



Inside:



Si Se Puede!

page 5



Sports

pages 14-15



Prisoners of circumstance

page 21

| | |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Newstalk |p.2 |
| The Week in Crime | ...p.4 |
| Commentary |p.8-9 |
| Beacon Hill Roll Call | ..p.10 |
| TV Logs |p.22 |
| Off The Shelf |p.23 |

Irene leaves its mark



Photo by Harry Kane

Tropical storm Irene passed through the northeast over the weekend, toppling trees and dropping power lines. Turn to pages 12-13 for more pictures of the damage done.

Aldermen angered by GLX delay

By Andrew Firestone

Somerville Aldermen spoke out against the Green Line delay this last Thursday, August 25, one going so far as to call the action a “middle finger” to the people of Somerville. The board passed a resolution requesting that the Secretary of Transportation appear to explain the delay, inviting members of the Conversation Law Foundation to attend as well.

“This is an economic catastrophe,” said Alderman-at-Large William White. “The world has changed. Forget about federal aid. They are cutting back. They have slammed the door on us. They have basically given us the middle finger. It’s the middle finger that has been given to the residents of the City of Somerville.”

Last month, Governor Patrick appointed a new Department of Transportation Secretary, Richard Davey, shortly after MassDOT announced a delay of at least three years for the massive transit project. Aside from raising the cost of the project to

Continued on page 11

Happiness reigns in Somerville

By Andrew Firestone

After months of data collection, and 6500 surveys completed through mail, Internet and phone, the city presented their findings on the “happiness survey” or well-being study that the city administration has undertaken. The mean life happiness score proved to be 7.5 out of 10, with the following demographics reporting. Mean life satisfaction, a different and more prescient form of happiness was placed at 7.7, and satisfaction for the city of Somerville was also at 7.7.

Factors the city study listed as part of their study for happiness with the city was the beauty or physical setting of the city, the quality of public schools, and the effectiveness of local police. The demographics of the survey compared to the population was as follows:

| Age Group | Population | Sample |
|-----------|------------|--------|
| 18-24 | 16% | 3% |
| 25-34 | 36% | 24% |
| 35-44 | 16% | 21% |
| 45-54 | 12% | 19% |

Continued on page 11



Photo courtesy of D. Sharon Pruitt

Somerville's happiness quotient has been quantified, and it seems to be fairly happy.

CASH BUYER FOR YOUR PROPERTY

Cash buyer looking to buy 2 to 100 unit – residential or commercial properties in Somerville, Arlington, Allston, Brighton, Cambridge, Malden, Medford, Everett areas. Other areas considered. Private sale – No MLS listed properties.

Please call Attorney Nancy Matza at 617-623-4600 or 781-718-2736 for further information.

Green & Yellow Cab

Serving Somerville & Surrounding Areas!

617-628-0600 617-625-5000

Logan reservations our specialty - Call 3 days in advance to book your trip.

OPEN 24-HOURS A DAY!

24 hour GPS automated dispatching system

We'll get you home safely. Please don't drink and drive.

T.J.SILLARI, INC.

Over 50 Years Experience

Plumbing • Heating • Gas Fitting • Industrial Work • Water Heater Replacement • Complete Drain Service

Residential - Industrial - Commercial

625-9877

Proud to be a Somerville resident

Master Plmb. Lic. #6106

NEWTALK

Somerville Chamber “Business After Hours” this Thursday, September 1, from 5-7 p.m., will be at the Olde Magoun’s Saloon located at 518 Medford Street, Magoun Square. Free appetizers, excellent networking, free business card drawing, cash bar. It’s a wonderful opportunity for local businesses to connect to each other as a network.

So it’s the last weekend of the summer and lots of people in the ‘Ville have left to enjoy it. The only ones around, we hear, are the various candidates for public office (sad there isn’t more of them). We heard nothing other than congratulations to the city, Mayor Joe, and DPW Commissioner Stan Koty for a job well done in removing all the various debris of fallen trees. The DPW crews were out doing a good job. Visit our web site and view over 20 pictures of trees around the city.

Congratulations on upcoming nuptials for a good friend of The News here, David Mata and Carla Bollia who are planning on getting married in September. David and Carla are both newcomers to Somerville and love it here. We wish them the best for many years.

Our own publisher Donald and Patricia Norton are celebrating their 44th wedding anniversary on September 1. 44 years ago they got married in Columbia South Carolina, and they remembered it well, flying down on Mohawk Airlines and getting married at City Hall the next day.

Happy Birthday this week in the ‘Ville to everyone, and in particular the following waitress of the year in 2009, the famous East ‘Villen (on the Avenue)

Continued on page 8

TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to Green Line: What’s next?

Tom says:

I’m glad to hear that the city is investigating its legal options, as I no longer believe that anything short of a court order is going to get the state to ever actually begin construction.

Simple says:

Simple solution: shut down 93 until the green line extension opens.

Joe Beckmann says:

The Mayor runs a tight ship, and if any of his staff had promised a deadline of 2011, moved to 2013, and then 2014, they would probably now be former staff members. Whose head will roll from the Patrick administration? Until there is some accountability nobody will be ... accountable. Is this because of the now-resigned Mullin, and a secret deal that got him off a hook? Is it one of his minions? or one of the many carry-overs from Mitt Romney?

In short, who is in charge?? Clearly they are able to ignore the Mayor and the voters, but they can’t ignore everybody.

Adam Friedman says:

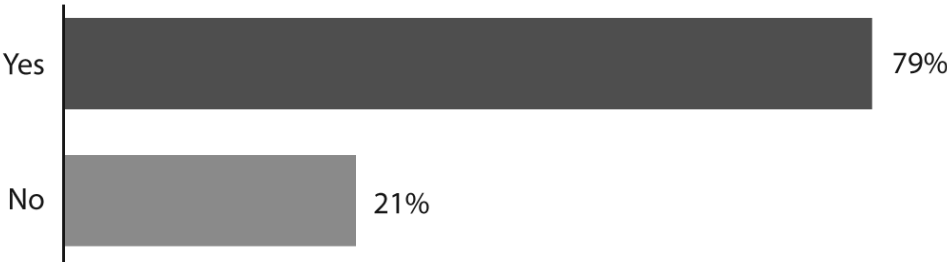
While I am in full support of the Green Line Extension and will sign the petition, we also need to get real about the MBTA’s money woes. Shouldn’t a good public transportation system save our collective money? Can someone post some data on the history of MBTA finances and why this quasi-public agency has been driven into a pile of debt? Will this ever change or will well-meaning mayors continue to saddle it with more top-dollar construction projects and unsustainable bills for staffing and infrastructure maintenance?

Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments

TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week’s poll concerned your views on whether or not you think the media hypes up incoming storms too much. If you don’t agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Does the media hype up incoming storms too much?



THE SomervilleNews

699 Broadway
Somerville, MA 02144

news@thesomervillenews.com
thesomervillenews.com

617-666-4010 • Fax: 617-628-0422

Publisher – Prospect Hill Publishing
Publisher Emeritus – Robert J. L. Publicover
Editor – Andrew Firestone
Copy Editor – Jim Clark
Advertising Director – Bobbie Toner
Business Director – Patricia Norton

Executive Assistant – Cam Toner
Assignment Editor – Bobbie Toner
Arts Editor – Doug Holder
Creative Director – Jim Clark

Writers: Julia Fairclough, Lauren Ostberg,
Cathleen Twardzik, Ashley Taylor

Contributors – Jimmy Del Ponte, William C. Shelton, Ashley Troutman,
Peta Jinnath Andersen, Charlie Lynch, Jim Clark

The Somerville News is published every Wednesday



WEDGWOOD-CRANE & CONNOLLY
Insurance agency, inc.

RESIDENTIAL
COMMERCIAL
AUTO • HOME • LIFE
CONDOMINIUM
RENTERS



Over a century of service to the community

Proud members of The Better Business Bureau

19 College Ave., PO Box 440313 • Davis Sq., Somerville, MA 02144

1-866-625-0781 (TOLL FREE) • Fax 617-625-6460 “Best of Somerville”

Visit our Web site
for a quote:
www.wccins.com



Rodent hotspots in Somerville

By Harry Kane

The rat problem cannot be solved in one sweeping motion but the City of Somerville maintains their vigilant efforts to rid the city of the cunning rodents. To recap recent events, the city held a seminar in the Alderman's chamber several weeks ago with rat specialist, Robert Corrigan from New York City, to review Somerville's current strategies and educate the city on up-to-date methods for determining their whereabouts.

So why are there rats in Somerville? "One of the largest problems we have are these absentee landlords," says Alderman Maryann Heuston. "Especially in Ward 2, there are lots of property owners that cannot be found." Many of the houses are not properly maintained and some residents do not clean or leave food out. According to Corrigan, "one pigeon feeder will sustain a rat colony." Fresh dog manure is also fresh food for a rat. "Dog stool is very nutritious for rats," says Corrigan.

"These areas pop up from time to time," says Superintendent Eddie Nuzzo. The solution begins with a call to 311. The map here shows the hotspots for rodent sightings. The dots represent calls to 311. While the map does not represent the actual number of rats nor the actual rat sightings, it's fairly clear that concerned citizens who've seen rats have dialed 311 and this is an accurate picture of the alleged sightings.

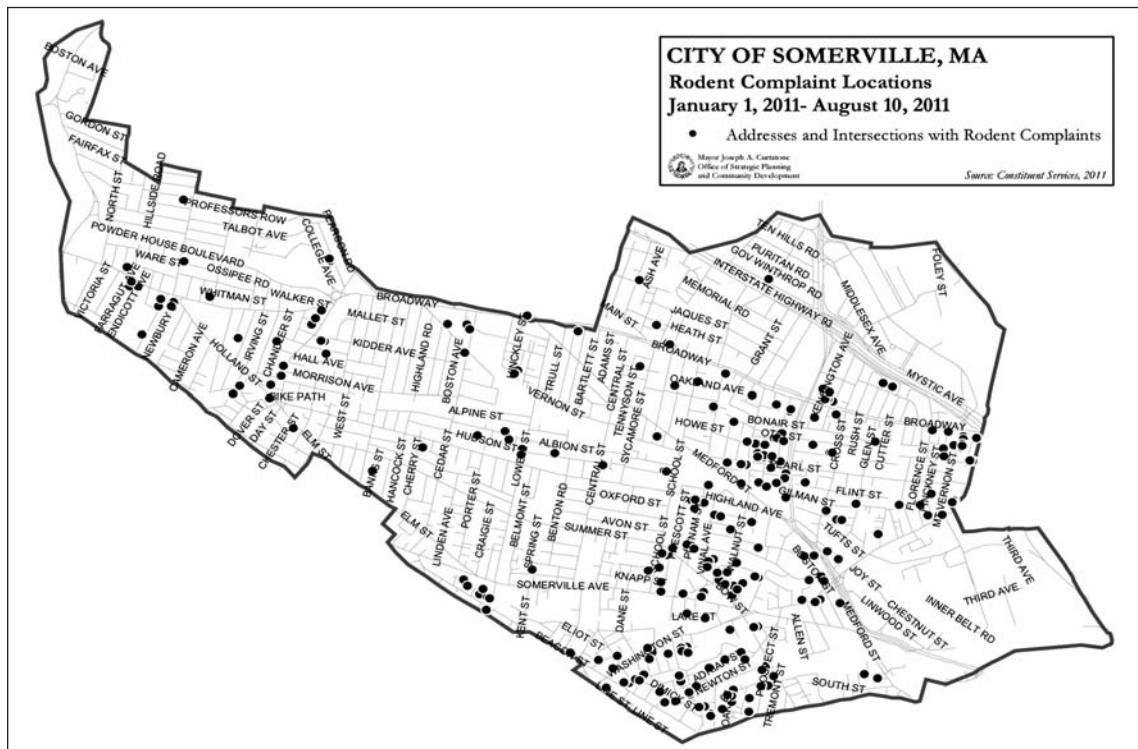
Frank Keohane, Chief Code Enforcement Officer for housing inspections in Somerville, explained the process for exterminating rodents. "Complaints come in through 311 and the secretary takes the information, dating the call and the circumstances." On Thursdays, Frank

or another enforcement officer go out with the rodent control worker from Modern Pest Control. They bait the areas that are mentioned on the complaints. "We basically bait the sewers and catch basins in the area, but we also walk around and look for burrow holes and things of that nature. Burrow holes are an indication that rats are nesting in the area or there is some type of infestation," Keohane remarked.

