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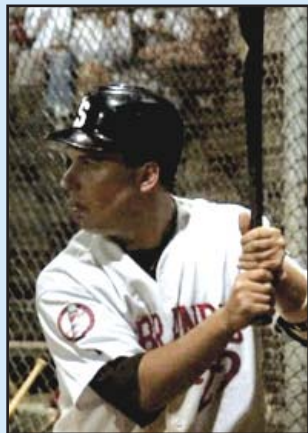
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Human cases of WNV reported Threat level raised in Somerville



The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites.

By Allison Caloggero

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced a second confirmed human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in Middlesex County. The patient, a Cambridge man in his 70s, required hospitalization. The first human case of WNV this year was confirmed in another Middlesex County resident on August 15. As a result, nearby communities of Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline, Somerville and Watertown have been raised to a "High" WNV threat level.

The City of Somerville Health Department has been cautioning the public to take measures to decrease the chance of encountering mosquitoes intermittently both this summer and last summer. "With the Mass Dept of Public Health raising the threat level, those efforts have expanded. At this point, since there are no positive mosquito samples reported in Somerville, there are no plans for spraying," said Paulette Renault-Caragianes, Director, City of Somerville Health Department.

The City of Somerville is urging residents to take precautions such as

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SPOKES 2012 hits Union Square

By Cathleen Twardzik

Do riding a bicycle and attending bike-related activities strike your fancy? On September 8, a new event, which is entitled SPOKES 2012, will occur in Union Square.

The Somerville Police Department will be present, talking and handing out bicycle information, as well as registering residents' bicycles, which may prove to be a good idea, to attempt to prevent bikes from being stolen in the future.

SPOKES 2012 will feature free bike maintenance workshops, bicycle goods, information about bike activism and awareness and bike art, among additional activities. Bicycle advocacy groups, all of which will be present at SPOKES, will include Green Streets Somerville, Mass-Bike, and Livable Streets.

"The Somerville Arts Council has tossed around the idea for organizing a bike festival for a couple of years. With burgeoning community interest in bicycling and the city's enhanced biking infrastructure, we thought it would be a perfect time to celebrate bicycle culture in Somerville," said Jacy

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SPOKES 2012 will be a special treat for area bicycling enthusiasts.

On Thursday, September 6

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NEWTALK

The John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund 12th annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 8, at the Falmouth Country Club on the cape. Tee time is 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start. All golfers much check in by 7:45 a.m. The format is a scramble scored by foursome. Entry fee is \$100 per player and includes green fees, cart, and luncheon on site immediately following. There will be lots of prizes in three divisions. This is a great fundraiser for various scholarships to be given out here in Somerville as well as Falmouth. For more information go to www.johns-team.org.

Last week's fundraiser for Sean Fitzgerald had quite a big attendance. Not only was Dot Gay giving it up for Sean, but Dot Shannon showed up to show her support. About 70 residents attended as well. A great showing for summer, while everyone is away. Sean was said to have had the fundraiser to retire his debt from last year and start his campaign for Alderman at Large next year. By the way, we were wrong before - it seems that Sean has worked in the private sector for several years. He's not just another public employee for life. We hope that a lot more folks jump into the various ward races next year as well as Alderman At Large. Change is good!

This weekend is the end of the summer, so to speak, as we know it. School starts and Cape and New Hampshire cottages and camps are shutting down. The 'Ville will be back to normal. Remember, school is once again open and we should all be careful.

Happy forty-fifth anniversary this Saturday, September 1, to our Publisher Donald Norton and Patricia Norton, celebrating with some families this weekend. Forty-Five years ago they eloped to Columbia, South Carolina. Patricia is doing well and getting better and thanks everyone for their kind cards and flowers sent on her recent stays in the hospital. Both are very happy that we live so near the number one *Continued on page 8*

TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Farewell Andy

A Moore says:

Sitting over my desk is a fairly recent picture of Wally, Beav and Eddie when they got together. People look at it wondering who they are until the dawn sets in. Reality, you know what...

j. connelly says:

Better days, better times, a definte better way of life. Again! What I would give for a slice of Del's Pizza, Bella Meo's Cheeseburger and Apollo Cakes. Hopefully they serve all of them up above, if not then we will know we are in the wrong place...LOL

Barbara V says:

Another great one Jimmy. We are fortunate to have these memories.

Some Ole Villen says:

Having grown up in that era also, I often wonder if any of those "classic" TV shows that we were all hooked on would have survived today's clicker and the instant gratification attitude that pervades today's youth.

The most memorable TV moments for me in that era was the live shooting and murder of Lee Harvey Oswald as he emerged escorted from a Dallas jail. Watching this recently on youtube its hard to believe this could actually happen but it did.

The other most memorable moment was October 2, 1967 when the Red Sox completed the "Impossible Dream" by beating the Twins and clinching the pennant later that day when the Tigers lost. With all the advances in TV programming over the years nothing has surpassed those memories for me.

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

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

Are you in favor of Urban Farming in Somerville?



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Questions for Democratic Candidates for State Representative, 27th Middlesex District, Somerville, MA from The Somerville News

We submitted questions to the two candidates for State Representative, incumbent Rep. Denise Provost and opponent Harry Kortikere. Here are their responses:

Response by Rep. Denise Provost

Short bio:

I've lived almost my entire adult life in Somerville, first as a law student at Boston University. I was recruited to work in the administration of Mayor Eugene Brune, as Assistant City Solicitor in 1984. I met my husband working at Somerville City Hall, and we bought a home on Albion Street and raised our two daughters here. After the birth of my children, I practiced law privately, became involved in school, church and community groups, as well as Somerville's Council for Children. These experiences inspired me to run for city government, and I served as Alderman-at-Large from 2000 to 2006. In February 2006 I was elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in a special election. Since then I have worked full-time as a legislator, even putting aside my law practice. I have maintained extensive connections with individuals and community groups in the city, and have a child still attending Somerville High School.

My door is always open, and I'm a presence in the community.

As an incumbent, what qualifications do you feel you have that makes you the best candidate for State Rep.?

I have a long, deep relationship with Somerville and its people, spanning over three decades. I know hundreds of my constituents personally, and receive about a hundred contacts a day from people in my district. I've worked with dozens of community groups on various projects, many still ongoing. I have long working relationships with this mayor and board of aldermen, the school committee, and with our congressman. All this has given me a deep understanding of Somerville's needs and interests.

As an incumbent, I have gained familiarity with the rules, procedures, customs and people of the Massachusetts House, allowing me to work there effectively on behalf of my district.

My door is always open, and I'm a presence in the community. I work hard to



understand the difficulties Somerville experiences, and to solve city and individual problems. Just ask around.

What is the number one issue you would address as a State Rep.?

The number one issue that motivates me as state representative is what benefits the City of Somerville and its people? What do my constituents want, and how do I make these changes? It is the lens through which I examine each year's state budget and all legislation.

This consideration also informs the bills I file or co-sponsor and work on. These include efforts such as getting the state to allow lower speed limits on local roads, to making utility companies replace unsightly, dangerous double poles. It extends to more complex legislation such as the "Healthy Transportation Compact" in the 2009 transportation reform bill, which requires the state to analyze the health impacts of transportation projects.

There is so much work in progress that needs to be completed, such as the unbuilt Green Line extension, and the MBTA's precarious finances. Legislation takes time; I have work to complete.

Do you believe in term limits and why?

We have term limits for Massachusetts legislators now - they are called "elections." Massachusetts legislators serve two year terms. Every two years, constituents get to evaluate their legislators' performance, and decide whether or not they should continue in office.

I believe in standing before the electorate every two years and asking for a vote of confidence. I do not see the value in restricting the number of terms a state legislator can serve. Legislatures have a lot of natural turnover, through elections and attrition.

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Response by Harry Kortikere

Short bio:

I am a resident of Somerville and am a Ward 3 Committee Member (D) and a State Committee Member (D). I have graduate and undergraduate degrees in Engineering. Prior to joining Harvard Ext to pursue a Management degree, I spent over a decade in technology, business and consulting. I have been actively involved in politics and public policy for over a decade and have been part of various campaigns. I am passionate about helping local and small businesses, trade schools, promoting art and culture in our community, protecting workers rights, women's rights and preserving our environment. I have supported the work of local organizations like "Groundwork Somerville." I intend to bring a decade of experience in shaping policies that will help Massachusetts.

I am passionate about helping local and small businesses...

As an opponent, what qualifications do you feel you have that makes you the best candidate for State Rep.?

I have been actively involved in politics and public policy for over a decade. I have been on various Presidential campaigns in the past, but most recently served as an "Organizing Fellow" with the President's campaign in Somerville. I have had the opportunity to talk to people about their concerns on jobs, wages, healthcare costs, infrastructure issues and a myriad of other challenges we face today and as a Committee member, have had the opportunity to weigh in on some of these issues. I have spent a decade in technology, business and consulting in the East/West Coast and the challenges that we face today require someone who can offer innovative solutions and bold leadership. My academic background, professional career and policy positions therefore make me the best candidate for State Rep.

What is the number one issue you would address as a State Rep.?



I have put forth several policy positions that are important like helping small businesses and startups, increasing funding for trade schools, adjusting minimum wage for inflation, improving infrastructure, MBTA deficit, term limits, protecting workers rights and women's rights etc. While all of these are crucial issues that impact all of us, I believe that the most important issue we need to focus on is creating jobs in Massachusetts. While we have a lower unemployment rate than the national average, we also have significant student population graduating from Universities across the State and losing this intellectual talent to brain drain would make us uncompetitive in the long run. We need to have economic and business policies in place that take into account the global world that we live in. This requires re-tooling of our skills, funding for trade schools that fill a skills gap, creation of free trade zones to attract new technology and manufacturing companies to Massachusetts, increasing funding for start ups and making it easier for small businesses to obtain loans. These measures would increase revenue to the State in the long run, so we can adequately fund education, infrastructure and other critical needs of the State.

Do you believe in term limits and why?

James Madison in his speech at the Virginia constitutional convention in 1829 stated that "The essence of Government is power; and power, lodged as it must be in human hands, will ever be liable to abuse." I take this quote to heart and have therefore made term limits a cornerstone of my campaign platform. Power concentrated in the hands of a few over time leads to entrenched interests that are resistant to change, stymies new ideas and is inherently unhealthy for a Democracy in the long run.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Unwelcome, intoxicated houseguest arrested

Police responded to a report of an unwanted person at a Washington St. residence in the early hours of the night of Wednesday last week. As a police unit approached the location a radio dispatch reported that the suspect had left the residence, but a description of the man was given and officers proceeded to search for him.

The suspect, later identified as Daniel Wrobel, 45, was spotted and stopped for questioning by

responding officers. Police took note of a bottle that Wrobel was carrying and judged from its appearance that it contained beer. Officers then reportedly ordered Wrobel to put the bottle down but he refused, instead taking a drink from it. Additionally, police reported that Wrobel seemed to square off against them as if to prepare for a fight.

A police officer then knocked the bottle from Wrobel's hand and handcuffed him, according

to reports.

An officer then went to the residence of the reporting party in order to gather facts about Wrobel's actions that evening.

The woman who made the complaint reportedly said that Wrobel is a friend of her husband and that the man had dropped by earlier that evening. The woman told officers that she allowed Wrobel to sleep on the living room couch while she went to sleep

in her bedroom. Shortly thereafter she said that she heard noises and came out of her bedroom to find Wrobel in an irate mood and allegedly throwing things around.

