two biggest influences as traveling and people-watching as she sold a purse to a customer, noting it had been a souvenir from her trip to Italy. While most shoppers left the market cradling a few vinyl finds, some attendees said there was one thing stopping them from browsing through the sea of records. “I've seen some great records and posters,” said Winter Hill resident Ari Fertig while carrying a bag of prints he had bought from Monkey Chow, a company boasting the clever and colorful art of Aaron Kovalcsik. “Only thing is, I don't have a record player. If I did, I'd be all over that.”

Ms. Cam's

Answers from page 14

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Answers

1. His first appearance was at The Grand Ole Opry in 1956

2. When cut they release a chemical, ethylsufine, which makes your eyes water

3. Although their feet contain the same number of bones as other mammals, theirs are so tightly packed they don't have a spring mechanism

4. “Wilson” - it was a Wilson Sporting Goods Volleyball

5. It is located at the Indy 500 Motor Speedway

6. The Washington Post

7. King Kullen

8. “Tin Lizzie”

9. It is the speed of sound at sea level

10. Strong westerly winds

11. There are three

12. Aboard the USS MISSOURI on September 2, 1945

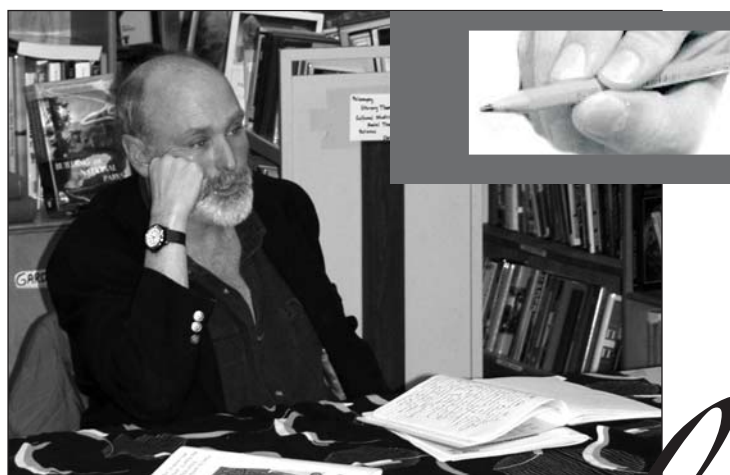


SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday August 24		1:00pm	African TV Network	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
12:00am	Free Speech TV	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	2:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Program
8:00am	Democracy Now!	4:00pm	Improv Toolkit with Nadira Jamal	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
9:00am	GRIT TV	5:00pm	Ablevision	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
10:00am	Abugida TV	5:30pm	Cook w/ Georgia& Dez	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	4:00pm	Art@SCATV
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	6:30pm	Art @ SCAT	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	7:00pm	Art @ SCATV
1:00pm	Talk About Somerville	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	7:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis
1:30pm	Adventures of Scuba Jack	7:30pm	Money On Your Mind	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	10:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	11:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
3:30pm	Tribuna Medica	11:00pm	JuPrey Productions	Sunday August 28		10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
4:00pm	Life Matters	Friday August 26		12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	Visual Radio
5:00pm	CommonSense	12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00am	Rompendo em Fe	Tuesday August 30	
5:30pm	Healer in Every House	6:00am	Live Response	7:00am	Vida Na TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	7:00am	Recovery Roundtable	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	8:00am	Democracy Now!
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	10:00am	Christian Assemble Tab.	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
8:30pm	Talk About Somerville	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:00am	International Church of God	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.	11:00am	Commonsense
9:30pm (LIVE)	The Freemont Show	1:00pm	The Expert Series	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
10:00pm	The Smoki & Dick Show	1:30pm	Cook w/ Georgia & Dez	2:00pm	The Road to Recovery	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report
10:30pm	Art @ SCAT	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program	3:00pm	Inside Talk	1:30pm	Know Your Rights
11:00pm	The Garage	3:00pm	Inside Talk	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	2:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
11:30pm	Somerville Rocks	5:00pm	Art @ SCAT	5:00pm	Ethoipian Satelite TV	3:30pm	Active Aging
Thursday August 25		6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	6:00pm	Abugida TV	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm	Talk About Somerville	7:00pm	African TV Network	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
6:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	A Jazeera
7:00am	Know Your Rights	11:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians	Monday August 29		7:00pm	Art @ SCAT
8:00am	Democracy Now!	Saturday August 27		12:00am	Free Speech TV	7:30pm (LIVE)	Greater Somerville w/ Joe Lynch
9:00am	GRIT TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00am	Democracy Now!	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
10:00am	Active Aging	6:00am	Arabic Hour	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	9:00pm	Talking About Somerville
10:30am	Jeff Jams	7:00am	GAY USA	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes	9:30pm	Animal Agenda
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00am	The Struggle	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	The Expert Series
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	8:30am	Animal Agenda	1:00pm	Ablevision		