Frank mentioned that he used to see about dozen rodent investigations on his agenda per week but now that number has doubled. "It varies though, and periodically sightings of rodents will slow down," Keohane admitted. If permission is granted to the city, health inspectors visit the property and determine whether the property meets the standards of building and housing codes. Then citations are administered if the building or property is not up to snuff. "The problem is that if it's private property then it's up to the homeowner to exterminate their own property," Keohane noted.

According to the director of the Health Department, Paulette Renault-Caragianes, the only way to sidestep this issue is "if the next door neighbor were to call and say, 'next door to me I see evidence of rats.' If the inspectors aren't able to contact the property owner about the property that's being complained about, we'd ask to come onto your property or yard and look over your fence and see what we can see. It's my understanding that you can still cite people for something that you see. If someone is able to view something from the streets visibly overflowing like unsecured trash you can cite that property owner."

Rod Kreimeyer, the owner of Best Pest Control Services lives in Davis Square and spoke about



This map shows the current hotspots for rodent sightings in Somerville.

a specific case of rodent infestation. "We had a call where they had rats in their front yard and when we went and looked at their backyard we could see their neighbor had about 30 bags of trash piled up underneath their back porch because the tenants hadn't been taking their trash

out and they just thought it was okay to pile it up."

Whether it's the derelict properties, absentee landlords, construction sites or just the lack of cleanliness, there's been an apparent resurgence of these diabolical rodents in Somerville. A community effort must be made

to amend the deteriorating conditions that help the rat colonies thrive. Frank Keohane and the Rodent Abatement Control Taskforce are working diligently to exterminate the rodents in Somerville. They want us all to chip in and do our part to keep Somerville's streets clean.

Get Home Fast! With the Help of a Neighborhood Professional and a Middlesex Federal Mortgage Surprisingly Low Rates and A High Level of Personal Service

- We service most of the loans we make, so your mortgage will always be close to home.
- We offer a variety of fixed rate and adjustable rate mortgages, specifically designed to fit your budget.
- What's more, we offer special plans and rates for qualified *first time homebuyers*.

For more information, visit any of our three conveniently located offices, or call us at

617-666-4700

Visit us online at www.middlesexfederal.com

**MIDDLESEX
FEDERAL** *We're here to help.*



One College Avenue, P.O. Box 440303, Davis Square, West Somerville, MA 02144
1196 Broadway, Teele Square, Somerville, MA 02144
53 Riverside Avenue, Medford Square, Medford, MA 02155



ATTENTION REGISTERED VOTERS IN WARD SEVEN PRECINCT THREE

Your polling place has changed

From: The West Somerville Neighborhood School
177 Powder House Blvd

To: The Visiting Nurse Association
Assisted Living Facility
405 Alewife Brook Parkway

Note: This notice applies to registered voter of Ward Seven Precinct Three and all persons seeking elected office in Ward Seven Precinct Three only.

THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

A not-so-friendly game of cards

Police officers were dispatched to a South Street residence Sunday night on a report of a fight in progress. Upon their arrival the officers were met by the alleged victim, while another man stood in a hallway, reportedly bleeding from his hand. Emergency services were called in and the bleeding man, who called himself “Mr. Tan,” was transported to Cambridge Hospital for treatment, according to police.

The other man stated that the two of them had been playing cards when an argument over the game broke out, police said. According to the victim's statement, Mr. Tan picked up a chair as the argument escalated and attempted to strike him with it, but he was able to grab the chair to prevent it from hitting him.

The victim further claimed that “Mr. Tan” then went into the kitchen and returned with two knives, but that he used the chair to block “Tan's” attempts at stabbing him, police said. According to the victim, “Tan's” hand was injured while he made attempts at stabbing him, and “Tan” dropped the knives as the victim pinned him to the wall with the chair.

“Tan” was interviewed by police at the hospital, and official reports state that he appeared to be intoxicated at the time and seemed to smell of alcohol.

“Tan” claimed that he was the one who was initially attacked and only used the chair and knives in self-defense, as the alleged victim is much larger than he is, police said.

“Tan” was placed under arrest and charged with assault by means of a dangerous weapon to wit a knife. A fingerprint match later revealed that the man's actual identity is Ricardo Perez, 25, of Somerville. He was additionally charged with furnishing a false name.

Aggressive panhandler turns greedy

A Belmont man ran into some trouble as he was jogging in Somerville last week.

As the man passed through Davis Square and onto Medford Street he was reportedly approached by a group of three young men and one of them asked for some change. He ignored the request and proceeded into a restaurant, but he was followed inside the establishment by the individual who had asked for the money and was again pressed for a handout, police said.

The man pulled out his wallet, intending to give some change, only to have the cash inside the wallet snatched away from him. The alleged thief reportedly said to the victim, “You better give me the money,” as he took the cash and then walked out of the restaurant.

The victim reportedly told responding police officers that he did not bother to go after the man because he was concerned that he would be confronting the alleged robber's friends as well as the man himself, and that he felt it was not worth the risk considering he had lost only seven dollars.

A short time after reporting the incident a police unit detained a group of men matching the victim's description, according to reports. The victim later identified the individual that allegedly took his money, police said.

Niall Vallega, 19, of Malden, was arrested and charged with unarmed robbery.

Irresistible water filters

Loss prevention agents at Home Depot on Mystic Avenue followed a man last Thursday as he had allegedly grabbed some water filters off the shelves and walked past the cash registers without paying for them, according to police.

The loss prevention agents had detained the suspect, Mark Bolotte, 29, of Boston, at a nearby location and called in Somerville police to affect an arrest, according to reports.

Bolotte was reportedly escorted back to Home Depot by police and the water filters were returned. He was placed under arrest and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

False name, weapon

Somerville police stopped a vehicle last week due to alleged suspicious activity. The driver reportedly identified himself as Hector Jesus Guzman-Oyola, but upon further investigation it was learned that his name is actually Luis Alejandro Cuello.

A knife that was also in the car was reportedly confiscated, and Cuello was charged with identity fraud, RMV identity card fraud, carrying a dangerous weapon, and giving a false name while operating a motor vehicle.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Luis Santos, 26, of 7 Everett Ave., August 22, 8:35 p.m., arrested at McGrath Hwy. on a charge of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon.

Niall Vallega, 19, of 140 Boylston Ave., Malden, August 22, 9:34 p.m., arrested at 513 Medford St. on a charge of unarmed robbery.

Scot Badeau, 46, August 23, 6:32 p.m., arrested at 373 Highland Ave. on a warrant charge of trespassing.

Thomas Bavis, 40, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, August 23, 6:32 p.m., arrested at 373 Highland Ave. on warrant charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle, larceny over \$250, credit card fraud under \$250, possession of a class C drug, forgery of documents, and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Andrew Dinneen, 33, of 2 Chapel Hill Dr., Plymouth, August 24, 3:37 p.m., arrested at 299 Broadway on a charge of

possession of a class B drug.

Mark Bolotte, 29, of 17 Court St., Boston, August 25, 12:59 p.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Luis Cuello, 18, of 39 Dunlap St., Dorchester, August 25, 2:48 p.m., arrested at Medford St. on charges of carrying a dangerous weapon, identity fraud, Registry of Motor Vehicles identity card fraud, carrying a dangerous weapon, and giving a false name while operating a motor vehicle.

Ibrahima Diagne, 36, of 65A Maple St., Winooski, VT, August 27, 3:29 p.m., arrested at 70 Central St. on charges of rape and aggravated assault and battery.

Ricardo Perez, 25, of 46 South St., August 28, 11:14 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault by means of a dangerous weapon to wit a knife and furnishing a false name or Social Security number.

Colin Kiley, 30, of 48 Putnam St., August 29, 3:12 a.m., arrested at 137 Washington St. on

a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Incidents:

Theft:

August 23, 11:27 a.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

August 23, 2:30 p.m., police reported a theft at Beacon St.

August 23, 3:46 p.m., police reported a theft at 233 Elm St.

August 24, 5:35 p.m., police reported a theft at Porter St.

August 25, 12:59 p.m., police reported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

August 26, 2:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Mountain Ave.

August 27, 12:58 a.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

Robbery:

August 23, 2:30 p.m., police reported a robbery at Lincoln Ave.

August 28, 12:34 a.m., police reported a robbery at Mt. Vernon St.

Breaking & Entering:

August 23, 10:08 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Washington St.

August 23, 10:09 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bonner Ave.

August 25, 12:34 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at College Ave.

August 25, 1:52 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Knowlton St.

August 25, 6:43 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Cross St.

August 26, 1:30 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at McGrath Hwy.

August 26, 11:36 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Puritan Rd.

August 26, 2:07 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 266 Beacon St.

August 26, 7:24 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Somerville Ave.

August 27, 1:10 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 326 Somerville Ave.

August 28, 8:50 a.m., police

reported a breaking & entering at Dimick St.

Vehicle Theft:

August 26, 2:30 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Union Sq.

August 27, 2:19 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Hooker Ave.

Assault:

August 24, 4:34 p.m., police reported an assault at Walnut St.

August 25, 11:43 p.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave.

August 26, 7:06 p.m., police reported an assault at Linden St.

August 27, 5:29 a.m., police reported an assault at Central St.

August 27, 8:23 p.m., police reported an assault at Shore Dr.

August 28, 6:34 p.m., police reported an assault at Hinckley St.

Drug Violation:

August 24, 3:37 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Winter Hill.

Si Se Puede! (Yes We Can!)