The woman said that Wrobel ripped the base of the cordless telephone off the wall and throw it across the room. She further reportedly claimed that Wrobel did the same with the cable modem, as well as flinging the phone headset around. She

also stated that Wrobel knocked the television set off of its stand.

The woman reportedly telephoned police with her cell phone, and Wrobel eventually left the apartment, only to be met by responding officers a short time later.

Wrobel was placed under arrest and charged with violation of city ordinance open container and destruction of property over \$250.

Cops 'buy back' stolen bikes

A Somerville Ave. resident returned to her apartment last week to find that her two bicycles had been stolen, after having their lock and chain cut.

The victim searched Craigslist online, hoping to spot the bikes for sale, and did indeed find bicycles listed matching hers by

description. She emailed the seller to set up a meeting.

The following day, while at the Market Basket located across from her apartment on, she by chance spotted her bicycles locked to a rack in front of the store, according to reports.

The woman talked to police

and told them that she had spoken to the Craigslist seller by phone and had set up a meeting for the next day to purchase one of the bikes for \$75.

Surveillance was set up by police on the next day at Market Basket and a female officer was placed on the scene to

pose as the buyer.

The undercover officer was met by the seller at the Market Basket bike racks.

As the man unlocked the bike, undercover officers converged and placed him in their custody.

The man, Phillip Pinto, 38, of Nashua, NH, claimed that he

had found the bikes.

He was placed under arrest and charged with receiving stolen property. A subsequent search of his car reportedly uncovered unprescribed pills (Klonopin and Seboxin) and he was further charged with possession of class B and class C drugs.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Jenny Saenz, 32, of 15 Abruzzi St., Revere, August 20, 7:48 a.m., arrested at 300 Alewife Pkwy. on a warrant charge of shoplifting over \$100 by concealing merchandise.

Joseph Renzulo, 49, of 27 West St., Melrose, August 20, 7:13 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on warrant charges of assault and battery and misdemeanor breaking and entering.

Phillip Pinto, 38, of 11 Cottage Ave., Nashua, NH, August 21, 11:22 a.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on charges of receiving stolen property over \$250, receiving stolen property under \$250, possession of a class B drug, and possession of a class C drug.

Daniel Wrobel, 45, of 16 Summit Ave., August 22, 2:29 a.m., arrested at 268 Washington St. on charges of violation of city ordinance open container and destruction of property over \$250.

Gianna Poirier, 51, of 598 N. Main St., Leominster, August 22, 12:35 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250 and on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and speeding.

Ronald Ribeiro, 51, of 598

N. Main St., Leominster, August 22, 12:35 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Robert Thomas, 44, of 20 Hooker St., Medford, August 22, 5:51 p.m., arrested at Grant St. on charges of possession of a class A drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Joey Clairzier, 19, of 49 Hill Rd., Belmont, August 22, 5:51 p.m., arrested at Grant St. on charges of possession of distribution of a class A drug, drug violation near a school or park, furnishing a false name or Social Security number, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Wilbenson Figaro, 20, of 163 Russell St., Everett, August 22, 6:14 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation and shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

A juvenile, August 22, 8:58 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

John Benbow, 54, August 23, 10:51 a.m., arrested at 22 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

John Johnson, 47, of 101 Highland Ave., August 24, 8:50 p.m., arrested at College Ave. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Lindsey Gresco, 26, of 14

Deleware, August 25, 12:57 a.m., arrested at Partridge Ave. on a charge of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Andre Shoy, 42, of 80 Webster Ave., August 25, 10:29 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Jason Laporta, 36, of 199 Pearl St., August 25, 3:40 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, destruction of property over \$250, and armed assault to murder.

Incidents:

Theft:

August 21, 11:22 a.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

August 21, 10:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Burnside Ave.

August 21, 6:11 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

August 21, 8:15 p.m., police reported a theft at 14 McGrath Hwy.

August 22, 1:29 a.m., police reported a theft at Crescent St.

August 22, 8:39 a.m., police reported a theft at Bradley St.

August 22, 9:26 a.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

August 22, 12:35 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

August 22, 6:14 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

August 22, 6:45 p.m., police reported a theft at Weston Ave.

August 23, 10:51 p.m., police reported a theft at McGrath Hwy.

August 23, 7:35 p.m., police reported a theft at Inner Belt Rd.

August 23, 10:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Jaques St.

August 24, 1:34 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford St.

August 25, 12:32 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford St.

August 26, 1:45 p.m., police reported a theft at Clark St.

August 26, 6:09 p.m., police reported a theft at 133 Middlesex Ave.

August 26, 11:35 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

August 27, 11:18 a.m., police reported a theft at Mt. Pleasant St.

August 27, 1:15 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

August 27, 5:54 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

August 27, 7:28 p.m., police reported a theft at Cross St.

Robbery:

August 22, 2:21 p.m., police reported a robbery at Highland Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

August 21, 10:25 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 91 Highland Ave.

August 22, 11:00 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at McGrath Hwy.

August 22, 2:36 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at McGrath Hwy.

August 24, 6:35 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Pearson Rd.

August 25, 11:12 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

August 26, 6:24 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Line St.

August 27, 4:52 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bond St.

August 27, 10:22 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Powder House Blvd.

Assault:

August 21, 11:53 p.m., police reported an assault at Winter Hill Cir.

August 22, 7:45 a.m., police reported an assault at 775 McGrath Hwy.

August 25, 10:29 a.m., police reported an assault at Webster Ave.

Drug Violation:

August 22, 5:51 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Grant St.

Community Preservation Act slated for November ballot

By Jim Clark

A vote to have the adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) placed on the November 6, 2012 ballot passed without objection at the August 16 Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

According to the state, the CPA allows communities to create a local Community Preservation Fund to raise money through a surcharge of up to 3% of the real estate tax levy on real property for open space protection, historic preservation and the provision of affordable housing. The act also creates a significant state matching fund,

which serves as an incentive to communities to pass the CPA.

The law, which was put into practice 12 years ago, has gone through changes over the years, and recently received a significant going-over by the state legislature, in hopes that more cities would adopt it.

The modifications to the law tend to make more CPA revenues available for recreational projects, which was a big selling point for Somerville officials.

Speaking in favor of the ballot measure, Mayor Curtatone said, "Somerville has been for many years now a leader in sustainability and preservation, in understanding the value of

affordable housing and expanding our reach in creating the most dynamic and open recreation spaces." The mayor went on to point out that "we have so much more as a community that we desire to achieve and need to accomplish if we're going to reach the vision we see for our future."

Curtatone said that because of the recent modifications to the CPA, its adoption by Somerville looks more attractive than ever, particularly because monies can now be utilized for renovations as well as for new developments.

Voters will have their say on the matter on November 6.

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A room in the REILLY-BRICKLEY FIRE STATION, 266 Broadway;

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Precinct 2
Precinct 3

A room in the POLICE DEPARTMENT, 220 Washington Street;
A room in the ARGENZIANO SCHOOL at LINCOLN PK, 290 Washington Street;
A room in LOWELL STREET FIRE STATION, 651 Somerville Avenue;

WARD THREE

Precinct 1
Precinct 2
Precinct 3

THE ATRIUM, NEW WING OF SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, 81 Highland Avenue;
A room in the CUMMINGS SCHOOL, 42 Prescott Street;
A room in the DANTE CLUB, 5 Dante Terrace;

WARD FOUR

Precinct 1
Precinct 2
Precinct 3

A room in the MYSTIC ACTIVITY CENTER, 530 Mystic Avenue;
A room in the REILLY-BRICKLEY FIRE STATION, 266 Broadway;
A room in the WINTER HILL COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 115 Sycamore Street;

WARD FIVE

Precinct 1
Precinct 2
Precinct 3

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A room in the ENGINE 7 FIRE STATION, 265 Highland Avenue;

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A room in the CIAMPA MANOR, 27 College Avenue;
A room in the HOLY BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, 14 Chapel Street;

WARD SEVEN

Precinct 1
Precinct 2
Precinct 3

A room in the SENIOR CENTER, 167 Holland Street;
ENGINE 6 TEELE SQUARE FIRE STATION, 6 Newbury Street;
VNA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, 405 Alewife Brook Parkway;

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A Candidate for Representative in the General Court for the Twenty-Seventh Middlesex District (To be voted for in Precincts 2 and 3 of Ward Two, all Precincts of Wards Three, Five, and Six)

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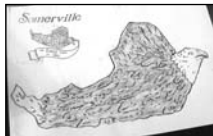
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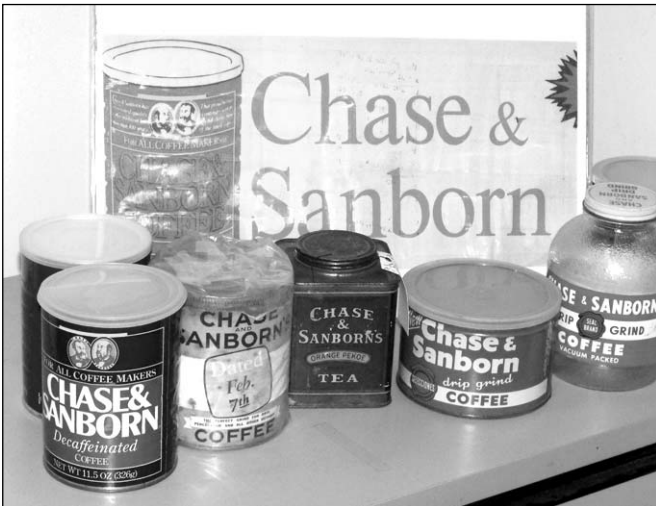


Eagle feathers #8

A coffee break

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Have you had a cup of coffee today? If so, there's a chance that the grounds used in brewing it were produced, packaged and distributed by one of the most successful businesses ever to come out of Somerville. That company, which still exists today, is Chase & Sanborn. The coffee company was established in 1863 by James Sanborn and Caleb Chase.



While Chase was not a Somerville resident, Sanborn lived in a mansion on Winter Hill from 1872 until his death. Sanborn, of Wales, Maine, began his entrepreneurial pursuits at a young age selling garden seeds. He went into the coffee and spice business in 1868, where he made some Boston connections. He then moved to Somerville, where he met Caleb Chase, with whom he eventually partnered in the founding of the Chase & Sanborn company.

Sanborn had a knack for hiring motivated and talented associates. Under the pair's exceptional leadership, the team flourished beyond expectations. Their brand of coffee was the very first to be sold from coast to coast. As an innovative company, it also became the first to sell coffee in a sealed can, keeping it fresher for a longer period of time. They spent money to make money through their eye-catching artwork and advertising. They gave away complimentary song and fortune-telling books branded with their label.

The company sponsored the tremendously successful *Chase and Sanborn Hour* radio program. Edgar Bergen, a ventriloquist and popular entertainer at the time, was the host of the show. His daughter, Candice, known for her work on the television programs *Murphy Brown* and *Boston Legal*, started her career as a child on the program. Famous comedians W.C. Fields and Jimmy Durante also got their start on the show.

Caleb Chase, James Sanborn and the legacy of the long-running program may be gone, but Chase and Sanborn coffee goes on.

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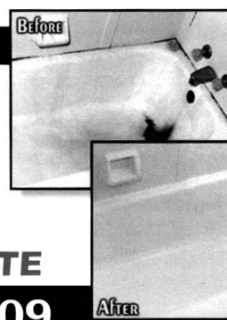
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Response by Rep. Denise Provost

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There is significant value for the public in having members with institutional memory, experience, and subject-matter expertise.

Mandating term limits for state legislators is a relatively new trend, which started in the 1990s. They were proposed in Massachusetts, but held to be unconstitutional by our Supreme Judicial Court in 1997. (I won't go into presidential or gubernatorial term limits, which are another matter entirely.)