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, August 24		8:15pm: (15)	Somerville Students Rock!	Rodent Behavior & Control	9:00am: (13/16)	Ciampa Square Dedication	
9:00am: (13/16)	Somerville: On the Right Track	Friday, August 26		7th Annual SCAP Meeting	9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	
9:00am: (15)	Project STAR	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Picnic 2011	Luther Bell & McLean Asylum	11:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	
9:15am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show "Cyber Safety"	12:00am: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2	Project STAR	12:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 8/25/11	
11:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:15am: (15)	Raising Families	Ciampa Square Dedication	12:00pm: (15)	Healey School Talent Show	
12:00pm: (13/16)	BOA Finance Committee Meeting 8/11/11	12:45am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	The Gerry Leone Show "Cyber Safety"	12:40pm: (15)	7th Annual SCAP Meeting	
12:00pm: (15)	SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Quarterfinals 2010	1:00am: (13/16)	Special BOA Meeting 8/11/11	Kid Stuff	1:25pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	
7:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	1:15am: (15)	Somerville Students Rock!	Special Meeting on Rodent Behavior & Control	7:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - LIVE	
7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	7th Annual SCAP Meeting	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010	
7:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville: On the Right Track	9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	8:30pm: (15)	7:20pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	
7:30pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:00pm: (13/16)	Luther Bell & McLean Asylum	Sunday, August 28		Project STAR	
7:45pm: (13/16)	Luther Bell & McLean Asylum	12:00pm: (15)	Project STAR	12:00am: (13/16)	Luther Bell & McLean Asylum	8:50pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
7:55pm: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show "Cyber Safety"	12:10pm: (13/16)	Ciampa Square Dedication	12:00am: (15)	Project STAR	9:05pm: (15)	WSNS Moving on Ceremony
8:00pm: (15)	SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Quarterfinals 2010	12:35pm: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show "Cyber Safety"	12:10am: (13/16)	Ciampa Square Dedication	Tuesday, August 30	
8:25pm: (13/16)	Dance Showcase at Art Beat	1:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:35am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show "Cyber Safety"	12:00am: (13/16)	Hodgkins-Curtin Park Re-Opening
9:25pm: (13/16)	Morse-Kelley Park Groundbreaking	1:05pm: (13/16)	Special Meeting on Rodent Behavior & Control	1:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:00am: (15)	SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010
Thursday, August 25		1:30pm: (15)	7th Annual SCAP Meeting	1:05am: (13/16)	Special Meeting on Rodent Behavior & Control	12:20am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
12:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	7:00pm: (13/16)	Luther Bell & McLean Asylum	1:30am: (15)	7th Annual SCAP Meeting	12:50am: (15)	Project STAR
12:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:00pm: (15)	Project STAR	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	1:50am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
12:30am: (13/16)	Somerville: On the Right Track	7:10pm: (13/16)	Ciampa Square Dedication	12:00pm: (15)	Raising Families	2:05am: (15)	WSNS Moving on Ceremony
12:30am: (15)	Kid Stuff	7:35pm: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show "Cyber Safety"	12:30pm: (13/16)	Senior Picnic 2011	9:00am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
12:45am: (13/16)	Luther Bell & McLean Asylum	8:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:25pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	9:00am: (15)	Final String Concert at Kennedy School
12:55am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show "Cyber Safety"	8:05pm: (13/16)	Special Meeting on Rodent Behavior & Control	12:55pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	11:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
1:00am: (15)	SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Quarterfinals 2010	8:30pm: (15)	7th Annual SCAP Meeting	1:25pm: (15)	SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Semifinals 2010	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
1:25am: (13/16)	Dance Showcase at Art Beat	Saturday, August 27		1:30pm: (13/16)	Dance Showcase at Art Beat	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Semifinals 2010
2:25am: (13/16)	Morse-Kelley Park Groundbreaking	12:00am: (13/16)	Luther Bell & McLean Asylum	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	12:30pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
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9:00am: (15)	Raising Families	12:10am: (13/16)	Ciampa Square Dedication	7:30pm: (13/16)	Senior Picnic 2011	1:30pm: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2
11:30am: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2	12:35am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show "Cyber Safety"	7:00pm: (15)	Senior Picnic 2011	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	1:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	7:30pm: (13/16)	Senior Picnic 2011	7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff
11:45pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:05am: (13/16)	Special Meeting on Rodent Behavior & Control	7:25pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville: On the Right Track
12:00pm: (13/16)	Sunsetters on Hall Ave.	1:30am: (15)	7th Annual SCAP Meeting	7:55pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:30pm: (15)	SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Preliminary 2010
12:15pm: (15)	Final String Concert at Kennedy School	12:00pm: (13/16)	Luther Bell & McLean Asylum	8:25pm: (15)	SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Semifinals 2010	7:45pm: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
12:45pm: (13/16)	Art Beat 2011	12:00pm: (15)	Project STAR	8:30pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 8/25/11	8:30pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 8/29/11
1:00pm: (15)	K-8 Art Fair Opening	12:10pm: (13/16)	Ciampa Square Dedication	Monday, August 29		9:05pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
7:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	12:35pm: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show "Cyber Safety"	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
7:00pm: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2	1:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	12:00am: (15)	Raising Families	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff
7:15pm: (15)	Raising Families	1:05pm: (13/16)	Special Meeting on	12:30am: (13/16)	Senior Picnic 2011	12:30am: (13/16)	Somerville: On the Right Track
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				12:55am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:45am: (13/16)	The Mayor's Report
				1:25am: (15)	SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Semifinals 2010	2:05pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
				1:30am: (13/16)	Dance Showcase at Art Beat		