By Carrie Stanziola

On August 25, Somerville residents were invited to a screening of *The Invisibles*, sponsored by Centro Presente as part of their "Somos-We Are" campaign. Somos is the brainchild of the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC), a two year-old initiative designed to fight xenophobic and anti-immigrant attitudes and laws which dehumanize migrant communities. Among Somos' campaigns is to petition WBUR to stop using the word "illegal" to describe undocumented immigrants. As Somos argues, actions, not people are illegal. The word "illegal" adds nothing to the immigration debate and does not tell the stories of immigrants.

In addition to a discussion of Latino immigration and the impact of language, participants watched *The Invisibles*, a documentary created by Amnesty International and Mexican actor Gael Garcia Bernal. While many Americans are familiar with the physical and economic hardships Mexican migrants face in crossing the border, *The Invisibles* focuses on the oftentimes shocking brutality Central Americans face on their trek through Mexico to the United States at the hands of gangs as well as authorities. As the documentary maintains, these crimes go unpunished.

One young girl, who knew America only through Disney photographs, answered "beautiful" in response to the question of what she thought the country would be. The journey Central Americans endure is anything but. Although men and women are subjected to crime and assault on their journey, women are vulnerable to gender-based violence such as rape. The risk of rape is so well known, in fact, that females often receive a contraception injection before leaving their country so unwanted pregnancy will not

be added to the trauma of rape.

However, the documentary also highlighted the work of a hospital that provides life-saving care for injured migrants. A female health provider described encouraging a man not to give up on life after facing amputations. Father Alejandro, who assumes an active role in the hospital, believes that "poor people are the spiritual reserve of the world" and that "the world will tire of neo-liberal capitalism." As Gael Garcia Bernal argues, Mexico must treat immigrants with respect to be consistent with the demands it makes on the U.S. regarding immigration policy.

*"poor people are
the spiritual reserve
of the world"*

After the film, attendees participated in a group discussion in which audience members were invited to share their own stories of immigration. Edgar, a Peruvian immigrant, stated that no immigrant should forget his or her own struggle in crossing the border, no matter how much time has passed. Kevin, a member of Centro Presente, recounted his own migration several years ago, in which he and his family crossed a crocodile-filled river via canoe.

The moderator received thought-provoking responses when she posed the question: why do immigrants come to the United States? One American woman said that it was because immigrants filled the demand for hard-working employees. Erica, a young Guatemalan woman, challenged her position, arguing that immigrants are forced to come because of the intolerable conditions in their own homelands. In her own country, Erica stated, education is a luxury reserved for the middle-class, and factory workers cannot afford to buy the clothes they



Photo by Carrie Stanziola

Centro Presente's screening of *The Invisibles* brought interested parties from all sides together to examine some of the myths and realities of immigration to the United States by Central and South Americans.

themselves produce. Moreover, Erica argued that United States' intervention has produced disastrous results in Central American nations, citing Guatemala as an example.

Although consensus on just immigration policy cannot be reached in an evening, Centro Presente succeeded in providing faces and stories behind statistics. For one evening, Latinos and Anglos alike came together to express their own

views on immigration and to hear the voices of others.

Somerville News readers interested in participating in Somos' initiative to ban WBUR's use of the word "illegal" in their reportage are encouraged to e-mail WBUR news editor Dave Shaw at daveshaw@bu.edu or call the newsroom at 617-353-0770. Interested readers can also visit www.nalacc.org for more information.

Somerville: Saint Polycarp Village Apartments Phase II will be accepting applications from August 22nd through October 24th for the affordable housing lottery of new 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units. Anticipated occupancy is January 2012. Income guidelines apply. Section 8 vouchers welcomed! Located off of 93 and near bus. Heat and Hot water included.

Call (617) 591-0577 for more details.

Pick up applications at 36 Linden Street Somerville Ma

| Household Size | 1 person | 2 persons | 3 persons | 4 persons | 5 persons | 6 persons |
|----------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Maximum Income | \$40,500 | \$46,260 | \$52,020 | \$57,780 | \$62,460 | \$67,080 |

Nellie's Wild Flowers

When you want something unique



JOYCE MCKENZIE

72 Holland Street

617.625.9453



PRELIMINARY ELECTION CITY OF SOMERVILLE



OFFICE OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Ordered:

In Board of Aldermen

The Board of Election Commissioners is hereby directed to cause notice to be given in the manner prescribed by law that meetings of the qualified voters of this city will be held in the several polling places which have been designated by said Board for or within the voting precincts in which they respectively are qualified to vote, said polling places are located as follows, namely for;

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;

ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

AT SEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, when the polls shall open and there and then between that time and the closing of the polls, which shall be at EIGHT O'CLOCK in the evening, the said qualified voters of WARD SEVEN ONLY will give their ballots for a Candidate for Alderman in Ward Seven for the term of two years.

**Nicholas P. Salerno, Chairman
Anthony J. Alibrandi
Laurinda T. Bedingfield
Isaac M. Machado
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

ALL POLLING PLACES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

8/31/11 The Somerville News

Law Offices at 741 Broadway O'Donovan, Dwyer & O'Flaherty "Your local Attorneys"

Specializing in

- Real Estate / Zoning Law
- Estate Planning / Probate Law
- Wills & Trust
- Civil and Criminal Litigation
- Immigration Law
- Divorce
- Personal Injury

www.ODOLAW.COM

CALL FOR INITIAL FREE CONSULTATION

617 629-8888 - FAX 617 623-7990



To advertise in our Business Directory, call or fax.

Phone: 617-666-4010

Fax: 617-628-0422

Let your customers find you in Somerville's
most widely read newspaper!

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Closed Wednesday

Alibrandi's Barber Shop

Men & Boys Haircuts

"Best Somerville Barber"

194 Holland St, Somerville, MA 02144

617-628-4282

Marco Soares

Marco's Towing

Somerville, MA

24 hour emergency road service

617-417-2846

Sell your house today!

"We'll sell your house fast!"



~ Notary Public ~ Justice of the Peace ~

MARIE HOWE REAL ESTATE

617-666-4040

Instant Shoe & Marine Canvas Repair



22 Broadway Somerville Ma • (617)628-7065

Marine Canvas • Luggage, Shoe & Handbag Repair • All types of Stitching

Richard G. Di Girolamo

Anne M. Vigorito

ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW

Criminal Defense

Civil Litigation

Personal Injury

Family Law

Real Estate Law

Immigration Law

Employment Law

Bankruptcy

Zoning

TELEPHONE: (617) 666-8200

FAX: (617) 776-5435

EMAIL: digirolamolegal@verizon.net

424 BROADWAY, SOMERVILLE, MA 02145



Mr. B's Constable Service

Catello E. Battinelli II
Constable / Notary Public
Serving Somerville, Medford, Everett

P.O. Box 45082
Somerville, MA 02145
www.mrbconstable.com

P: 617-852-0971
F: 617-625-0024
E: ceb@mrbconstable.com

Dilday & Associates, LLC

Attorneys-at-Law

Criminal
Immigration

Personal Injury
Workers Compensation

Se Habla Espanol

10 Liberty Square,
Fifth Floor
Boston MA 02109

Tel: (617) 227-3470
Fax: (617) 227-9231
www.jamesdilday.com

CEDAR ASPHALT

CONST. INC. PAVING

617-627-9300 • 978-262-9833

Fully Insured

George Heafey

Driveways ■ Parking Lots

Walks ■ Sealcoating

■ Excavating

GILL PLUMBING COMPANY

JOHN P. GILL
PRESIDENT

GILLPLUMB@YAHOO.COM
LICENSED & INSURED

MASTER
LIC# 11677

(617) 293-4557

T. J. SILLARI, INC.

Over 50 Years Experience
Proud to be a Somerville Business Resident



- Plumbing • Heating
- Gas Fitting • Industrial Work
- Water Heater Replacement
- Complete Drain Service

Residential - Industrial - Commercial

Master Plmb. Lic. #6106

625-9877

CARROLL SONS INC.

ROOF & GUTTER SPECIALIST
COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL



HOTLINE (800)-734-8334

(617) 625-8334

(617) 868-2673

FAX (617) 868-4102

- ▲ Rubber/Shingle/Slate ▲
- ▲ Seamless Gutters ▲
- ▲ Replacement Windows ▲
- ▲ Siding/Trim Coverage ▲
- ▲ Decks & Porches ▲ Carpentry ▲
- ▲ Painting ▲ Chimneys ▲

60-64 MEDFORD ST., SOMERVILLE, MA 02143
FINANCING AVAILABLE • LICENSED • FULLY INSURED
ESTABLISHED 1962

WILLIAM C. BERKOWITZ

ATTORNEY AT LAW

440 BROADWAY
SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS 02145

TEL: (617) 776-6200

FAX: (617) 776-6901

WILLIAM C. BERKOWITZ EMAIL: wberkowitz@berkowitzlaw.biz

CREATIVE SIGNS

Dominick Silvestri, Jr.

Dom@creativesignsboston.com

- Interior Signage
- Exterior Signage •
- Truck Lettering
- Window Lettering •
- Banners
- Political Signage •
- Large Format Inkjet Printing
- Magnetic •

497 Broadway
Somerville, MA 02145

Tel.: 617-628-1420
Fax.: 617-666-5283

The Norton Group

Real Estate

John Pratti

Real Estate Consultant

699 Broadway
Somerville, MA 02144

www.TheNortonGroupRE.com

Cell: 617-838-5012

Office: 617-623-6600

Fax: 617-628-0422

Email: JohnGPratti@yahoo.com
Website: www.JohnGPratti.com



BEST PEST CONTROL SERVICES

ROD KREIMEYER
Owner

63 ELM STREET
SOMERVILLE, MASS. 02144

(617) 625-4850
(781) 641-4040
www.bestpest.com

The Ride for Recovery roars through town

By Cathleen Twardzik

The Seventh Annual Massachusetts Motorcycle Ride for Recovery started its engines at the Somerville City Hall from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for people in recovery, families, friends and policymakers.

An escorted ride started at 11:30 a.m. for the destination of the Maynard Sports Club in Maynard, MA. The 12:30 p.m. arrival time was met. To round out the day, the Recovery Month Ceremony began at 1:30 p.m.

The Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery, Somerville Cares About Prevention (SCAP), Middlesex Human Services Agency and the Everett Community Health Partnership, and Cambridge Prevention Coalition took part in the event which was sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

This event celebrates the "health" of living in recovery, since it commences the ride to Maynard, where the life of Bob Herne will continue to be celebrated. Heme was a mentor to many people who are in recovery.

Across the country, 4.3 million people, 1.7 percent of the population, received treatment for substance use disorders, and 30.2 million adults received services for mental health problems,

according to the 2009 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Because of the passage of health reform, all Americans have the opportunity to access the provisions, which are found in the Affordable Care Act and Mental Health Parity and Addictions Equity Act (MHPAEA), the aim of which is to improve physical and emotional health, while ensuring that people will receive the care that they need at a more reasonable cost.