I believe that legislative term limits can have serious negative consequences. In California, indications are that it has led to both gridlock, and heavy reliance on special interests for the expertise needed to draft legislation. We should beware of any government in which the legislators have term limits, and the lobbyists don't.

Comment (anything you

would like to add)

I am accessible, and want to hear from Somerville constituents. You can reach me at the State house at 617-722-2263, to talk or arrange a meeting. My State House email, for official business, is denise.provost@mahouse.gov; election-related inquiries should be directed to Denise-Provost2012@gmail.com.

My website, www.denise-provost.org, has information about my positions on issues. For more frequent updates, email me to receive my electronic newsletter, or "like" Representative Denise Provost on Facebook.

I can often be found walking my neighborhood, shopping at local stores, visiting the high school and attending local events. I look forward to hearing from you.

Response by Harry Kortikere

CONT. FROM PG 3

I believe that being elected to public office is a privilege and that all elected officials should pledge for term limits so as to give other members in the community an opportunity to get involved in shaping public policy. If elected, I will commit to term limits and propose such a legislation!

Comment (anything you would like to add)

It has been privilege for me during this campaign to have had the opportunity to meet the residents of this wonderful city. I humbly ask for your support during the Primary on Thursday, September 6.

Vehicle rolls down Broadway



A car rolled down the bridge in Ball Square, across Broadway before stopping when it hit a traffic light. The accident happened around 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

Somerville Police seek to identify bank robbery suspect



Somerville Police responded to a report of a robbery at the Central Bank, 401 Highland Avenue, in Davis Square last week. The suspect reportedly entered the bank, demanded cash from the victim teller and threatened the employees. No weapon was shown and nobody was hurt. He was described as a white male with average height and build. He was wearing a green tee shirt and black Stanley Cup baseball cap. The suspect fled the bank with an undisclosed amount of cash. Police have recovered the hat and shirt which were discarded nearby. Anyone with information is urged to contact Somerville Police at 617 625-1212.

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Thank you Somerville Boxing Club for all you do for the kids!

The View From Prospect Hill



Congratulations are in order for the successful Somerville Fight Night fundraiser held last week at Dilboy Stadium, benefiting the Somerville Boxing Club. There was a good turnout and the crowd was thoroughly entertained by the event.

The SBC provides a great service for youth in the Somerville

area, helping kids to stay fit and engaged in a wholesome activity, while simultaneously instilling in them an important sense of self worth and determination to better themselves.

Founded in 1978, the club has gone through many iterations and changes in locale. Currently located in the basement at the

Edgerly School at 11 Otis St., the efforts of the countless volunteers and the City of Somerville's Recreation Development stand as a testament to the community's commitment to enhancing the lives of Somerville's youth.

By providing a venue for youth to train and develop their skills

in boxing, a larger goal is accomplished. That of keeping kids away from street life and drug use, while building their characters and boosting confidence in their own abilities as individuals.

The SBC represents a cause that we can all believe in and support. That of giving our kids the best possible opportu-

nity to grow strong, smart, and well equipped to handle life's challenges.

Everyone can participate by giving of their time, money, and moral support. Stop by and learn firsthand what a great program is underway - and you can drop off a check, too, while you're at it.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

health facility in the nation. MGH is a great place if you are sick.

Happy Birthday to some of our 'Villen friends this week: First of all, our pick for person of the week last week, our good friend Steve Dalrymple is celebrating, as well as another pick not to long ago Leigh Hawkins Gerow. John Norton of Westford, MA, nephew of our Publisher, is celebrating his 50th birthday this week. Also celebrating this week is Elizabeth Moroney. We wish a great day for her. Also celebrating is Donald Cronin, as well as Janell Hodgdon. To all our other fans who are celebrating this week, we wish them a great day.

It seems like our own Mayor Joe Curtatone is down in Tampa to be a part of the truth squad telling everyone that will listen what kind of governor Romney was. He's down there with a lot of other well-known and fellow Democrats. Mayor Joe Curtatone said he is making himself available to the Obama campaign wherever and whenever he is needed around the country.

MassDOT will be conducting structural repairs to the McCarthy Underpass and McGrath Highway over the next three weeks. Click here for the tentative three week construction schedule. All construction is weather permitting.

The Sunsetters finished up their busy season this week. They did a great job entertaining the city neighborhoods and events all summer long.

Tomorrow, August 30, will be the 2012 SomerMovie Fest final film showing . The Viewer's Choice vote for the season's final film is "Despicable Me." Tomorrows movie will be shown at Seven Hills Park in Davis Square at Dusk.

The Director of the City's Shape Up Somerville (SUS) program, Jaime Corliss, tendered her resignation in order to accept a leadership position with Mass in Motion, a program of the state's Department of Public Health. Corliss has served as the SUS Director since May of 2009, and will assume her new role,

Manager of Community Initiatives within the Division of Prevention and Wellness next month. In her time with SUS, Jaime has spearheaded innovative community strategies and partnerships to promote healthy eating and active living, provided national support to community programs and guidance based on the successes of SUS across the country, enhanced and expanded the City's healthy restaurant program, and wrote two successful award applications, which have brought additional recognition to the City's program.

The Tufts University Art Gallery at the Shirley and Alex Aidekman Arts Center presents Global Flows, an exhibition combining two dozen historical and contemporary art, artifacts, rare books, architectural models and animations selected by seven faculty members from the Tufts Department of Art History, on view from September 6 to November 18, 2012. A public opening reception will take place on Tuesday, September 11, from 5:30 to 8 pm, with an introduction to the exhibition at 6:30 pm. T Tufts University Art Gallery at the Shirley and Alex Aidek-

man Arts Center is located at 40 Talbot Ave, Medford. For more information visit <http://artgallery.tufts.edu>.

On Sept. 9, 11 residents from Somerville will walk up to 26.2 miles along the historic route of the Boston Marathon® in the 24th annual Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai. They will be among the 9,000 walkers expected to participate with the collective goal of raising more than \$7.5 million to support lifesaving adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Participants may choose to walk one of four routes: the entire 26.2-mile Hopkinton to Boston route, the 13.1-mile Babson to Boston route, the 5-mile Boston College route, or the 3-mile route starting at Dana-Farber's campus. Those unable to participate on Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk day can become "Virtual Walkers" and still fundraise for the event. To register for the 24th annual Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk, to support a walker, or to volunteer, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the discount code BOSTON for \$5 off the registration fee.

COMMENTARY

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Go big or go home



By Joseph A. Curtatone

By now I'm sure everyone has noticed that we've rolled out a boatload of new initiatives this past spring and summer. Our city's ever-expanding agenda includes: strategies for transit-ori-

ented development in Union Square; Phase One construction at Assembly Square; a proposal for a new Central Library; a call for a Community Preservation Act ballot proposal; the staffing and rollout of the Somer-Promise youth development program; the East Broadway streetscape development; new parks; an urban agriculture ordinance, the arrival of the Hubway bike-sharing program, the soon-to-be public online Socrata data portal and much, much more.

It's a lot to take in. It's a lot to get done. But if there's one thing I've learned in nearly twenty years as an elected official, it's that there's no such thing as standing pat. The minute we

stop dreaming big dreams is the minute we start to decline. The second we stop our constant, full-out push for community improvement is the second we start sliding backwards into mediocrity and decay.

This week - at the request of the Obama campaign - I spent time down in Tampa, the host city for the Republican Convention, where I worked with other Democratic leaders to help spread the word about the small-mindedness and negativity of the Romney vision for America. As the GOP convention rolls on, speaker after speaker talks about the "greatness" of America - the idea that the United States was divinely

established to be the most significant and virtuous nation in the history of the world. It's all very inspiring until you realize that, as far as the Republicans are concerned, American greatness doesn't have anything to do with dreaming shared dreams, making plans together, investing together and sacrificing together to build a shared future. (Apparently, American greatness is all about making taxes for rich people even lower than they were in Ronald Reagan's day, cutting social safety net programs like Medicare and food stamps and telling women exactly what they can or can't do with their own bodies. But I digress.)

My point is that no nation, no

state, no community can truly call itself "great" unless it makes big plans and big investments, dreams big dreams and strives constantly to improve. Either you go big or you go home.

It's true that Somerville has always had to fight hard for everything it gets, and that the struggle can be exhausting. But that doesn't mean we should ever give up - or even slow down. There's too much at stake. The rewards for determined effort are too great. So are the costs and penalties of inaction.

I won't deny that this level of economic and policy innovation puts a big strain on community resources of all kinds; energy, time and

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The Union Square Revitalization Plan: opportunities and risks



By William C. Shelton

Two weeks ago the mayor's staff submitted an updated Union Square Revitalization Plan to the Board of Aldermen. It would commit the city to hundreds of millions in property acquisition and public-improvements investments over the next twenty years.

The plan builds on 2009's

Union Square rezoning, and on this year's Comprehensive Plan for the city. Those planning efforts are exemplary for their process, products, and the shared vision that they hold out.

But the Aldermen and the Somerville Redevelopment Authority will most likely conduct a hearing on the Revitalization Plan within this coming month. That seems like a brief period for Somerville's citizens and taxpayers to adequately absorb what's in the 100-page document. So I would like to ask some questions and get the conversation going.

The plan accurately identifies

"the reintroduction of light-rail transit as the single most important contributing factor to Union Square's revival as Somerville's downtown." Indeed, it was light-rail that transformed Union Square into Somerville's commercial center a century-and-a-half ago.

Prior to that, dairy farms, stone quarries, and brickyards dominated the area. Then, the first horse-drawn streetcar in Greater Boston began service in 1852 and ran between Union Square and Harvard Square. The light rail network continued to expand throughout the rest of that century and was elec-

trified in the first decade of the 20th century. People could now live up to six miles away from where they worked, and still commute within an hour.

Somerville became one of the first of Boston's "inner suburbs." When it changed its charter from a town's to a city's in 1872, it had fewer than 15,000 residents. By 1910, more people lived here than do so today.

The rails could bring workers to Union Square as well as taking them to Boston. So the surrounding area industrialized.

The largest meatpacking company in the Eastern U.S. located where the Somerville Avenue

Target store is today, employing 1,000 workers. The Boynton Yards area was stockyards. S. Armstrong and Co. made barrels. On Washington Street, 300 workers in the I.H. Brown & Co. mill operated its state-of-the-art drying equipment.

Electric trolleys glided down Somerville Avenue, Washington Street, and Summer Street, making 88 stops per day in Union Square, where stores, eateries, and personal services establishments proliferated to serve the swarming residents and workers. Legal, insurance, accounting, real estate and financial

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Assembling the lineup



I conducted my own little poll of what stores people would like to see go into the new Assembly Row area.

Here are some suggestions I received. Bass Pro Shop, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Chico's "chic" clothing store for women. Wegmans food store (I'm not familiar with it) and a Stein Mart department store, along with Mary Lou's Coffee and Newbury Comics. An Alamo Drafthouse was a choice for a theatre. A friend threw out the idea of an Irish pub but I think we have plenty of those already. A revamped Blarney Stone Pub would work though. Then of course we would get Jim Plunkett to perform there. Speaking of

music, how about a Guitar Center to cater to all the aspiring musicians that we have in the area? The Darden family of restaurants have some offerings such as Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Capital Grille, and Bahama Breeze. Don't you hate seeing those delicious TV commercials advertising restaurants that aren't anywhere near us? How about a CiCi's Pizza, Long John Silver's or Arby's?