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Boston as a Literary City

Although the title of this piece is "Boston as a Literary City" there are many references to Somerville folks who make the Boston area a vibrant hub of verse. In fact the author Kathleen Spivack is a member of Somerville's Bagel Bards. So with the fall approaching and new college students in town I thought this would be an excellent article for this week's "Off the Shelf." - Doug Holder



Boston is a historically literary city. The beauty of Boston for writers today is that it is manageable, friendly, diverse, and non-hierarchical. I am sure the reverse is equally true, of course.

Whether you are a young aspiring student or an established writer it is easy to meet and speak, read your work and share ideas. Boston is non-intimidating and, despite its variety of poets, very democratic actually. There are numerous presses and as well as many writing centers that encourage our work. Our long winters help: we huddle together around the metaphoric campfires and warm our hands on writing.

In 1959 I came to Boston on a fellowship to study with poet Robert Lowell, both in his famous workshop and in private tutorial. He introduced me to other poets. They included Sylvia Plath, Anne Sexton, Adrienne Rich, Elizabeth Bishop, Stanley Kunitz, Basil Bunting, Jonathan Griffin, and others. Later, writers Frank Bidart, Andrew Wylie, Robert Pinsky, Jonathan Galassi, Lloyd Schwartz, Fanny Howe, Gail Mazur and James Atlas; to name only a few, gravitated to Lowell as well. Lowell championed his writers, and the experience of working with him changed lives.

The Grolier Poetry Bookshop has always been a historic center for poetry, and survives today under its new owner, Ifeanyi Menkiti. Founded by Gordon Cairney, it was a home for the young T.S. Eliot, E.E. Cummings, Archibald MacLeish, Richard Wilbur, and later for Margaret Atwood, Robert Creeley, Gerard Malanga, James Alan McPherson and many others. Its roster of patrons mirrors aspects of our literary heritage. It is lined with photographs.

The young Louisa Solano who had worked at the Grolier took over the store when Gordon died. She brought it into the 21st century. One of the legendary dedicated great booksellers in America, Louisa's knowledge, taste, passion, width of book buying, and her reading series reflected the whole span of American poetry. She also sponsored prizes for young poets.

Seamus Heaney was in Boston during that time and often at the Grolier. He inspired us with his poetry and also with his open generous nature. The Woodberry Poetry Room, at Lamont Library, Harvard University grew under the directorship of Straits Haviarias. The Woodberry Poetry Room opened to all members of the writing community and had a vast collection of recordings, books and little magazines. The Voices and Visions series was one of their projects. Christina Thompson, Don Share, Christina Davis and others continued with the Woodberry Poetry Room to make its archival material available. The Henry Wadsworth Longfellow House in conjunction with the New England Poetry Club, sponsors readings on its patrician grounds. The Boston Public Library hosts several festivals for writing.