For people who are not in the recovery community, the forum stressed the importance of helping a loved one in need, and it informed individuals about opportunities for prevention and treatment, as well as recovery options.

It was all part of the twenty-second observance of National Recovery Month: Prevention Works, Treatment is Effective, People Recover.

The speakers in Somerville included: Ivette Torres, Consumer Affairs Director of SAMHSA/CSAT/HHS, Cory Mashburn, Director of the Office of Prevention of the Somerville Health Department, Adam Barret, Massachusetts Nurses Association on Addiction, Walter DeGuglielmo, staff, Senator Salvatore DiDomenico, Maryanne Frangules, MOAR, Massachusetts Organization for Addiction Recovery, Executive Director and Stephanie Almeida, Co-chair of the Motorcycle Ride.

They addressed this year's theme, which was "Join the Voices for Recovery: Recovery Bene-

fits Everyone." The focus was on the latest facts about substance use, as well as about mental disorder prevention and treatment. The way in which recovery positively benefits an individual's overall health and wellbeing and how family and community are involved in the recovery process were discussed.

The Ride for Recovery "was started by two individuals [both of whom underwent the tragedy of seeing] people around them pass away from addiction and recovery. They both liked riding motorcycles and that brought together the Ride for Recovery," said Mashburn.

The City of Somerville does much about the problem of addiction prevention. On September 22 Recovery Roundtable at SCATV will be a taped TV show with invited guests attending. It will be shown year round on SCATV and on the Internet. Recovery Roundtable will be a venue to discuss resources for family members that have someone going through addiction or recovery, in their family or a friend," he said.

A forum about addiction and recovery, which will be led by the Clinical Youth Specialist Patty Contente, which is part of the Somerville Office of Prevention, is scheduled for later this year.

All year long Somerville Cares About Prevention's programs focus on preventing underage drinking and substance abuse. "We have at least seven events concerning the prevention of underage drinking and



substance abuse."

"The Somerville Trauma Response Network (STRN) is available to all residents of Somerville. The mission of the STRN is to build a team of Somerville community members to respond when a traumatic event, involving youth occurs in the city."

Importantly, "The Ride for Recovery is just one event to discuss recovery in Somerville. The City's Clinical Youth Specialist Patty Contente, who works [in] the Somerville Office of Prevention has had two forums this year, concerning addiction and recovery and plans on having another one later in the year," said Mashburn.

Mayor Curtatone has proclaimed this September as National Recovery Month. Why does the mayor consider this of importance? "Research

shows that substance use disorders are medical conditions that can be effectively treated. Yet studies have consistently found that a successful recovery for many [people] suffering from substance use disorders is impeded by the general public's misconceptions about the disease and treatment."

"Additionally, 5.4 million adults also were living with a concurrent mental illness. Of those with a substance use disorder, 3.9 million have courageously opted to seek some form of treatment, and we need to recognize their achievements, support them and their families, and reach out to those still in need about the issues surrounding addiction, treatment, and recovery, learn how to help those who are suffering, and access available resources in our communities and online," said Curtatone.

Want to write local Somerville stories?

**Call 617-666-4010
and speak to the Editor**

Fine Local Dining

Take the nite out in style...visit these great local venues for fine dining — fun snacking — lovely libations...

Call today to place your business on this page and reach approx. 20,000 potential customers for only \$9.95 week. Hurry limited amount of space available! Call Bobbie Toner **617-666-4010** to reserve a spot today at this low rate of \$9.95 before new rates go into effect.

Thai Hut Restaurant
A Taste of Siam
93 Beacon Street,
Somerville, MA 02143
Tel: 617-492-8377
Fax: 617-492-8534

Twitters
BAR & GRILLE
1201 Broadway, Square One Mall, Saugus, MA
781-233-0018
Twittersbarandgrille.com

Exchange Street Bistro
67 Exchange Street, Malden, MA 781-322-0071
Exchange Street Bistro
67 Exchange Street Bistro • 781-322-0071
www.exchangestreetbistro.com

Raso's
GRILLE & BAR
209 Mystic Avenue, Medford MA 02155
Tel: 781-396-2001 • Fax: 781-396-2070
www.rasosgrille.com

JENNY'S
PIZZA • SUBS • CALZONE
320 Medford Street • Charlestown, MA
617-242-9474
"IT'S ALL GOOD"

Johnny D's
UPTOWN
LUNCH • BRUNCH • DINNER • LIVE MUSIC
(617) 776-2004 • 17 Holland St
Davis Square • Somerville MA
directly across from Davis T-stop

Supreme Kitchen
233 Highland Avenue
(across from Somerville Hospital)
617-628-4440
Breakfast All Day and Lunch! 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Broken Yolk
Great breakfast to stay or go
617-628-6621
136 College Ave
Present this ad for a \$1.50 discount

**YOUR AD
HERE**

**YOUR AD
HERE**

**YOUR AD
HERE**

**YOUR AD
HERE**

COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Nature's mighty wrath will not deter our city's essential services from fulfilling their appointed duties.

The View From Prospect Hill



While hurricane Irene gradually leveled down to tropical storm status over the past weekend, all of the North East held its collective breath in dire anticipation of what would actually come. Thankfully, there were no serious casualties here and property damage was relatively light. Still,

between the fallen trees and downed power lines, many felt a somewhat significant impact nonetheless. Our heartfelt thanks go out to those tireless public service and utility workers who kept up bravely, making the event more tolerable and all of us

feeling safer and secure in the knowledge that in the end it would be all right. The Department of Public Works, Somerville Police and Fire departments, NSTAR workers, and countless others stepped up when it mattered the most and we commend

them for their dedication and hard work. Likewise, our civil agencies delivered excellent coordination and leadership throughout the entire ordeal. We thank them as well for a job well done. Many reports of neighbor helping neighbor have been

noted, too, and it is warming to the soul to know that we live in a community where this is the rule, rather than the exception. It is always in our darkest hours that the light of humanity shines at its brightest. The afterglow still lingers.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Patti Oppedisano. We hear she's only in her late 30's but looks much younger. To Leigh Hawkins-Gerow who just got married this year and has recently moved, but we hear is still in the 'Ville. Happy Birthday to our friend J. Steve Dalrymple of the famous local Steve's and Sons construction who is celebrating his birthday at the Red Sox game this week. Former 'Villen Stephanie Almeida who is very well known here. Other notables that are fans are Michael Tubinis, a teacher in Cambridge and a good friend to many, and Roger W. Pageau of Western Mass. To all our Birthday 'Villens both here in the 'Ville and elsewhere, we hope they enjoy themselves and have a great day.

Thanks go out to our friend, thirteen year old Jessica Mantia who made our Newtalkers some delicious homemade chocolates during the hurricane. That was very nice of her, especially during the wait time during the downpour and winds. We greatly appreciate it.

Schools are opening and we need to remind people to be careful of kids dart-

ing in and out of between cars, don't race up and down the side streets.

The annual "Best of Somerville" will be coming up in September. The ballot will be in the paper, so be ready to cast your vote for your favorite person and place here in Somerville. If you don't see a category for your favorite let us know and we will add it. Your ballot can be emailed or you can call it in, mail it in, or place it on facebook. The Somerville News has been bringing the "Best of Somerville" now for over 30 years, and it has become very popular in the past few years with more and more votes on various items.

Aldermen passed a resolution objecting the delays in the Green Line promise by the state. A proposal was made by Aldermen Sean O'Donovan, Robert Trane, and William Roche, as well as the other Aldermen at the recent August 25 BOA meeting. The Aldermen were upset and expressed themselves individually as the resolution was being discussed. Some were pretty expressive, and deservedly so. Everyone here in Somerville is behind the Green Line. But we have to wonder, even though we

are all for the Green Line, we didn't know this was coming? State, federal, and now local governments will be slashing budgets and laying off people and cutting programs. On top of that, we have a weak legislator's coalition at the state house headed by Sen. Pat Jehlen. In the old days, our legislators would be demanding, screaming, and forcing the state to keep its promise. It's very sad that we have a delegation more interested in giving illegal aliens rights instead of focusing on what's good for Somerville!

So, the Somerville Community Corporation is now purchasing the old Pope School (lately known as the Somerville/Boys and Girls Club) on the corner of Boston Street and Washington Street. What a sweet deal the SCC is going to be getting since the city sold this property to the Boys & Girls club for something like a dollar back in the 80's? Is this non-profit organization here in Somerville on the up and up? They have been caught having contractors doing the work that aren't even from Somerville, but their director, Dan LeBlanc, pickets other construction sites demanding Somerville jobs to Somerville people,

when in fact he hasn't been doing it himself. His recent construction site at the old St. Polycarp's, according to him, had only about 16% Somerville residents on the job. Still recently, many out of state trucks are still seen on the property, in particular New Hampshire ones. The city should make the SCC commit to making a majority of the work being done at any of their sites be done by Somerville residents.

Saturday, September 17, from 9 am-1 pm, is the day to discover hundreds of perennials and houseplants at the annual sale organized by the Somerville Garden Club. Sale location is in the heart of Davis Square, at the intersection of College Avenue and Holland Street, across from the Davis Square T stops, rain or shine. Looking for some fall additions to your garden, an interesting house plant for your apartment or dorm room? Selections range from reliable gardeners favorites to "connoisseur" plants, all reasonably priced and ready to enhance your home or back yard. Perennials for sun and shade, shrubs, edibles, and groundcovers will be for sale, as well as a varied choice of houseplants.

Continued on page 21

COMMENTARY

The views and opinions expressed in the commentaries of The Somerville News do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of The Somerville News, its publishers or staff.

More to lose



By William C. Shelton

I watch politicians and pundits pour over each new economic indicator like seers examining the entrails of sacrificial goats, and I don't know whether to laugh or to cry.

I need only examine federal fiscal policy to offer this forecast: U.S. economic growth and employment will not significantly improve, and may well worsen, for years to come.

The longer that the Tea Party bullies, the saner Republicans whom they intimidate, and their Democratic enablers embrace ideology over reality, the less likely it is that the U.S. economy will ever achieve the formidable strength that it once enjoyed.

In today's economy, every element of their prescription-tax cuts for the well off; sharply reduced government spending; disinvestment from infrastructure, small businesses, technology development, education,

and training; and reduced corporate regulation-will make the patient sicker.

In their catechism, tax cuts will stimulate investment by the wealthy, spurring economic growth and increasing employment.

Multibillionaire Warren Buffet has been America's most successful investor for close to two decades. He writes, "I have worked with investors for sixty years, and I have yet to see anyone-not even when capital gains rates were 39.9 percent in 1976-77-shy away from a sensible investment because of the tax rate on the potential gain." He advocates increasing personal income and capital gains taxes on wealthy households.

During the Reagan Years, the top marginal tax rate dropped from 70% to 28%, and the U.S. experienced what was then the worst job growth since World War II. This, even when accompanied by the stimulus of deficit spending that doubled the national debt.