I think we could use a large toy store along the lines of Toys R Us and Kay-bee. One store was suggested that I have to disagree with. I don't want to mention the name, but I found the store to be too "granola-crunchy" for me. People can go to the one in Fresh Pond if they want. Send me a personal email and I'll tell you the store.

A friend of mine came up with this cool idea. "A covered bandstand with an atrium so local artists, bands and other talent can play outside and people could sit around and watch and listen. There could be food carts and vendors so people could sit around and enjoy the entertainment." Somerville has so much art and music to offer."

Wouldn't it be cool to have a little area dedicated to Somerville's past nostalgic businesses? It could be called "The Old Somerville Food Court." There could be smaller versions of Dapper Dan's, Del's Pizza, Kay and Chips, Mamma Lisa's, Speedy Pizza, Frascati's, The Venice Café and maybe a Joe Izzy's. (lol!) (Sorry...but only old 'Villens will remember Joe Izzy's. Send me a private email and I

will give you a short explanation of what kind of store it was.)

Someone felt that we should put a casino into the new Assembly Row area. Don't we have enough things to waste our hard earned money on? Just the lure of the State lottery alone (especially with two daily numbers drawings) is a big enough temptation without having a casino in the area to suck us in. Look at how much we spend just on gas alone? I threw too much money down that rat hole known as gambling already thank you.

Being able to get to the new Assembly Row area via the T is exciting. And when the Green Line extensions are done, we will be able to save money on gas by using convenient public transportation to get just about anyplace

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Beacon Hill Roll Call



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Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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The Senate has held 179 roll call votes in 2012. Beacon Hill Roll Call tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Only 13 of the Senate's 39 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The worst roll call attendance record belongs to Sen. Frederick Berry (D-Peabody), who missed 101 roll calls (43.5 percent attendance) because of an illness.

The second worst record belongs to Sen. Barry Finegold (D-Andover), who missed 52 roll calls (70.9 percent attendance) because of the death of his sister.

SENATORS' 2012 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the senator missed.

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| Sen. Sal DiDomenico | 100 % | (0) |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | 98.8 % | (2) |

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

WITNESS INTIMIDATION (H 3977) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would broaden the current state law that makes it a felony to threaten and intimidate witnesses involved in pending cases. The bill would expand the law by applying it to cases that have been adjudicated and closed.

Supporters said the current loophole allows a person who threatens someone when the case is closed to be charged with only a misdemeanor. They argued it is not fair to have this loophole that jeopardizes the safety of witnesses once a case is closed.

PARENTS WHO KILL THEIR SPOUSES (H 454) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would terminate the parental rights of any person convicted of killing their spouse unless there is proof of past physical, sexual or psychological abuse committed by the deceased parent against the convicted parent. The rights

could also be granted to the convicted parent if the child is deemed "competent" and wants to continue to have a relationship with the parent.

Supporters said it is outrageous to require children to continue an unwanted relationship with a parent who killed the other parent. They argued these kids are traumatized enough and should not be forced to visit the killer in jail.

ALLOW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS TO BREAK THEIR APARTMENT LEASE (S 2402) - The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing victims of domestic violence to break their apartment lease without a penalty if they notify the owner in writing that they or a member of their household is a victim of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault or stalking.

Supporters said the measure is designed to help victims move if their assailant knows where they are living. The measure also requires owners to change the tenant's exterior locks if the tenant or occupants reasonably believe they are in danger.

REDUCE DRUG ABUSE (S 2122) - Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law a bill aimed at cracking down on the abuse of prescription drugs in Massachusetts. The measure requires all doctors to register with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, a statewide electronic database that collects data on prescriptions dispensed in the state. Currently, participation is voluntary, and only 1,700 of 40,000 prescribers have signed up.

Supporters say the program is aimed at preventing potential abusers from "doctor shopping" -- obtaining multiple prescriptions from several doctors who are unaware that another physician has already prescribed the medication.

Other provisions include requiring pharmacies to notify local police when reporting theft or loss of drugs; requiring doctors to use tamper-proof pads to write prescriptions; and banning possession, distribution and manufacture of "bath salts," synthesized stimulants disguised as a therapeutic mineral.

VIOLATIONS OF MINIMUM WAGE LAW (S 924) - The Senate approved and sent to the House a bill that would increase from two years to three years the statute of limitations for bringing a suit against an employer for violating the minimum wage or overtime pay law. This change would match the state's current three-year statute of limitations for filing suit for non-payment of wages.

Supporters said this pro-worker bill would further protect the rights of employees and bring Massachusetts in-to line with current federal laws.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"These investigations act as a deterrent to criminals and help agencies and vendors better manage public assistance programs so that benefits are available for those who need them most." – *State Auditor Suzanne Bump announcing that her office has uncovered \$5.5 million in fraudulently obtained public assistance benefits and services in fiscal year 2012.*

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“By making Charlie one of the most ubiquitous figures in Greater Boston, more and more people will experience the benefits of using a CharlieCard...the CharlieCard offers customers the lowest bus and subway fare.” – *Acting MBTA General Manager Jonathan Davis on a Boston publicity tour by Charlie, the official mascot of the MBTA, promoting the CharlieCard and the MBTA’s new CharlieCard Store at Downtown Crossing.*

“If I was 21, I would probably be very for it, because I remember going to Boston University and living in Allston and having a great time. There’s only one reason someone goes to Happy Hour and that’s to get drunk.” – *Steve DiFillippo, owner of Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse, opposing the idea of reinstituting discounted Happy Hour drinks in bars across the state.*

“One of these teens could be Boston’s next great chef.” – *Boston Mayor Tomas Menino on the two dozen teenagers who prepared a healthy meal for the mayor and Boston Red*

Sox catcher Ryan Lavarnway to raise awareness about healthy eating for young people.

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

During the week of August 20-24, the House met for a total of one hour and 19 minutes while the Senate met

for a total of 51 minutes.

Mon. August 20
House 11:03 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.
Senate 11:13 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

Tues. August 21
No House session
No Senate session

Wed. August 22
No House session
No Senate session

Thurs. August 23
House 11:02 a.m. to 11:57 a.m.
Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:46 a.m.

Fri. August 24
No House session
No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Go big or go homeCONT. FROM PG 9

money. But I would argue - and I think Somerville’s recent history bears me out - that it also generates new resources. Here’s a case in point: Because we’ve made capital investments, created rainy-day funds, and committed to improvements in basic infrastructure, in schools and recreational facilities, our bond rating has improved. Our access to funds has increased and our borrowing costs have gone down. We’ve attracted new private investment and our commercial tax base has expanded.

Somerville benefits greatly

from its proximity to outstanding universities and to downtown Boston. We have a young, well-educated, highly employable workforce. We have an energetic business community that works hard to support economic growth. We have administrations in Washington and Beacon Hill that get what we’re trying to do and have provided tremendous support. We have energetic legislative delegations at the state and federal levels. There are many reasons for our recent success, and many people deserve credit.

But we’ve earned that support

by being active, by moving forward, by embracing new opportunities and mastering new challenges wherever we find them.

There were plenty of doubters when we embarked on Somer-Stat, on 311, and on the rebuilding of our schools and public safety services. There were plenty of doubters on Assembly Square. (To be fair, there are still plenty of doubters on Assembly Square.) There are going to be skeptics and doubters on our current round of initiatives. We need to listen to them and to respond to their legiti-

mate concerns - but we cannot let them drag us down.

My trip to the GOP convention has left me pondering the question of how any community, large or small, achieves “greatness.” One of the unquestioned moments of American greatness was our nation’s race to the moon in the 1960s - an extraordinary collective achievement of spirit, vision, investment and will. In starting that race, President Kennedy declared almost exactly 50 years ago that “We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy,

but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills, because that challenge is one that we are willing to accept, one we are unwilling to postpone, and one which we intend to win.”

That’s the spirit that makes America exceptional. Here in Somerville, we embrace that same spirit with confidence and resolve: we will go right on dreaming shared dreams, making plans together, investing together and sacrificing together to build a shared future. And we intend to win.

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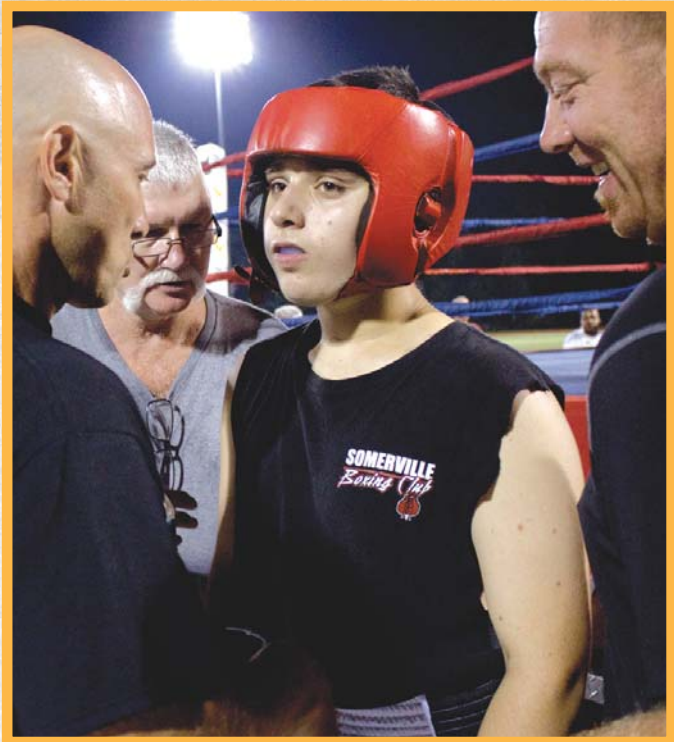
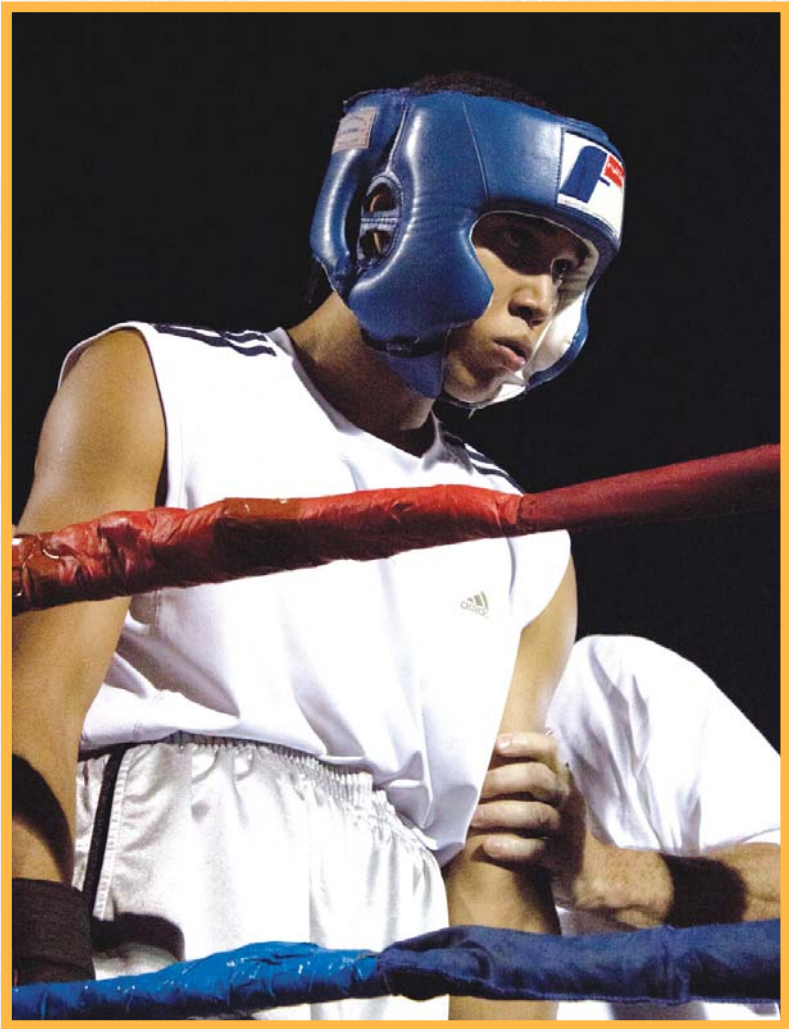
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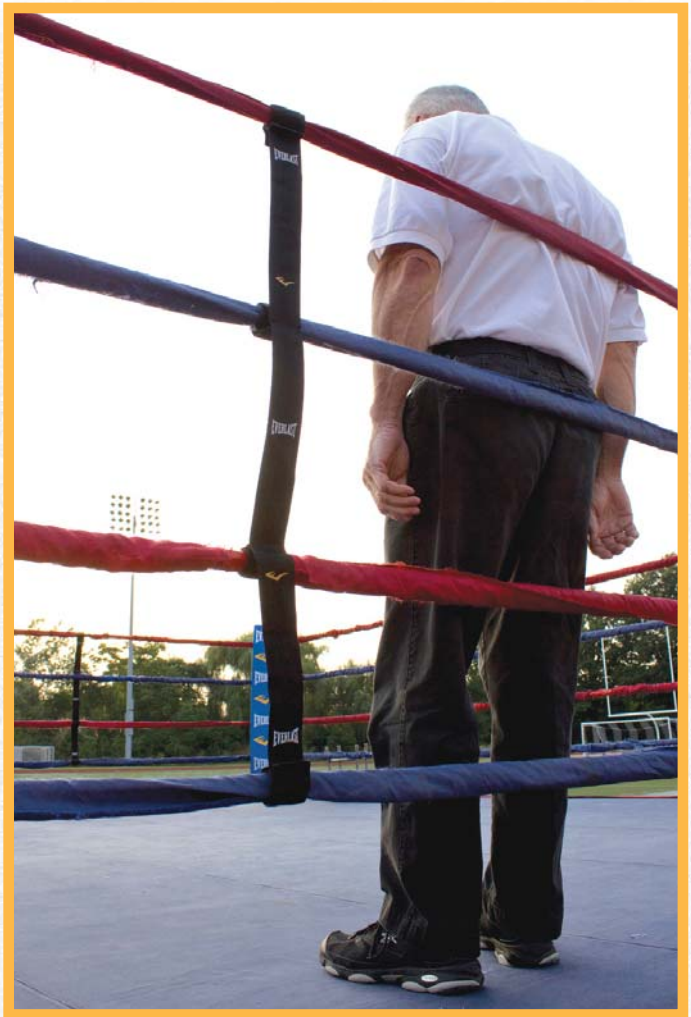
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Somerville's Fight Night