And on the grassroots level, the Bagel Bards as well as many other community writing groups welcome local writers, editors, and publishers to weekly networking sessions. There are similar groups in other parts of Boston. Our city is small and multi-

cultural and there are many opportunities for writers of diversity to come together. First Night, a city wide New Year's celebration, began in Boston in 1976 under Clara Wainwright and Zaren Earles. It opened its doors to literary readings from writers from every community. Later Patricia Smith was instrumental in bringing the Poetry Slam here, which helped youth of all backgrounds to hone skills in writing and performance. Poets in the Schools started in the 70's as well, and linked writers working in schools with each other, and with the diversity of Boston's school population. Sam Cornish, Boston's current Poet Laureate, a writer and scholar teacher and former bookstore owner, has been tireless in his efforts to encourage poetry. We've seen many Boston area literary festivals blossom.

Under its recent ownership of the Grolier, the warm and wonderful Ifeanyi and Carol Menkiti have brought a specifically multicultural approach to the store and it is once again a lively magnet for the poetic community, with its own ambiance. There is a labor of love indeed and we love them for keeping this historic bookstore alive. We also cite the presses of Steve Glines, Doug Holder, J. Kates, and others. The work of Harris Gardner and Jack Powers. Sajed Kamal at the Fenway. There are many links between the writing circles in Boston. We are lucky to have the resources, the dedicated bookstore owners and teachers and administrators, the open heartedness of our poetic institutions, the diversity of community, and the manageable size of greater Boston's literary landscape to support our writing life. Generosity is the word that best describes Boston's literary scene.

-Kathleen Spivack

Kathleen Spivack is the author of *A History of Yearning*, Winner of the Sows Ear International Poetry Prize 2010, first runner up in the New England Book Festival, and winner of the London Book Festival; *Moments of Past Happiness* (Earthwinds/Grolier Editions 2007); *The Beds We Lie In* (Scarecrow 1986), nominated for a Pulitzer Prize; *The Honey-moon* (Graywolf 1986); *Swimmer in the Spreading Dawn* (Applewood 1981); *The Jane Poems* (Doubleday 1973); *Flying Inland* (Doubleday 1971); *Robert Lowell, A Personal Memoir*; (forthcoming 2011) and a novel, *Unspeakable Things*. She is a recipient of the Allen Ginsberg Poetry Award 2010, the 2010 Erica Mumford Award, and the 2010 Pausanias Award. Published in numerous magazines and anthologies, some of her work has been translated into French. Other publications include *The New Yorker*, *Ploughshares*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Poetry*, *Massachusetts Review*, *Virginia Quarterly*, *The Southern Review*, *Harvard Review*, *The Paris Review*, *The Kenyon Review*, *Agni*, *New Letters*, and others. Her work is featured in numerous anthologies. She has also won several International Solas Prizes for "Best Essays."

Poet Matthew Ganem writes the *LYRICAL*: "I'm a former resident that still hangs out in the city. I have a book coming out in the fall through Books of Hope based in Somerville. The poem basically describes losing someone that was just with you and some of the stages of grief. Danny Nunes, James Slattery, Stephen Pacheco and Michael Sparks were close friends that passed away and this is a piece dedicated to them."

The Angels Called Your Number

You were just with me
Living, breathing right here
Now I'm suppose to believe your memory
Is the only way you will reappear
Conversations of the future
Planning out tomorrow
Then it hit me sooner
That death promises only sorrow
Best friends, closer than brothers
We share moments frozen in time
Now the angels called your number
When I wish I could have cut you in line
Tears run rivers of pain
Thoughts of spreading your wings in the sky
All I want is to call out your name
I don't want to say goodbye
Walking past your family
That treated me as their own
Cuddled by hugs of misery
Scared to go at this life alone
I physically hurt
My heart is broken in two
Now I stand on this earth
I'm here without you
I pictured us with grey hair
Hanging out with our grandchildren
Yelling at them from the porch stairs
Man I hate this feeling
I wish I told you I loved you more
When you were still alive
All I have is memories from before
Moments that will always survive
Looking into pictures of us together
And it doesn't seem real
We were boys forever
Now we hangout in cemetery fields
I lay in the grass next to you
As the days pass by
Hope your waiting at the vestibule
When I spread my wings to fly
Till we meet again on the other side
We will share this life I live
I still can't believe you died
It's me and you forever kid

- Matthew Ganem

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