During the Clinton administration, the top rate went up to 39.6%, and the economy added 22.7 million jobs. At the end of his presidency we had a budget surplus, and the Con-

gressional Budget Office was projecting that we would pay down the entire federal debt in 10 or 15 years.

Bush and his Republican Congress reduced the top rate to 33%. During his 8 years the country lost 670,000 jobs. The average American's income shrank by 6%.

His administration undertook two wars. He and the Republican Congress did not institute a war tax as was done during World War II and the Korea and Vietnam conflicts. They asked no one to sacrifice, other than combatants and their families. Tax cuts for the wealthy, two unfunded wars, and an unfunded new Medicare drug benefit produced a 47% increase in the national debt.

Those who voted for obscene deficit spending at that time, when budget discipline was easiest and most desirable, demonize those who advocate fiscal stimulus now that it is most needed.

In times like these, no entity other than government can get an economy moving. If you believe that the private sector will save us, consider that large U.S. corporations are sitting on \$2 trillion in cash, while

Republicans want more corporate tax cuts.

During the 1950s and early 60s, the top personal tax rate bracket was 91-92%. Supported by these revenues, the G.I. Bill and other education subsidies prepared workers for the jobs of the future. Massive investments in the interstate highway system and every other significant infrastructure component provided a material base for economic growth. There followed the greatest economic expansion that the world had thus far seen.

I can't think of a major new job-creating industry that emerged during my lifetime without initial federal funding. In 1950, Texas Instruments invented the microchip. Over the next ten years, the U.S. government bought 100% of microchip production, supporting its commercialization and the subsequent creation of several industries. The story is the same with mainframe computers.

The federal government funded creation of the Internet. It provided critical support to GPS technology and biotechnology. But conservative theology states that government should have no such role.

For reasons of cost, efficiency,

and talent, the U.S. is losing major industries. Our universities and entrepreneurs are creating the technologies of the future. But without government support, we are losing the industries of the future.

China is targeting one growth industry after another, investing in its research and development, and educating the workers who will staff it. Modern solar panels were invented in the U.S., but every one now sold here comes from China, which is leading the development and production of wind turbines as well.

There is no argument that America's infrastructure condition is the worst among developed countries. China is pioneering mass high-speed rail development. This emerging industry could create hundreds of thousands of working class jobs in the U.S. and produce billions in export dollars. But conservatives rebuffed Obama's proposal to invest in its development.

Small businesses are the nation's job-creation engines. Obama's 2012 budget cuts the Small Business Administration in half.

Those who say that we must deal with the budget deficit before focusing on job creation have it

Continued on page 21

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Back to school jitters



This article first ran in the September 2, 2009 edition of The Somerville News.

It's that time of year again. Reading and writing and arithmetic. This time of year used to make me sick. When I heard those commercials like "before you go back to school, go to Zayres," my stomach cringed. It also seemed that we always discovered something really cool right at the end of the summer that was now cut short by school. One year it was extending the forks on our bikes, another year it was hanging out with a new group of girls on the next street. Sometimes it was playing football or Frisbee, but school always goofed it up. I spoke to a few of my friends who, like me, still get a nervous ache in their stomach whenever the beginning of the school year starts.

Both my kids are actually anxious to get back to school. Man, have times changed. I tried every trick in the book to get out of school, and I mean everything. We were

playing hooky at my friend Teddy's house when I was a sophomore at Somerville High. My pal Danny called in to the office disguising his voice, and saying he was Mr. Del Ponte. Whoever answered the phone at the High school said, "My, Mr. DelPonte, you certainly have a young voice!" I called back a second later and said, "James Del Ponte will be right in." When I was still at St. Clements, I faked a stomachache to get out of school. There was actually nothing wrong with my stomach at all. I lied about the pain. My parents took me up Somerville High School where they removed my appendix. That will teach me to fake an illness, right? Wrong. I invented a mysterious pain in my leg to try to ditch a few classes. My hypochondriac mother dragged me back to the same Doctor who found a mysterious "baker's cyst" in the back of my leg and, voila, another operation. There was no leg pain whatsoever, but "Dr. In-vento," sold my parents two unnecessary surgeries. Sure there is a chance that there really WAS something wrong with my leg and appendix, but because of the reputa-

tion of this nameless Doctor, I seriously doubt it. There is a still a small stitch visible on the back of my leg that was "operated" on. The scar left by Dr. Create-an-ailment was so bad, that I actually called Jim Sokolove. They told me that too many years had gone by. It's a good thing I didn't fake a headache. I would have ended up with a lobotomy. I finally learned my lesson about creating imaginary illnesses in order to stay out of school. Bottom line was, I really hated going to school. I wanted to stay home and watch re-runs of Gomer Pyle and Yogi Bear cartoons. Anything but school. But it was different then - there were only a handful of nice teachers. I didn't say 'good' teachers mind you, I said nice. Maybe it was difficult to be nice to a kid wearing bellbottom dungarees and sporting a David Cassidy haircut. Perhaps some teachers didn't approve of our being in an organization called the Committee of Concerned Students and publishing a newspaper called The Inside Agitator. Teachers back then used threatening tactics to try to get us to conform. It was like

prison. It made us appreciate the really good teachers all the more. Dick Gordinier, Julio Perno, Tony Fedele, Mrs. Carafotes, Mr. De Angelis and Mr. Da Prato, to name a few. I could rattle off a few of the meanies too, but you know who they were. One former building master was partly responsible for my resigning as the high school drama teacher. After making my four years of high school miserable, this person was now going to be my "superior." No thanks. I probably would have been close to retiring at this point in time. Anyway, I didn't apply for the job, they came and asked me. It's now all water under the Ball Square Bridge.

I still have nightmares that I am in school, facing an exam, with no pencil, and in my pajamas. I am glad my kids like school. For me it was a bad memory except for the talent shows and drama performances. They tried to make me repeat one class with the same blow-hard macho, head tripping idiot that flunked me the first time. That's when I dropped the college course. HA HA!! I still went to college anyway!

Continued on page 17

Beacon Hill Roll Call



Volume 37-Report No. 34 • August 26, 2011 • Copyright © 2011 Beacon Hill Roll Call. All Rights Reserved. By Bob Katzen

Beacon Hill Roll Call can also be viewed on our Web site at www.thesomervillenews.com

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middlesex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in

the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

Beacon Hill Roll Call reports local senators' roll call attendance records for the 2011 session through August 25.

The Senate has held 62 roll call votes. 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 commonly referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Only 24 of the Senate's 40 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The worst roll call attendance record belongs to Sen. Michael Rush (D-Boston), who missed 58 roll calls (6.5 percent roll call attendance record). Rush missed the 58 roll calls while on active duty with the U.S. Navy in Iraq.

Rounding out the top five worst are Sens. Frederick Berry (D-Peabody), who missed 10 roll calls (83.9 percent attendance); Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge), who missed 8 roll calls (87.1 percent attendance); and Susan Fargo (D-Lincoln) and Brian Joyce (D-Milton), who both missed 6 roll calls (90.3 percent attendance.)

LOCAL SENATORS' 2011 ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

The Senate has held 62 roll calls in 2011. 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.

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Sen. Sal DiDomenico | 100 percent (0) |
| Sen. Patricia Jehlen | 100 percent (0) |

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

CASINOS - House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Therese Murray unveiled a bill that would allow three resort casinos and one slot parlor to be built in the state. The measure mandates one casino in western Massachusetts, one in the Boston area and another in southeastern Massachusetts. All the venues would be competitively bid, a major change from the measure approved last year that only allowed the state's four race-tracks to bid on the slots.

Last year's bill would have authorized three resort casinos and two slot parlors in the state. Gov. Patrick would only agree to one casino. He amended the bill and sent it

back to the Legislature, which never acted on it.

This year's bill is expected to be debated and voted on by the Legislature in September.

SALES TAX ON INTERNET SALES - The Revenue Committee has recommended passage of a bill, backed by local retailers and unions, that would impose the state's 6.25 percent sales tax on many goods consumers buy on the Internet. Currently, Internet companies are exempt from collecting the tax under a 1992 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that Internet retailers only have to charge sales tax in states in which they have a "physical presence."

The bill would expand the definition of physical presence to include some 5,000 affiliates, with physical offices in Massachusetts, that are associated with online retailers. This would result in these retailers being required to collect the sales tax.

Supporters of imposing the tax say retailers in Massachusetts are losing millions of dollars in annual sales and the state is missing out on millions in tax revenue. They argue consumers often go to brick-and-mortar retail stores to see items and then buy them on the Internet in order to get a lower price and also save the sales tax.

Opponents say imposing the tax on Internet sales will simply result in many of the 5,000 affiliates closing up shop in Massachusetts and the loss of many jobs.

ESTABLISH LOCAL FUND TO PAY RETIREES FOR COMP DAYS (H 3666)

- The House gave initial approval to legislation allowing cities and towns to create and fund a reserve fund for the future payment of compensated days off owed to municipal employees who retire.

Supporters say this unfunded future liability is becoming a burden to many cities and towns. They note this would allow these communities to put aside money to help alleviate the problems.

KOREAN DRIVER'S LICENSES

- The state's Department of Motor Vehicles has entered into a reciprocal agreement with Korea that allows a driver to convert his or her Korean driver's license into a Massachusetts one. A Massachusetts resident who moves to Korea will be allowed to convert his or her Massachusetts license to a Korean license.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"I have been fighting to get these signs turned off for about a decade. If I said that I was thrilled, it would be an understatement. I feel like I just won the lottery." - Rep. David Linsky (D-Natick) on the announcement the Mass. Department of Transportation has made the decision to turn off the power for the "way too bright" McDonald's and Gulf signs at the Massachusetts Turnpike's Natick service plaza.

"If done right, expanded gaming in Massachusetts can create jobs, generate new revenue and spur other economic growth in the state." - Gov. Deval Patrick affirming his support for casinos and slot machines in Massachusetts.

Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



“Virtually every casino state has greater unemployment and deficit problems than non-casino states. You are participating in a tainted process heavily influenced by lobbying money, one-sided studies and a lack of transparency.” - Tom Larkin, President of United of Stop Slots in Massachusetts (USS-MASS) blasting Gov. Deval Patrick for his support of a measure legalizing casino and slots in the Bay State.

“Almost as soon as he reached the pinnacle of legislative leadership, he and his co-conspirators arranged a pay-off system through disguised attorney referral fees in exchange for advancing the interests of Cognos, a commercial entity, and for the personal financial benefit of its chief salesman and lobbyist.” - Assistant District Attorney Theodore Merritt arguing for a 12.5-year sentence for former House Speaker Sal DiMasi, who received \$57,000 in payments from Cognos, a Canadian software company that he helped land nearly \$20 million in state contracts. DiMasi is expected to be sentenced on Sept. 8.

“We want to ensure that human service providers like the Northeast Center are spending public funds

legally, appropriately and wisely to maximize every dollar and help the greatest number of physical and emotionally needy children, adults and families.” - State Auditor Suzanne Bump releasing an audit that revealed the Northeast Center for Youth and Families, Inc. misused more than \$1 million in public funds over a five-year period.