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Alibrandis four wins away from third straight championship

By Benjamin Klein

The Somerville Alibrandis have had a very successful season and that success has translated into postseason victories. Somerville won their first series with ease and recently won a best-of-five series over the Stoneham Sabers in order to advance into the Yawkey Baseball League championship series against the Malden Bulldogs.

The No.8 South Boston Saints were no match for the No.1 Alibrandis in the YBL quarterfinals as Somerville swept the five-game series. Somerville's next test, the No.6 Stoneham Sabers, was a little tougher.

Stoneham took the series opener 1-0 in extra innings behind a miraculous performance

by the Sabers' pitcher Chris Dion. He only allowed one hit over eight innings of work to completely shut down the mighty Somerville offense. Jon Morse was great on the mound as well, but Brian Tanguy ended up walking in a run in the top of the eighth inning and that led to the Alibrandis loss.

Somerville relied on Chris Foundas to get them back into the series and he didn't let them down. Foundas pitched very well over the course of six innings, only allowing two unearned runs. The offense finally came alive in this one as they scored three runs in the third inning and then a run in the fifth and six innings. Ted Dziuba and Marc DesRoches each drove in two runs in Somerville's 5-2 victory to tie the series.



Photo by Harry Kane

The Somerville Alibrandis have successfully taken their regular season winning momentum into the playoffs.

The third game was very important and Somerville didn't allow the Sabers a shot at winning it. The Alibrandis scored at least one run in every inning from the second through the fifth inning, a total of eight runs. Stan DeMartinis went 4-for-4 for Somerville with a run and an RBI while Sean Sullivan picked

up the win on the mound.

The Alibrandis won the series the very next night behind a great pitching performance from Anthony Del Prete. Del Prete threw a complete game shutout against the Sabers while only allowing three hits. Dziuba hit a solo home run and Sal Mendonca also drove in a run for

Somerville as they won the game 2-0 and took the series 3-1.

Somerville will face the No. 5 Malden Bulldogs in the YBL championship, a best-of-seven series starting on August 28, a date subject to change. Somerville defeated Malden three times during the regular season.

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Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What do you see when the moon is in its new moon phase? | lion" get its name? |
| 2. What is the total sum of "Fourscore and Seven years?" | 7. How did the term "freelance" originate for an independent writer? |
| 3. What top selling magazine is named after a single person? | 8. Did George Washington attend college? |
| 4. What cheese, according to children's riddle, is always spelled backwards? | 9. Is the olive a fruit or a vegetable? |
| 5. Who appoints the Director of the FBI? | 10. Is the walnut a fruit or a vegetable? |
| 6. How did the "dandelion" get its name? | 11. What was the first country to serve Bologna? |
| | 12. What is the name of the shipwrecked boat on Gilligan's Island? |

Answers on page 23

Confined space rescue drill



On August 22, members of the Somerville Fire Department conducted a joint confined space rescue drill with members of Mass Bay Commuter Rail (MBCR) at their maintenance facility located at 70R Third Avenue. The drill involved removing an unconscious "victim" from a tunnel located fifteen feet below grade beneath the locomotive repair area. Somerville firefighters and MBCR employees worked together to extricate the victim from the confined space. Thanks to the assistance of MBCR, a realistic training scenario was provided to members of the Somerville Fire Department enabling them to improve upon their technical rescue skills.



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Second human case of WNV reported CONT. FROM PG 1

limiting times of outdoor activity when mosquitoes are at their most active (dawn and dusk), wearing long sleeve shirts and long pants if one must be outdoors during those times, and of course wearing an EPA approved insecticide when outside have been reiterated. Residents can also take action by removing standing water on or around their property and making sure that window and door screens are in good repair. More complete information can be found at <http://www.somervillema.gov/alerts/west-nile-virus-information>.

WNV infected mosquitoes have been found in 67 communities from nine counties this year. Last year there were six cases of WNV in Massachusetts residents and one in a horse in 2011. While WNV can infect people of all ages, people over the age of 50 are at higher risk for severe disease. WNV is usually transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. Most people infected with WNV will have no symptoms. When present, WNV symptoms tend to include fever and flu-like illness. In rare cases, more severe illness can occur.

The following information is courtesy of The Cambridge Health Department:

What is West Nile Virus?

West Nile virus (WNV) is a potentially serious illness spread by infected mosquitoes. The virus can cause illness ranging from a mild fever to more serious disease like encephalitis or meningitis. WNV is established as a seasonal epidemic in North America that flares up in the summer and continues into the fall. This fact sheet contains important information that can help you recognize and prevent West Nile virus.

What are the symptoms of West Nile virus?

No Symptoms in Most People. Approximately 80 percent of people (about 4 out of 5) who are infected with WNV will not show any symptoms at all.

Milder Symptoms in Some People. Up to 20 percent of the people who become infected have symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, swollen lymph glands, or a skin rash on the chest, stomach and back. Symptoms can last for as short as a few days, though even healthy people have become sick for several weeks.

Serious Symptoms in a Few People. About one in 150 people infected with WNV develop severe illness, including encephalitis or meningitis. The severe symptoms can include high fever, headache, stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, coma,



tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. These symptoms may last several weeks, and neurological effects may be permanent. People older than 50 years of age have a higher risk of developing severe illness.

How common is West Nile virus in Massachusetts?

Because most people who are exposed to WNV have no symptoms, it is difficult to know exactly how many people have been infected. People who develop severe illness with WNV are most often reported. Between 2000 and 2010, 67 people were reported with WNV infection in Massachusetts. Six of these people died.

Is there any treatment?

There is no specific treatment for WNV infections. People

with mild WNV infections usually recover on their own. In more severe cases, people usually need to go to the hospital where they can receive supportive treatment including intravenous fluids, help with breathing and nursing care.

How can people protect themselves from West Nile virus?

The easiest and best way to avoid WNV is to prevent mosquito bites.

When you are outdoors, use insect repellent containing DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus, or IR3535. Follow the directions on the package.

The mosquitoes that spread WNV are most active in the evening and at night. Be sure to use insect repellent and wear long sleeves and pants at these times or consider staying in-

doors during these hours.

Make sure you have good screens on your windows and doors to keep mosquitoes out.

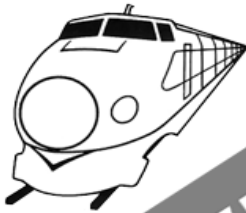
Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from flowerpots, buckets and barrels. Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in birdbaths weekly. Drill holes in tire swings so water drains out. Keep children's wading pools empty and on their sides when they aren't being used.

More information on West Nile virus and other diseases spread by mosquitoes can be found at www.cdc.gov/westnile.

More information on choosing and using repellents safely is included in the MDPH Mosquito Repellents fact sheet, which can be viewed online at www.mass.gov/dph/wnv.

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THE Somerville News Person of the Week



Meet Maria - for short Nella - Nunes-Rollins. She's our proud pick for The Somerville News Person of the Week. Nella is married to another lifelong resident of Somerville, Bruce Rollins. Nella is just your happy go lucky real nice person who loves to play jokes on people, and people do like to play jokes on her. She's got a great sense of humor, and is a very smart lady, too. Don't let the everyday smile throw you, she can get her Somerville girl up and then watch out. She has a great relationship with all her friends and manages to keep in touch with everyone online on Facebook. She's got a great job and she's good at what she does, she's a company lady first and foremost. They like her so much that they recently gave her a full gym to work out and keep those muscles in shape, just in case she might need them. She works over at McCarthy Storage on Mystic Avenue and Harvard Street in Medford. Go ahead and stop in and get caught up on the latest. She's pretty much up on everything going on in Somerville, in particular with her loving family, which she is completely devoted to. Nella is pleasant, easy going and very nice. She enjoys people stopping over, especially if you want to rent a storage unit. We've yet to see her active in one of those "storage unit wars" but we were assured that we would be invited to attend the next one as long as we don't make any jokes about it. Stop in say "Hi" and rent a unit. She'll love it, but if she's on the treadmill you'll have to wait a couple of minutes. We're told she has a routine. Tell her you saw her here in The Somerville News. She'll love it!

COA gardens, Farmer's Market spotlighted

On Thursday, August 23, Ann Hartstein, Secretary of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, taped two of her shows, *Senior Scene*, a program for and about Massachusetts seniors at Ralph & Jenny Center and at Holland Street Center.

The Ralph & Jenny Center segment highlighted the COA's Intergenerational Gardening Project where seniors and children in the community have planted and cared for two garden boxes. Secretary Hartstein was joined by Executive Director of the COA, Cindy Hickey, Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Lisa Heyison, Outreach Coordinator.

At Holland Street Secretary Hartstein was joined by Dan Curley, the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance, Lisa Damon, from the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Cindy Hickey, Executive Director of the Somerville Council on Aging and Janine Lotti project manager for the Ralph & Jenny Intergenerational Gardening Project, and Rachael Plitch who organized our Farmer's Market. The

Somerville COA is one of the only Farmer's Markets in the state located at a senior center.

The day began at Ralph & Jenny Center where we read the book *Tops and Bottoms*, made our depiction of a top and a bottom photo, then all joined in to weed and pick our crop. The Mayor surprised us all with his culinary skills in sharing his mom's basil and tomato salad. He made a convert when Grace Lotti expressed delight in how good it was, as she also shared that she really didn't like tomatoes before this. We then visited the Holland Street Farmer's Market where Andrea Libertini, of Somerville Cambridge Elder Services, shared some healthy recipes for muffins and a red, white, and blue fruit salad with us. Lee Dwyer of Groundworks was there, selling the produce grown at our schools, as well as Rachael Plitch, who organized getting our Farmer's Market here.

The Farmer's Market at Holland Street is open Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Items for sale are half price for seniors 55+.



Secretary Hartstein, DTA Commissioner Curley, Rachael Plitch, Lisa Damon.



Grace Lotti and Vivien Santos-Smith.



Mayor Curtatone making his mother's Basil and Tomato Salad.

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

August 29

Hanscom AAFB

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.
Womens' Group|10:30 a.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

Closed

Ralph & Jenny Center

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

August 30

Farmer's Market at Holland Street!

Holland Street

Current Events - all welcome!|10 a.m.
Walking|11 a.m.
Farmer's Market|11 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
Supper|3 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center

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

Ralph & Jenny Center

Strength Exercises with Geoff|10 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

August 31

JFK Fun Friday Trip

Holland Street Center

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

Cross Street Center

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

Ralph & Jenny Center

Center Closed
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

September 3

Labor Day - All Centers Closed

September 4

Holland Street Center

Strengthening Exercises|9:15 a.m.
SHINE (Medical insurance) by apt.10 a.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Bingo |12:45 p.m.
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.
Flexibility & Balance|10:30 a.m.
Zumba Gold|11:30 a.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

September 5

Holland Street Center

Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.
Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

Cross Street Center

Center Closed
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223
Bowling 1:00 at Flatbreads with Flo

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Photo by Ethan Backer

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|August 29

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

Thursday|August 30

SomerMovie Fest
Viewer's Choice
Dusk|Seven Hills Park|Davis
Square

Friday|August 31

Central Library
Teen Drop In Time
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

Saturday|September 1

Labor Day Weekend - Libraries
Closed

Sunday|September 2

Labor DayWeekend - Libraries
Closed

Monday|September 3

Labor Day - Libraries Closed

Wednesday|September 5

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

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Wednesday|August 29

Johnny D's
Murali Coryell|The Dank Tops
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

PA'S Lounge
Jalopy|Alligator Wine|Pat Martini
& the Shakers

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Tilt-A-Whirl - Comedy|10
p.m.|Bands at 11 p.m.
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's
Karaoke
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-
625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Free pool|Game Night|Interactive
Trivia
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
Lecherous Gaze|Razormaze|MFP
379 Summer St

Thursday|August 30

Johnny D's
The Gourds|Pat Sweany
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

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

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

PA'S Lounge
Steve Branson Band|Weld
Square|At Even Odds|The Wufs
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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

Precinct Bar

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Bion|Leonard Lawrence|Space
Mushroom Fuzz
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar
The Subprime Lenders|Tara
White|Kave Kraft|Le Fomo
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Kemp Harris and Scotty Vercoe
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Friday|August 31

Johnny D's
Now & The Forevers|Tsunami of
Sound
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
Nat Osborn Band|Lyle Divinsky
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Spot Mary|VaVaBlume|Honest
Blood
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
DJ starting at 10 p.m.
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Luddy Mussy|Minute World|The
Moan|The One and Onlys
381 Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
No Music-Holiday weekend
247 Washington St.

Radio Bar
Billy Rath's Street Pirates|Christie
Prince|Strange Avenues|Fireking
379 Summer St

Saturday|September 1

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
The Mentors|Psycho|Fresh
Kill|Schapism
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Audible Crayons|Dirge
Carolers|Lucretias Daggars
381 Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
No Music-Holiday weekend
247 Washington St.

Radio Bar
Froggy and the Friendship|Look
Sharp|EratOK|Dig Safe
379 Summer St

Sunday|September 2

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5
p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
Jake Bush & his band Pesky J
Nixon|Seamonsters
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
Roy Sludge
379 Summer St

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Monday|September 3

Johnny D's
Team Trivia|8:30 p.m.
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open
mike|7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with the Duppy
Conquerors|9:30 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
3589

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

PA'S Lounge
Happy Labor Day!
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
1557

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Rosebud Bar
Closed Mondays
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
Unnatural Axe|Giuda|Beach
Cops|Lude Boys
379 Summer St

Tuesday|September 4

JohnnyD's
No Bands tonight|Restaurant and
bar open
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
6045

Highland Kitchen
Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday
of the month
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Wednesday|September 5

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Free Poker, lots of prizes|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
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Comedy @10
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Trivia
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

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Open Mic
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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Tilt-A-Whirl - Comedy|10
p.m.|Bands at 11 p.m.
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-
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Karaoke
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Trivia
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|August 29

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

Thursday|August 30

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

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problems with money and debt.
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Saturday|September 1

**Labor Day Weekend - Libraries
Closed**

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

Bagel Bards

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

Sunday|September 2

**Labor Day Weekend- Libraries
Closed**

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|September 3

Labor Day - Libraries Closed

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

Tuesday|September 4

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

The Art of Singing Group
7 p.m.-9:15 p.m.|33 Union
Sq|617-628-0916
srlibana@gmail.com

Wednesday|September 5

Central Library
Book Group-Mystery
7 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

The Union Square Revitalization Plan: opportunities and risks

CONT. FROM PG 9

professionals leased upper-floor office space. Locals called Bow Street, “Doctors Row” because it was where healthcare professionals maintained what we now call “live/work space.” And the *Somerville Journal* did serious reporting from a building on the corner of Bow and Walnut Streets.

The potential to emulate the economic elements of this evolution was one of the motivations that brought Villens, the mayor, aldermen, our legislative delegation, the business community, and smart growth advocates together in a unified and successful movement to bring the Green Line to Union Square. And that leads to my first question. If regional transportation authorities are legally obligated to extend the Green Line, why has the city committed to take the land for the station?

I’m not aware of a precedent where a municipality has acquired land for the T. So could this be some kind of extortion to shift financial risk onto the city? Just askin’.

The risk comes first from the possibility that the actual costs

of an eminent-domain land acquisition may be greater than expected. The Revitalization Plan’s Stage One involves acquiring the land along the East side of Prospect Street, from the rail line to Somerville Avenue.

Implementing Phase One would require issuing \$8 million in bonds, \$6 million for property acquisition, relocation, and demolition, and \$2 million for completing 25% of the infrastructure design.

Any owner of land that the city takes can argue in court that the compensation he or she receives is inadequate. Juries have an unpleasant history of sympathizing with such plaintiffs and awarding unrealistically generous judgments.

The city would assemble the properties north of the station into economically viable parcels and sell them to private developers. So the city would become a land speculator.

This is not necessarily a bad thing. As the regional economy evolves, Somerville will inevitably be well positioned to become a business destination. If market forces created strong de-

mand for such property, the city could make a nice profit.

But the market forecast today is uncertain at best. Nor does the city have deep pockets. We rely heavily on net state aid, which has dropped from \$57 million in 2002 to \$30 million last year. And our cash reserves are thin.

Sixteen months ago, I wrote a column questioning whether the city’s issuing bonds to support the Assembly Square District Improvement Financing scheme was too risky. But with that plan, developers were in place and offering financial guarantees if their projects did not hit specific milestones by dates certain. We have no such developers for Union Square’s North Prospect Block at this time.

The plan anticipates building a new central library in a “Civic Center Block” where the Public Safety Building is now located. We learn that the city is on the waiting list for an \$18 million dollar construction grant from the Board of Library Commissioners. The plan suggests the possibility of building a new city hall there as well.

A rationale for these moves is that foot traffic generated by such civic facilities would simultaneously expand Union Square’s retail and services markets. But similar attempts elsewhere across the U.S. have shown that most visitors to public offices do not transform into comparison shoppers, and only a few become convenience shoppers.

One need look no further than Central Square. Locating civic offices there had little effect on the commercial district’s business. But the University Park mixed-use development had a substantial impact.

And while municipal buildings generate no tax revenue, they can displace higher valued developments that do.

Would the central library serve the entire city better in Union Square than where it is now? Would the city lose its \$18-million place in line if it didn’t build a library in Union Square?

In addition to the seven parcels in Phase One, the plan lists 27 parcels that would ultimately be acquired throughout the revitalization district.

Total acquisition costs are projected at \$26 million; relocation costs, at \$5.3 million. Most remediation costs would be borne by developers.

Public improvements costs for Phase One alone would be \$60 million. In recent years, a rare confluence of events brought Somerville remarkably good fortune in winning state and federal infrastructure funding. Do we believe that this winning streak will continue? Why?

The selection and proposed uses of the acquisition parcels make perfect sense to me from an urban planning and revitalization perspective. But what happens if things do not go as well as hoped for? At what points can we modify the plan, once the Commonwealth has approved it? How do we not get in over our heads?

Union Square is my neighborhood. I would love to see the Revitalization Plan’s compelling vision fully implemented. But I don’t want to put the city’s fiscal health at risk.

There may well be reassuring answers to all of my questions. I look forward to hearing them.

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Perry Park Yarnstormed

Yarnstorming Perry Park is part of *The Wrap Around Project*, a yearlong campaign of the Nave Gallery to raise awareness of the issue of homelessness in our area and to support the work of the Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC).

On Saturday, August 25, the transformation of Perry Park took place. The com-

munity helped install the exhibit by wrapping colorful yarn around bike racks, statues, trees, fences and more. Perry Park is located at 361 Washington Street near the corner of Dane Street. The installation will run until November 11. The event was organized by Margaret Ryan, aka "Pearl K.Nit."



Photos by Bobbie Toner

SPOKES 2012 hits Union Square

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Edelman, Somerville Arts Council Board Member and Co-Organizer of SPOKES 2012. The most essential portion of SPOKES "will be having local bicycle shops represented," said Edelman.

The Somerville Bicycle Committee will lead a group of 40 riders, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., in what is entitled "Tasting Tour of Somerville: A Benefit Bike Ride for The Welcome Project." It will be a fundraising ride through the streets of Somerville.

"Cyclists will enjoy a leisurely ride through the squares of Somerville, sampling a smattering of local cuisine along the way. Confirmed stops are Cantina La Mexicana, Union Square; Maya Sol, East Somerville; Wang's Fast Food, Magoun

Square; Sound Bites, Ball Square; and Amelia's Kitchen, Teele Square. The ride will begin and end in Union Square Plaza," said Edelman.

One can participate in free bicycle repair and maintenance workshops from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., which will feature participation by Ace Wheelworks, Bike Boom, Paramount, and Broadway Bicycles. Be sure to explore vendors' fare, and view interesting items during that same time frame.

After that, from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., view a free bike-in movie screening of Pee Wee's Big Adventure. Dinner and snacks will be sold by Lefty's Silver Food Cart, Culinary Cruisers and the TAZA Chococycle. Attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic blanket.