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 22-26, the House met for a total of one hour and 26 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 37 minutes.

| | |
|------------------|---|
| Mon. August 22 | House 11:04 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:17 a.m. |
| Tues. August 23 | No House session No Senate session |
| Wed. August 24 | No House session No Senate session |
| Thurs. August 25 | House 11:04 a.m. to 12:16 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:22 a.m. |
| Fri. August 26 | No House session No Senate session |

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

Aldermen angered by GLX delay CONT. FROM PG 1

over one billion dollars, the delay also threw a wrench in the City’s long-term economic development plans.

The members of the board unanimously condemned the delay by the state, most of them saying that they believed underhanded tactics were at play, and that the delay was more permanent than MassDOT was letting on.

“My fear is that this is not a delay, that it is a tactic, so that [MassDOT] can fund other commuter projects, like the South Shore project,” said Ward 7 Alderman Bob Trane. “I feel like we’re being pushed to the back of the line again,” he said, saying that he did not believe they had a real plan.

The GLX was first proposed in 1991 as a mitigation technique for pollution caused by the city of Boston’s Big Dig project. A lawsuit filed by the CLF in 2006 upheld a ruling that the state was legally required to build the extension, or they could lose any Federal funding they receive.

Ward 1 Alderman Bill Roche said he was concerned about the health and safety of his constituents, many of whom are un-

dergoing testing to determine the effects of air pollution by Tufts University.

“Ward 1, the residents who live in that neighborhood have taken the brunt of the pollution and noise of I-93 on a daily basis,” said Roche. “Now basically what they are telling the residents of Ward 1 by extending that deadline is, ‘we don’t care about your health, we don’t care what happens to the residents down there,’ we’re going to do what we want to do.”

Alderwoman Maryann Heuston of Ward 2 was likewise incensed by the perceived disrespect from the state, recalling the complicated and time-intensive rezoning process they went through in Union Square.

“We called that rezoning ‘transit-oriented development.’ Here’s a community that has done all the right things,” said Heuston. “The City of Somerville has done everything it can do to pull itself up by its own bootstraps, become economically self-sufficient, and all we needed was the State to bring up the rear.”

“Lo and behold,” she said, “the state drops the ball.”

“People have mentioned 2018 [as an opening date],” said White. “Throw that out the window, the state says they only have a 10 percent chance of hitting that deadline. They said there is only a 50 percent chance of not exceeding June 2019. And then they said there is a 90 percent probability of not exceeding July 2020,” he added, before noting that land-takings under eminent domain could be delayed as well, and since the MBTA will not start construction until after the land-takings have been confirmed and notice issued, this was yet another loop-hole for the state to delay.

“This City has spent... hundreds of thousands of dollars planning for economic development. That means ‘maybe July of 2020, maybe not.’ It sends a message to developers. It’s economically really going to handicap us,” said White.

“Unless we can force this, I don’t have a feeling that they are ever going to follow through on this,” said a somber Alderman-at-Large Sean O’Donovan. Both aldermen among others said that they were interested in exploring the option of suing the state in



Alderman William White said the GLX delay was a “middle finger” from the state.

legal action.

Having worked to develop the Red Line station in Davis Square, Alderman-at-Large Jack Connolly remembered that the construction of the station came “because of a large number of people standing up and insisting on not passing us by, but creating the station in Davis, we have the Red Line. It came after years of painstaking work.”

He contrasted: “the Green Line conversely - how many times was the Governor out here to speak? He was here on countless occa-

sions, ‘oh it’s gonna happen, gonna happen.’ Well right now, he’s bitterly disappointed a lot of us.”

Connolly noted that the MassDOT GLX website still recorded their process as unchanged, and was upset with the dismissive attitude he perceived from the MassDOT’s publicity.

“That’s not the right kind of response to put out,” he said. He proposed the BOA “find the best way to file an action against the Commonwealth.”

Happiness reigns in Somerville CONT. FROM PG 1

| | | |
|--------------|----|-----|
| 55-64 | 9% | 15% |
| 65-74 | 5% | 9% |
| 75 and older | 5% | 8% |

In all, Ward 1 was said to be the happiest, despite having the smallest representative population in the study, with a score of 8.8 reporting.

The biggest problem people

in the city seemed to have was with parking, an obvious point for a densely packed city of officially 80,000, most likely more. The city also came away with 92 percent approval rating in terms of where the administration at City Hall is taking the city.

The survey used sophisticated questioning, championed by Harvard Professor Dan Gilbert, a psychologist who studies the overall satisfaction of populations. Gilbert, a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, worked with members of SomerStat in City Hall to de-

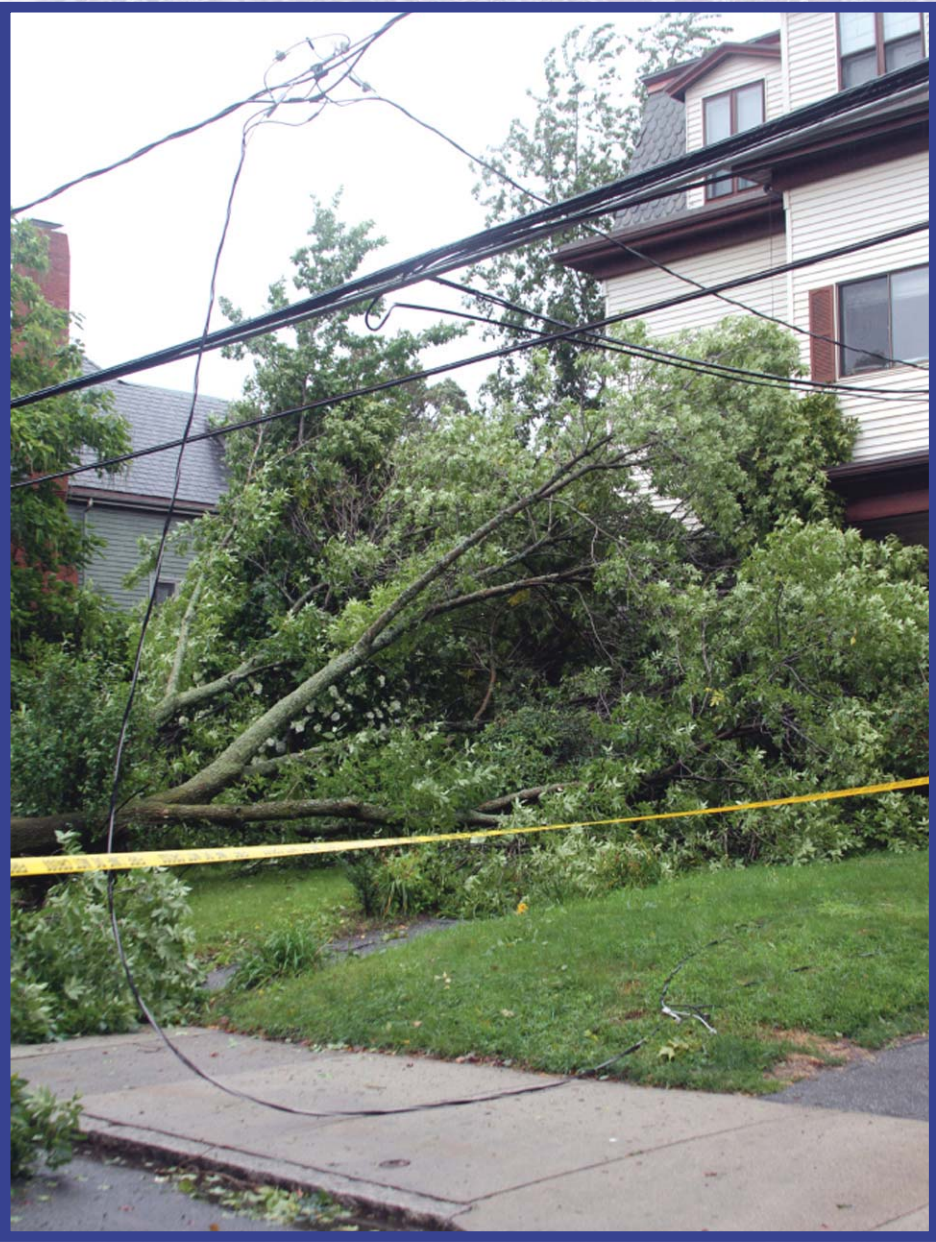
termine the correct methods of data dissemination.

The City has vowed to continue their study, and will expand into different languages and ethnic populations in the coming year. SomerStat began the study by qualifying that there was an over-repre-

sentation of white people for the study.

The first study of its kind in an American city, the idea was influenced by British Prime Minister David Cameron, and his plans to invent a “happiness index” for the people of Great Britain.

Irene leaves its mark



Photos by Donald Norton, Bobbie Toner, Harry Kane, and Judy Sabatino



Mint-X[®] Rodent Repellent Trash Bags are Now Available

Rodent Infestation has been a long standing problem in most cities and towns for many years. Torn plastic trash bags, caused by disease carrying rodents, can create unsanitary conditions around houses, businesses and apartment complexes. There has been no solution to this plaguing problem...until now.

Now Available For Homes and Businesses

Introducing Mint-X Rodent Repellent Trash Bags, the only trash bags proven to keep rodents out of your trash and away from your property. Mint-X Rodent Repellent Trash Bags, once only used commercially to successfully eliminate rodents from thousands of apartment complexes, restaurants and municipalities, are now available to protect homes and businesses from disease carrying rodents.

Science Separates Rodents From Trash

Mint-X Rodent Repellent Trash Bags are proven effective because an all natural mint fragrance is added to the plastic during the manufacturing process. Mint has long been known as a home remedy for keeping rodents away from plants and gardens.

The pleasant smelling bags are safe for humans and pets, but the mint scent is extremely irritating to the sensitive nasal passages of rodents and keeps them away from the trash bags and your property. This home remedy has been captured in the Mint-X Rodent Repellent Trash Bag in a strong and durable plastic bag.



 EPA Reg No. 85589-1 U.S. Patent No. 7,811,597

Available Now at These Locations:



2 Mystic View Road, Everett, MA



5 Ward Street, Revere, MA
278 Middlesex Avenue, Medford, MA
and on BJs.com

Central Hardware
435 Ferry Street
Everett, MA
(617) 387-2311

Whittemore Hardware
531 Main Street
Melrose, MA
(781) 665-0900

Lynn Lumber
180 Commercial Street
Lynn, MA
(781) 592-0400

Mahan's Hardware
45 Boston Street
Lynn, MA
(781) 593-6811

Woodside Ace Hardware
65 Main Street
Winthrop, MA
(617) 846-2141

For more information and to view a video of the effectiveness of Mint-X rodent repellent trash bags visit: www.mint-x.com or call 877 MINT BAG (646 8224)

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Alibrandis take game one of championship finals

By Harry Kane

Somerville triumphed in game one of the Yawkey League's 2011 championship finals Monday evening in a 7-3 victory over the Malden Bulldogs.