At 9 p.m., S.C.U.L. from Somerville invites civilian bike craft to participate in a post-event night ride around the city. Their "missions are typically accompanied by loud funk music via [a] bicycle sound-system, a high-hanging disco ball rig and frequent impromptu dance parties."

The ride will include music. At that time, enjoy, "The lovely sounds of Banditas. Sweet harmonies stab through fuzzed-out distortion and linger over dead silence, rumble drums on horseback, specks charging over distant hills, sometimes sparse, sometimes spoken, sometimes belted, black tears rolling down their cheeks, mascara-stained, moon faces, broken by heartache. [The band's] songs [are] inspired by notorious women, murder ballads, cow-

boy daddies, boys and summers." Banditas consists of Hayley Thompson-King, vocals and guitar, Molly Maltezos, harmonies and Candace Clement, drums.

Activities and safety information or awareness will be available at this event for children. The Somerville Arts Council will run a Bling Your Bike, station at which people may "decorate/enhance their bike with all kinds of shiny or sparkly crafts, "Do A Art," a local arts education program, will run a bike parts printing workshop, and Pedal Power Photography will offer "bicycle portraits," she said.

Kids, as well as adults, may explore a walking/biking puzzle map, which was put together by Groundworks Somerville.

In the future, additional inter-

active workshops, as well as a bicycle beer garden may take place during SPOKES.

ArtsUnion, as well as the Somerville Arts Council are sponsoring SPOKES 2012.

Interested individuals may view the event page at <http://www.facebook.com/events/448226095198600/>.

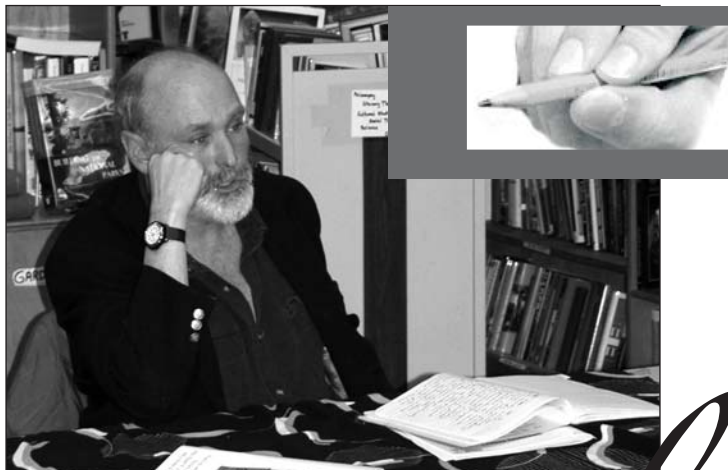
You may send an email to jacy.edelman1@gmail.com to sign up as a vendor or to receive additional information, as well as to R.S.V.P. to buy a ticket for a bike ride, which costs \$30 per person. Your email should include the full names of all of the riders whom would like to attend. The proceeds will go to The Welcome Project in Somerville. Each rider will obtain a free YUM Card. For more information, visit <http://www.yumsomerville.org/>.

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

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|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, August 29 | | 6:00 | Al Jazeera | 2:00 | Tele Kreyol | 1:00 | Ablevision |
| 12:00 | Free Speech TV | 7:00 | Shrink Rap | 3:00 | Tele Magazine | 1:30 | Somerville Housing Authority |
| 6:00 | Somerville Biking News - Share The Road | 7:30 (R) | Greater Somerville w/Joe Lynch | 3:30 | Physician Focus | 2:00 | Somerville: Most Interesting Place |
| 7:00 | Drug Awareness | 8:00 (LIVE) | Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou | 4:00 | Somerville: Most Interesting Places | 2:30 | Somerville Back In The Day |
| 8:00 | Democracy Now! | 9:30 | Tonight's Special | 4:30 | Back In The Day | 3:00 | Exercise With Robyn & Max |
| 9:00 | Abugida TV | 10:00 | Somerville Rocks | 5:00 | Henry Parker Presents... | 3:30 | Esoteric Science |
| 10:00 | PorchFest 2012 | 10:30 | National Wildlife Foundation | 6:00 | OPENAIR Circus | 4:00 | The Thom Hartmann |
| 11:00 | Somerville News Reading | 11:00 | Creepy Castle | 8:00 | David Parkman | 5:00 | Culture Club |
| 12:00 | Democracy Now! | Friday, August 31 | | 9:00 | Nossa Gente e Costumes | 5:30 | Nepali Sakela Festival |
| 1:00 | Somerville: Back In The Day | 12:00 | Free Speech TV | 10:00 | Sonic Lobotomy | 6:00 | Al Jazeera TV |
| 1:30 | Somerville: Most Interesting Places | 6:00 | Live Response | 11:00pm | GAY TV | 6:30 | Perils For Pedestrians |
| 2:00 | Culture Club | 7:00 | Bed Bugs Summit | Sunday, September 2 | | 7:00 | Tango Festival |
| 2:30 | Life Matters | 8:00 | Democracy Now! | 12:00 | Free Speech TV | 8:00 | MDOT McCarthy overpass |
| 3:00 (LIVE) | Medical Tutor | 9:00 | Truth About Drugs | 6:00 | Show De Faith | 9:00 | Dedilhando A Saudade |
| 3:30 | Inside Talk | 10:00 | Somerville Newspaper Reading | 7:00 | Flipside | 10:00 | Bate Papo con Shirley |
| 4:00 | Thom Hartman show | 11:00 | Back In The Day | 8:00 | Program Celebrai | 11:00 | Somerville Rocks |
| 5:00 | Neighborhood Cooking | 11:30 | Somerville Housing | 9:00 | Heritage Baptist Church | 11:30 | Art@SCATV |
| 5:30 | Cooking w/Georgia & Dez | 12:00 | OPENAIR Circus | 10:00 | International Church of God | Tuesday, September 4 | |
| 6:00 | Al Jazeera | 1:00 | Boston Tango Festival | 10:30 | Eckankar | 12:00 | Free Speech TV |
| 6:30 | Affordable Housing | 2:00 | Bed Bug Summit | 11:00 | The Commonwealth Report | 6:00 | The Road to Recovery |
| 7:00 | Tonight's Special | 3:00 | Brunch w/Senator Sanders | 11:30 | Somerville Housing | 7:00 | Perils For Pedestrians |
| 8:00 (LIVE) | Somerville Pundits | 4:00 | Thom Hartmann Show | 12:00 | The Entertainer Show | 7:30 | The Struggle |
| 8:30 | Physician Focus | 5:00 | National Wildlife Foundation | 12:30 | Affordable Housing Mtg. 6/6/12 | 8:00 | Democracy Now! |
| 9:00 | Somerville Rocks | 5:30 | Art@SCATV | 1:00 | Boston Tango Festival | 9:00 | Somerville News Reading |
| 9:30 | Somerville Biking News - Share The Road | 6:00 | Al Jazeera TV | 1:30 | How To Travel The World Free | 10:00 | Tele Kreyol |
| 10:30 | Shrink Rap | 6:30 | The Struggle | 2:00 | Effort Pour Christ | 11:00 | MDOT McCarthy Overpass |
| 11:00 | The Garage | 7:00 | Real Estate Answer Show | 3:00 | Rompendo en Fe | 12:00 | Democracy Now! |
| 11:30 | The Literary Scene | 7:30 | Affordable Housing | 4:00 | Dedilhando A Saudade | 1:00 | The Commonwealth Report |
| Thursday, August 30 | | 8:00 | Visual Radio | 5:00 | Ethiopian Satellite TV | 1:30 | Somerville Housing |
| 12:00 | Free Speech TV | 9:00 | The Garage | 6:00 | Abugida TV | 2:00 | Portrait of Somerville |
| 6:00 | Peers Influencing Peers | 9:30 | Bandwidth TV | 7:00 | African National TV | 3:30 | Active Aging |
| 7:00 | Somerville Biking News - Share The Road | 10:00 | Jeff TV | 8:00 | Active Aging | 4:00 | The Thom Hartmann |
| 8:00 | Democracy Now! | 11:00 | Somerville Rocks | 8:30 | Affordable Housing Mtg. 6/6/12 | 5:00 (LIVE) | Poet to Poet |
| 9:00 | Somerville News reading | 11:30 | Porchfest | 9:00 | Tele Magazine | 5:30 | Jeff Jam Sing Song Show |
| 10:00 | Active Aging | Saturday, September 1 | | 9:30 | National Wildlife Foundation | 6:00 | Al Jazeera |
| 10:30 | Jeff Jam Sing Along | 12:00 | Free Speech TV | 10:00 | AARP | 6:30 | The Struggle |
| 11:00 | Creating Cooperative Kids | 6:00 | Arabic Hour | 11:30 | SCATV | 7:00 | Art @ SCAT |
| 12:00 | Democracy Now! | 7:00 | Creating Cooperative Kids | Monday, September 3 | | 7:30 (LIVE) | Greater Somerville W/Joe Lynch |
| 1:00 | African Television | 8:00 | Jeff Jam Show | 12:00 | Free Speech TV | 8:00 (LIVE) | Dead Air Live |
| 2:00 | Villeside Forgotten Few | 8:30 | Mystic Learning Center | 6:00 | Atheist Viewpoint | 9:00 | Somerville Biking News |
| 2:30 | Somerville: Most Interesting Places | 9:00 | Festival Kreyol | 7:00 | Creating Cooperative Kids | 10:00 | Perils For Pedestrians |
| 3:00 | Somerville: Back in the Day | 10:00 | Tele Galaxie | 8:00 | Democracy Now! | 10:30 | The Gerry Leone Show |
| 3:30 | Art @ SCATV | 11:00 (R) | Dead Air Live | 9:00 | Gay TV | 11:00 | Talking About Somerville |
| 4:00 | Thom Hartmann | 12:00 | Reeling: the Movie Review Show | 10:00 | Somerville Newspaper Reading | 11:30 | SCATV |
| 5:00 | Ablevision | 12:30 | Somerville Housing Authority | 11:00 | Nosse Gente e Costumes | | |
| 5:30 | Culture Club | 1:00 | The Fifth Estate | 12:00 | Democracy Now! | | |

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

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| Wednesday, August 29 | | Friday, August 31 | | 7:00pm: (13/22) | Somerville Gives Back | 12:30pm: (15) | New ESCS Walk-Through |
| 9:00am: (13/22) | Hubway Launch in Somerville | 12:00am: (13/22) | Davis Sq. Streetscapes | 7:00pm: (15) | Open Air Circus | 1:00pm: (13/22) | Going Green on Rt.16 |
| 9:00am: (15) | Open Air Circus | 12:00am: (15) | Project STAR | 7:20pm: (13/22) | Senior Picnic 2012 | 1:15pm: (13/22) | Somerville Fight Night |
| 11:30am: (15) | Kid Stuff | 12:45am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 7:45pm: (15) | Kid Stuff | 1:30pm: (15) | National Night Out 2012 |
| 12:00pm: (13/22) | School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 8/27/12 | 1:00am: (13/22) | The Mayor's Report | 8:15pm: (15) | National Night Out 2012 | 7:00pm: (13/22) | Senior Circuit |
| 12:00pm (15) | Project STAR | 1:15am: (15) | Raising Families | 8:20pm: (13/22) | Your Doctor's Visits | 7:00pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 12:45pm: (15) | New ESCS Walk-Through | 1:30am: (13/22) | Kiley Barrel EPA Press Conference | 9:00pm: (13/22) | Hubway Launch in Somerville | 7:30pm: (13/22) | The Gerry Leone Show |
| 1:45pm: (15) | String Camp Final Concert | 1:45am: (15) | Special Olympics 2012 | 9:00pm: (15) | SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12 | 7:30pm: (15) | New ESCS Walk-Through |
| 7:00pm: (13/22) | Somerville Fight Night | 2:15am: (13/22) | Medication Tips for Seniors | Sunday, September 2 | | 8:00pm: (13/22) | Going Green on Rt.16 |
| 7:00pm: (15) | Raising Families | 9:00am: (13/22) | The Gerry Leone Show | 12:00am: (13/22) | Somerville Gives Back | 8:00pm: (13/22) | Somerville Fight Night |
| 7:30pm: (15) | New ESCS Walk-Through | 9:00am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 12:00am: (15) | Open Air Circus | 8:15pm: (13/22) | National Night Out 2012 |
| 8:00pm: (13/22) | Going Green on Rt. 16 | 12:00pm: (13/22) | Somerville Gives Back | 12:20am: (13/22) | Senior Picnic 2012 | Tuesday, September 4 | |
| 8:15pm: (13/22) | ArtBeat 2012 | 12:00pm: (15) | Open Air Circus | 12:45am: (15) | Kid Stuff | 12:00am: (13/22) | Senior Circuit |
| 8:30pm: (15) | National Night Out 2012 | 12:20pm: (13/22) | Senior Picnic 2012 | 1:15am: (15) | National Night Out 2012 | 12:00am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 8:40pm: (13/22) | Your Doctor's Visits | 12:45pm: (15) | Kid Stuff | 1:20am: (13/22) | Your Doctor's Visits | 12:30am: (13/22) | The Gerry Leone Show |
| 9:45pm: (13/22) | Morse Kelley Ribbon Cutting | 1:15pm: (15) | National Night Out 2012 | 2:00am: (13/22) | Hubway Launch in Somerville | 12:30am: (15) | New ESCS Walk-Through |
| Thursday, August 30 | | 1:20pm: (13/22) | Your Doctor's Visits | 2:00am: (15) | SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12 | 1:00am: (13/22) | Going Green on Rt.16 |
| 12:00am: (13/22) | Somerville Fight Night | 2:00pm: (13/22) | Hubway Launch in Somerville | 12:00pm: (13/22) | Senior Circuit | 1:15am: (13/22) | Somerville Fight Night |
| 12:00am: (15) | Raising Families | 2:00pm: (15) | SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12 | 12:00pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 1:30am: (15) | National Night Out 2012 |
| 12:30am: (15) | New ESCS Walk-Through | 7:00pm: (13/22) | Somerville Gives Back | 12:30pm: (13/22) | The Gerry Leone Show | 9:00am: (13/22) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 1:00am: (13/22) | Going Green on Rt. 16 | 7:00pm: (15) | Open Air Circus | 12:30pm: (15) | New ESCS Walk-Through | 9:00am: (15) | Open Air Circus |
| 1:15am: (13/22) | ArtBeat 2012 | 7:20pm: (13/22) | Senior Picnic 2012 | 1:00pm: (13/22) | Going Green on Rt. 16 | 11:30am: (15) | Project STAR |
| 1:30am: (15) | National Night Out 2012 | 7:45pm: (15) | Kid Stuff | 1:15pm: (13/22) | Somerville Fight Night | 12:00pm: (13/22) | Senior Circuit |
| 1:40am: (13/22) | Your Doctor's Visits | 8:15pm: (15) | National Night Out 2012 | 1:30pm: (15) | National Night Out 2012 | 12:15pm: (15) | Special Olympics 2012 |
| 2:45am: (13/22) | Morse Kelley Ribbon Cutting | 8:20pm: (13/22) | Your Doctor's Visits | 7:00pm: (13/22) | Senior Circuit | 12:30pm: (13/22) | Senior Picnic 2012 |
| 9:00am: (13/22) | Art Beat 2012 | 9:00pm: (13/22) | Hubway Launch in Somerville | 7:00pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 1:25pm: (15) | SCAP Annual Meeting |
| 9:00am: (15) | String Camp Final Concert | 9:00pm: (15) | SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12 | 7:30pm: (13/22) | The Gerry Leone Show | 1:30pm: (13/22) | The Sunsetters on Hall Ave. |
| 11:30am: (15) | Special Olympics 2012 | Saturday, September 1 | | 7:30pm: (15) | New ESCS Walk-Through | 7:00pm: (13/22) | Senior Circuit |
| 12:00pm: (13/22) | Senior Circuit | 12:00am: (13/22) | Somerville Gives Back | 8:00pm: (13/22) | Going Green on Rt. 16 | 7:00pm: (15) | Special Olympics 2012 |
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| 12:30pm: (15) | National Night Out 2012 | 12:20am: (13/22) | Senior Picnic 2012 | 8:30pm: (15) | National Night Out 2012 | 8:10pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 1:30pm: (13/22) | The Mayor's Report | 12:45am: (15) | Kid Stuff | Monday, September 3 | | 8:15pm: (13/22) | Hubway Launch in Somerville |
| 1:40pm: (15) | Raising Families | 1:15am: (15) | National Night Out 2012 | 12:00am: (13/22) | Senior Circuit | 8:40pm: (15) | Spring Camp Final Concert |
| 2:00pm: (13/22) | Kiley Barrel EPA Press Conference | 1:20am: (13/22) | Your Doctor's Visits | 12:00am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 8:45pm: (13/22) | Somerville Gives Back |
| 3:00pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City - LIVE | 2:00am: (13/22) | Hubway Launch in Somerville | 12:30am: (13/22) | The Gerry Leone Show | 9:00pm: (13/22) | The Mayor's Report |
| 7:00pm: (13/22) | Davis Sq. Streetscapes | 2:00am: (15) | SHS Cheerleaders 2011-12 | 12:30am: (15) | New ESCS Walk-Through | 12:00am: (13/22) | Senior Circuit |
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| 9:15pm: (13/22) | Medication Tips for Seniors | 2:00pm: (13/22) | Hubway Launch in Somerville | 12:00pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 2:00am: (13/22) | The Mayor's Report |
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Somerville Poet Ed Meek teaches English at Austin Prep. His work has appeared widely in journals and magazines over the years.



At The End

For my uncle

He was so old his bones seemed to swim in his skin.
And when I took his hand to feel his pulse
I felt myself drawn in. It was as faint
as the steps of a child
padding across the floor in slippers,
and yet he was smiling.
I could almost hear a river
running beneath his breath.
The water clear and cold and deep.
He was ready and willing to wade on in.

— Ed Meek

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Author Becca Chambers is 'Beyond the Great Abyss'

At one time author Becca Chambers found herself weighing over two hundred pounds, chronically depressed, with a litany of health problems. If you saw her today you would see an animated and fit woman who has left her ills in the dust. Chambers, a Doctor of Naturopathy, has discovered energy therapies that have transformed her. She has written a memoir of her experiences *Beyond the Great Abyss*. I talked with Chambers on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet Writer to Writer*.

Doug Holder: Can you tell us about the Whole Body Vibration you practice—the very therapy that transformed your life?

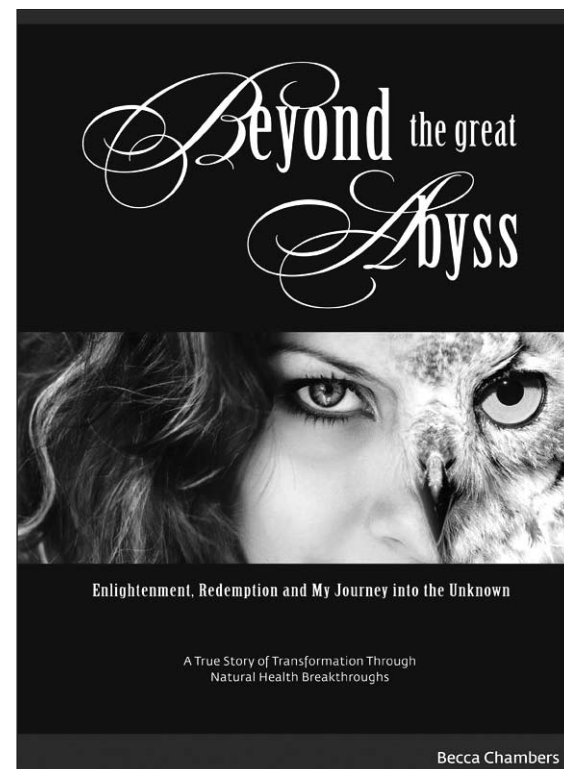
Becca Chambers: It is therapy that involves standing on a platform that visually moves. It sends vibrations throughout your body, and it is enormously therapeutic on many levels all at once: body, mind and spirit. It has changed my life. Vibration is part of everything. Every part of you is made of molecules that are vibrating. It works on the vibrational energy or life force. It is sort of like acupuncture. It works on your energy. The Russians invented this therapy 40 years ago. Astronauts use it—it increases bone density. It is an extensive workout. It has great systemic benefits. It increases serotonin levels in the brain, and gets the toxins out of you.

DH: The cover of your memoir has a picture of a half owl and half woman. What is the idea behind this?

BC: The idea is that I grew up depressed—I had thirty years of depression. I felt hopeless. But the owl is symbolic of wisdom. And the Great White Owl—is very powerful—so watch out! So this was a symbol of my transformation.

DH: So the memoir is about transformation?

BC: Well there is my story in the book. It is also about a man I met. It starts about five years ago after I got divorced. I was married 23 years; it was traumatic. I met this man about a year after the divorce. He too, has been deeply traumatized by things that have happened to him in his past. And I had my own baggage with 30 years of depression. So we came together and it was rather dramatic and scary at times. But we are changing. We use Whole Body Vibrations, and homeopathy. This is vibrational energy medicine. It is really energy transforming medicine. It helps you overcome



your negative energy, fear and anger. I can't begin to tell you how functional I am now. I'm happy, creative, and have good relationships. I didn't do anything for years.

DH: You chose the diary format for your book—why?

BC: It is written directly from my journals. I kept a journal through this whole period. A few years ago I was looking through the journals and realized there was the book. I actually had a huge fear of writing. I had to fake my way into this. I really like the diary form. It is so immediate—it has a lot of power. I had to polish it up of course. I had some excellent writing coaches.

DH: Some memoirists have told me you have to exaggerate things to get to the greater truth.

BC: I did not have to exaggerate. My life has been dramatic enough.

DH: Has writing this memoir helped with the healing process?

BC: I would say so. It gets your brain thinking, reviewing. You have a distance. Just the fact that I could write a book was a very healing thing for me.

For more information go to <http://www.beyondthegreatabyss.com>

Ms. Cam's

Answers from page 14

Olio

Answers

1. Nothing, it is darkened free companion — Sir Walter Scott's novel *Ivanhoe* coined a more descriptive term for such a soldier as "free-lance"
2. 87 years
3. O, the Oprah Winfrey magazine
4. EDAM
5. The president nominates the Director, who must then be confirmed by the Senate
6. Its jagged leaves supposedly look like lions' teeth - the French form is "dent de lion"
7. A Medieval mercenary known to be free of continuing loyalties was a
8. No, he did not — actually, he had very little formal education
9. It is a fruit — it grows on an olive tree
10. It is a fruit — falling under the category of Drupes ex (peaches, plums, cherries, etc.)
11. Bologna, Italy
12. S.S. Minnow

Assembling the lineup

CONT. FROM PG 9

we want. Take that Exxon, Hess and Mobil!

It's going to be fun watching the new Assembly Row emerge and rise into the Boston skyline, and even more fun checking out all the new stores.

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