The game began with a leadoff single from Mike Maguire. He stole second base right away and didn't have to wait too long before Ted Dzuiba hit a stand up double to left field, bringing in Maguire and putting one on the scoreboard for the Alibrandis early in the bottom of the first inning. Andrew Babb and Matt Deeb both hit back-to-back singles and the bases were loaded for Marc DesRoches.

Moments later DesRoches hammered the ball into left center clearing the basses and breaking the game wide open. "It was just a fastball upstairs and I ended up catching up to it," DesRoches admitted. Pitcher, Sean Sullivan was in the catbird seat with a 4-0 lead on the bulldogs.

In the bottom of the 4th in-

ning Chad Conner hit a zinger into the outfield. Maguire then hit a line drive RBI single, bringing in Conner to make it 5-0. Maguire stole second and third but was left stranded at the end of the inning.

In the top of the 5th Malden answered back with three runs. They threatened to do more damage against the Alibrandis but the pitching arm of Sean Sullivan and the unstoppable defense behind him led Alibrandis to turn a double play and to get out of the inning. "They just played great defense behind me. I can feel confident trying to pitch to contact and giving them the ball in play, cause they're gonna make the plays behind me," Sullivan said.

In the bottom of the 5th Andrew Babb hit his third single of the game. He stole second and then went onto third on a ground out. A wild pitch to the next batter allowed Babb to score making it 6-3. "Winning the first game was great for us. Hopefully we can keep the mo-



Photos by Harry Kane

The Somerville Alibrandis pour it on in game one of the championship series.



mentum going, swinging the bats, and on the mound just pounding the zone, playing base to base and keeping them on their toes," Babb said.

In the bottom of the 6th Maguire got to first on a line drive. He proceeded to steal second and third base as usual and was able to score on David Sciolli's RBI single to make it a final score of 7-3.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

#281

1. On the TV show *I Dream of Jeannie* why was Jeannie's bottle never kept in Major Nelson's bedroom?

2. In the movie *How to Steal a Million* what was the object of the grand theft?

3. Major league baseball had a star pitcher named "Dazzy" and two called "Dizzy" - can you name them?

4. What is the name of the river that runs through Rome?

5. Who said "I saw an angel in the marble and carved until I set him free"?

6. We call a male beer maker a brewer, but what do we call a female beer

maker?

7. When a dart player wins three legs in the best out of five legs what does he win?

8. What are the bristles on a camel's hair brush made of?

9. What was the name of the newspaper that carried Ed Sullivan's column for more than forty years?

10. Why are the long sides of some Lasagna pasta curly?

11. In 1925, the U.S. Highway System was born - which one starts in Maine and ends in Key West Florida?

12. What river is known as China's Sorrow because of it's flooding?

Answers on page 23

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

The Storm finishes season on a high note

The Somerville Storm U14 ended the season on a roll winning their last six games to finish the season 10-4 tied for sixth in their division.

In the final week of the season, the Storm defeated the Wellesley Raiders 20-15 and the Everett Raiders 14-3.

On August 8 every Storm player scored a run and as they put together nine timely hits around a series of walks. The Storm was again anchored by experienced hitting as Brianna Del'Isola drove a triple to the gap, scored twice and drove in three while Amanda Grace was a perfect three for three in the lead-off spot with three runs scored. Brenna Foristall was patient at the plate working pitchers for four walks and runs scored. Dierdre Matthews contributed strongly at the plate with a pair of hits, a walk and three runs scored. Kayla O'Regan added to the offensive night going two for three with an RBI and runs scored.

Though not as strong on defense in Wellesley, the Storm got stronger as the game progressed

committing only one error in the final four frames after giving up nine runs in the first two innings. The Storm played hard behind the combined pitching of Emily Liberato (1 2/3 inning), Jen Toner (1 1/3 inning) and Amolee Hawkins (2 innings).

In their final game of the year the Storm allowed only three runs on a combined one-hitter by Amolee Hawkins and Jen Toner, both of whom return to U14 Storm next season. The defense was strong committing only one error in the game and recording nine outs in the field. Charlotte Schofield continued outstanding defense in center-field recording a big out with runners on second and third in the third inning and finished her time with the 14U Storm going two for two at the plate. First year players for the 14U Storm Emily Liberato, Emily O'Regan and Marissa Toner continued their outstanding progress combining for five runs going a combined two for five at the plate.

Coach Tim Hawkins and CJ Azubine want to congratulate and wish the best of luck to



The red hot Somerville Storm U14 wrapped the season with an impressive six game winning streak.

Amanda Grace, Brianna Del'Isola, Charlotte Schofield and Brenna Foristall who all move up to 18U next season. We are very proud of your leadership, effort and attitude during this past season, and we wish you the best of

luck in the upcoming year.

The Somerville Storm softball teams begin practice in mid-June and play games through the first week in August. The Storm currently field teams in the U18A and U14B divisions of the Mid-

dleEssex Softball league. Plans are underway to add a 12U or 10U team to the league during the 2012 season. Contact 14U Coach Tim Hawkins for more information: tim.stormsoftball@gmail.com.

**THE
NORTON
GROUP**

APARTMENT RENTALS

ARLINGTON- 1 BEDROOM - 1 BATH

Arlington Heights area. Freshly painted. On bus line, walk to shops and restaurants.

Available Now! \$1,100

LYNN - 2 BEDROOMS - 1 BATH

Hardwood floors, deck off kitchen, off street parking, storage in basement. Walking distance to beach.

Available Now! \$1,275

SOMERVILLE - 2 BEDROOMS - 1 BATH

Spacious 2 bedroom 1 bath. Freshly painted. Hardwood floors. Natural woodwork. Living room, dining room.

Front and back porch. Gas heat, gas stove.

Close to Sullivan station and bus stops.

Available Now! \$1,300

SOMERVILLE - 3 BEDROOMS - 1 BATH

Great Location! First floor apartment of a two family home. Walking distance to Davis Square, Red Line and Tufts University. Walk to restaurants and shops.

Available September 1! \$1,800

SOMERVILLE - 2 BEDROOMS - 1 BATH

Ball Square. Spacious and very bright apartment.

Lots of closets and storage. Walk to Davis Square, restaurants and shops. On bus line. Great location.

Available September 1! \$1,800

Many others! Visit our website:

www.thenortongroupe.com

The Norton Group

699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144 • 617-623-6600

Join us in



IRELAND!

"Shades of Ireland" Tour

- Escorted
- RT Air & Hotel transfers
- Dublin
- Killarney
- Limerick
- Galway
- Cliffs of Moher
- Waterford Crystal
- Blarney Stone
- Ring of Kerry
- Farm Visit
- Castle Stay
- 13 meals included!



Oct 23-Nov 1, 2011

Only \$2649. PPDO

Call Mary Baker Today!

Join Mary Baker with her many years of travel and experience on this wonderful, once in a lifetime trip.



BAKER TRAVEL

15 Salem Street, Medford

617-629-2660

Want to write local Somerville stories?

Call 617-666-4010 and speak to the Editor

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notices can also be viewed on our Web site at www.thesomervillenews.com

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA. 02141
(617) 768- 5800

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 11P3966EA

In the Estate of: Frances B. Lakus

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02144

Date of Death: 03/12/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

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

Gordon Johnson of Methuen, MA.

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

Without Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT;
Cambridge
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON:
09/19/2011

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court
Date: August 22, 2011

Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate

8/31/11 The Somerville News

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Middlesex Probate and Family Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA. 02141
(617) 768- 5800

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 11P3921EA

In the Estate of: Donato Iandoli

Late of: Somerville, MA. 02145

Date of Death: 06/11/2011

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR

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

Annunziato Peppe of Danvers, MA

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

Without Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT;
Cambridge
ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON:
09/19/2011

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court
Date: August 22, 2011

Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate

8/31/11 The Somerville News



CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFQF 12-14

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:
Consultant, Inspection Services: Food Safety and Pools

An Request for Qualification and Fee (RFQF) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Tuesday, August 23, 2011** Sealed Proposals will be received at the above office until: **Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period from September 6, 2011 through September 5, 2012, with an optional year renewal.

Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email kmancini@somervillema.gov, for information and proposal packages.

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

8/31/11 The Somerville News

Water chestnut removal from Mystic River to commence

By Harry Kane

Why remove water chestnuts from the Mystic River, you may ask? Patrick Herron, Water Quality Monitoring Director for Mystic River Watershed (MyRWA), explained that these invasive plants clog the Mystic River. The organized removal of water chestnuts allows for the native ecosystem to continue. Otherwise the water chestnut plants (Trapa Natans) will displace and kill the native species.

"The plants are spreading at a rate of 20% a year. So if there's ten acres now it means there are twelve acres next year if we don't do anything. At the same time, these plants are difficult because each plant approximately produces 10 seeds and they end up leaving seed banks on the bottom that can last for 15 years," Herron explained.

This year the MyRWA has held 4

hand-pulling events. "Typically, we haul up the whole plant with the roots but that gets really cumbersome, and they get all knotted together. So we are trying a new technique, which is snipping the roots from the top of the plant using scissors," said Beth (Meserve) MacBlane, the outreach coordinator for MyRWA.

"It's going to take a measured approach, foot by foot working our way down the river to remove these plants," Herron said. Usually 40-50 people attend these events. People go out in canoes or bring their own kayaks. Many of the volunteers who participate do it because they feel it's important to preserve the river. Resident Alicia Byrd is a Somerville supporter who does it for the fun of it. She said, "I even pay for the privilege."

John Reinhardt, MyRWA Board President said, "this has been an incredible way for people to do some-

thing. They get dirty, smelly, and it's a lot of work but they are smiling and happy with it." One of the reasons that the river is dirty is due to raw sewage. When there's a lot of rain the towns along the river may be overwhelmed and the sewage pipes overflow into the river. "Part of the problem here are the nutrients are out of balance and that's one of the reasons the plants are going wild," Reinhardt contended.

"Friends of the mystic river have been out here for a number of years pulling water chestnuts. Two years ago we collaborated with Groundwork Somerville and submitted for a grant opportunity. For the last two years we've been using those funds to work on removing water chestnuts using both mechanical harvesting as well as hand pulling events that involve the public," Herron said.

For more information visit www.MysticRiver.org



Water chestnuts can quickly overtake native species on the Mystic River. MyRWA's efforts to reduce the growth of the invasive vegetation will go a long way towards preserving the natural balance of species there.

Back to school jitters CONT. FROM PG 9

And I still carry a grudge against that jerk teacher. I never needed his jive class at all. I have been counting on my fingers for years and it has worked out just fine! I would like to give my thanks and gratitude for all the great teachers I had over the years. I would also like to express my thankfulness for all the awesome teachers my kids have. A lot of my

friends and former classmates are now teachers!

After working very closely with the Somerville School Department over the past year, I am happy to report that we are very lucky to have the best schools possible. Times have changed for the best and any student in the Somerville Public Schools can look forward to the best education

they can possibly get.

So as my kids return to school, I will go back to laying out their clothes, preparing their snacks, forcing them to go to bed, prying them out of bed and keeping them off You Tube until their homework is done.

You can email Jimmy directly at jimmydel@rcn.com.

590 BOSTON AVENUE
MEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
781.396.3319

ESTD 1960
TITAN
GAS STATION & CAR WASH

WASH BUCKS

\$2 OFF

ANYTIME, ANY WASH, ANY DAY!

THIS COUPON ENTITLES BEARER TO \$2 OFF PRICE OF ANY WASH!

EXP. 12.01.2011

*NO CASH VALUE.
ONE COUPON PER CUSTOMER PER VISIT.

• • • • 'VILLENS ON THE TOWN • • • •



FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Monday|September 5

Libraries closed-Labor Day

Tuesday|September 6

West Branch Library
Preschool Storytime
11a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|40 College Avenue

Wednesday|September 7

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

MUSIC

Wednesday|August 31

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

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

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

PA'S Lounge
Bo & Rachel|Jonathan Pape|Phil Wisdom
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Universe Narrows|Sweet Ride|Private Shapes|Nervous
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

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

Thursday|September 1

Johnny D's
The Late Birds
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
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Blackboard Nails|Animal Talk|Waste Managment
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St.

Friday|September 2

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

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents|Josh Oliver|The Jro Project|Andrea Capozzoli|Dani Moz
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

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

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

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

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

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

Washington St|617-623-3364

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

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

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

Arts at the Armory
Greg Klyma: Live Rust Belt DVD Release Show!
7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave.

Saturday|September 3

Johnny D's
Jeffrey Broussard & Creole Cowboys|Kalifa & Koliba|Senegalubamba
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

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

The Burren
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents|Letterik|Bright Night|The Lousy Intruments|The Days Weight
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

PA'S Lounge
Kitchen's Floor|Fat History Month|Reports|Heathen Shame

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

Michael's Bar
Come Dance to the Oldies; 50's-80's music|Domestic Beer \$2.50
9 p.m. - 1 a.m.|no cover|97 Washington St|617-623-3364

Night Games
Sexy Saturdays|new old school
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

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

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

Sunday|September 4

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

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

‘VILLENS ON THE TOWN

Precinct Bar
Stephie Coplan|SEAMONSTERS
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Monday|September 5

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

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

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

Tuesday|September 6

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

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

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen

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

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Wednesday|September 7

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

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

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

PA'S Lounge
The Tin Thistles|Wolfie
Burns|3TVs|Dave Wells
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
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
Night Games
Name your tune
Wednesdays|Karaoke
30 Washington St|617-628-1000

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

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

**CLASSES AND GROUPS
Wednesday|August 31**

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

Thursday|September 1

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Union Sq|
drumzatlibana@gmail.com

First Church Somerville
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step
program for people with
problems with money and debt.
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave
(Upstairs Parlor).
For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday|September 3

Third Life Studio
Monthly Open Voice Movement
Therapy Workshops
11:30 -2:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|
978-952-2798

Yoga Flow
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|33 Union Sq
|maria.taesil@gmail.com

Sunday|September 4

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

Unity Church of God
Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon
Family Groups
7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street
Enter upstairs, meeting is in
basement.

Monday|September 5

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

Tuesday|September 6

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

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

Wednesday|September 7

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

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



Photo by Ethan Backer

CLASSIFIEDS

Place your classified ad today – only \$1 per word!
E-mail: thesomervillenews@yahoo.com

ADOPTION

PREGNANT? CONSIDERING ADOPTION? You choose from families nationwide. LIVING EXPENSES PAID. Abby's One True Gift Adoptions. 866-413-6292, 24/7 Void/Illinois

AUTO DONATION

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST. Free Towing & Non-Runners Accepted. 800-549-2791 Help Us Transform Lives In The Name Of Christ.

AUTOMOTIVE

WANTED JAPANESE MOTORCYCLES KAWASAKI 1970-1980 Z1-900, KZ900, KZ 1000, H2-750, H1-500, S1-250, S2-250, S2-350, S3-400 CASH. 1-800-772-1142, 1-310-721-0726 usa@classicrunners.com

AUTOS WANTED

AAAA** DONATION Donate your Car, Boat or Real Estate, IRS Tax Deductible. Free Pick-up/Tow Any Model/ Condition. Help Under Privileged Children Outreach Center, 1-800-883-6399.

DONATE YOUR CAR. FREE TOWING. "Cars for Kids". Any condition. Tax deductible outreachcenter.com, 1-800-597-9411

TOP CASH FOR CARS, Any Car/Truck, Running or Not. Call for INSTANT offer: 1-800-454-6951

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

\$500-\$1000/DAY For answering the phone? You bet. No selling, no MLM, no products to buy, no kid-ding! Call 800-658-5821. IRS approved.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sanjeev Lagah S/o Mehanga Ram Lagah R/o 138 SUMMER ST

SOMERVILLE-02143 MA-USA have changed my name Sanjeev Kumar to Sanjeev Lagah.

CONTRACTORS

HAS YOUR BUILDING SHIFTED? Contact Woodford Bros., Inc. for straightening, leveling, foundation and wood frame repairs at 1-800-OLD-BARN, www.woodfordbros.com, MAHIC#155877; CTHIC#571557; RICRB#22078

EDUCATION

AVIATION MAINTENANCE/AVIONICS Graduate in 15 months. FAA approved; financial aid if qualified. Job placement assistance. Call National Aviation Academy Today! 1-800-292-3228 or NAA.edu

EMPLOYMENT

Attention Licensed Real Estate Agents needed: Very busy Somerville based office in need of additional agents, no fee referrals, Sales & Rentals, Part time or Full Time... work from home online, full office back up and highest paid no strings commissions. Call for private interview 617 623-6600 ask for Donald

Financial Jobs. No experience necessary. Established firm will provide training. Call 801-923-3496 for information.

MYSTERY SHOPPERS! Earn up to \$150 daily. Get paid to shop pt/ft. Call now 800-690-1272.

FINANCIAL

LAWSUIT CASH Auto Accident? Worker Compensation? Get CASH before your case settles! Fast Approval. Low Fees. (866) 709-1100 or www.glofin.com

FOR RENT

WARM WEATHER IS YEAR

ROUND In Aruba. The water is safe, and the dining is fantastic. Walk out to the beach. 3-Bedroom weeks available: Sept. 23, Sept. 30, Oct. 7, & Oct. 14, 2011. Sleeps 8. \$2500. Call Carol at 978-371-2442 or email: carolaction@aol.com

FOR RENT: One week at the largest timeshare in the world. Orange Lake is right next to Disney and has many amenities including golf, tennis, and a water park. Weeks available are Feb. 26 to Mar. 4 & Mar. 4 to Mar. 11, 2012. (Sun. to Sun.) \$850 inclusive. Call Carol at 978-371-2442 or email: carolaction@aol.com

HELP WANTED

Call Taker/Dispatcher - Somerville. Fast pace environment. Organized and multi task, strong people skills. Great Pay and Great Health, Dental, 401k. Apply in person at: Pat's Towing. 160 McGrath Hwy, Somerville

ACTORS/MOVIE EXTRAS - \$150-\$300/Day depending on job. No experience. All looks needed. 1-800-281-5185-A103

\$2,000 MONTHLY POSSIBLE GROWING GOURMET MUSHROOMS FOR US. Year Round Income. Markets Established. Call - Write For Free Information. Midwest Associates, Box 69, Fredericktown, OH 43019 1-740-694-0565

2011 Postal Positions \$13.00-\$36.50+/hr., Federal hire/full benefits. Call Today! 1-866-477-4953 Ext. 150

(13) Customer Service Reps Needed! \$22-30/Hour Paid Daily! Start IMMEDIATELY! Apply Here ==> www.earn200daily.com

HOME SERVICES

ALL THINGS BASEMENTY! Basement waterproofing, finishing, repairs, crawl

spaces, humidity & mold control. Free estimates! From Waterproofing to Finishing! Basement Systems 877-864-2115, ReminderBasements.com

MISCELLANEOUS

DISH NETWORK delivers more for less! Packages starting at \$24.99/ mo. Local channels included! FREE HD for life! Free BLOCK-BUSTER movies for 3 months. 1-800-727-0305

DISH NETWORK PACKAGES start \$24.99/mo FREE HD for life! FREE BLOCKBUSTER® movies (3 months.) Call 1-800-915-9514

ATTEND COLLEGE ONLINE from home. Medical, Business, Paralegal, Accounting, Criminal Justice. Job placement assistance. Computer available. Financial aid if qualified. Call 800-494-3586 www.CenturaOnline.com

AIRLINES ARE HIRING - Train for high paying Aviation Maintenance Career. FAA approved program. Financial aid if qualified - Housing available CALL Aviation Institute of Maintenance (866)453-6204.

MISC. FOR SALE

ACR METAL ROOFING/SIDING DIST. Quality Products, Low Prices, Metal Roofing and Trims. Complete Garage & Barn Packages, Lumber, Trusses. Delivery available. Free literature. 1-800-325-1247, www.acrmetal.com

MUSIC

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS CLARINET/FLUTE/ VIOLIN/TRUMPET/Trombone/Amplifier/ Fender Guitar, \$69 each. Cello/Upright Bass/Saxophone/ French Horn/Drums, \$185 ea. Tuba/Baritone Horn/Hammond Organ, Others 4 sale. 1-516-377-7907

PETS/ANIMALS

STRAIN FAMILY HORSE FARM 50 horses, we take trade-ins, 3-week exchange guarantee. Supplying horses to the East Coast. www.strainfamilyhorsefarm.com, 860-653-3275. Check us out on Facebook.

AKC GERMAN SHEPHERDS: Hip certified, German lines. Up to date health care, guarantees. www.selectshepherds.com, (603) 763-2877

REAL ESTATE

Stop Renting Lease option to buy Rent to own No money down No credit check 1-877-395-0321

Available Now!!! 2-4 Bedroom homes Take Over Payments No Money Down/No Credit Check Call 1-888-269-9192

FREE Foreclosure Listings OVER 400,000 properties nationwide. Low down payment. Call now 800-250-2043.

WANTED TO BUY

WANTED DIABETES TEST STRIPS Any kind/brand. Unexpired up to \$18.00. Shipping Paid Hablamos espanol 1-800-266-0702 www.selldiabeticstrips.com

Reader Advisory: The National Trade Association we belong to has purchased the above classifieds. Determining the value of their service or product is advised by this publication. In order to avoid misunderstandings, some advertisers do not offer employment but rather supply the readers with manuals, directories and other materials designed to help their clients establish mail order selling and other businesses at home. Under NO circumstance should you send any money in advance or give the client your checking, license ID, or credit card numbers. Also beware of ads that claim to guarantee loans regardless of credit and note that if a credit repair company does business only over the phone it is illegal to request any money before delivering its service. All funds are based in US dollars. Toll free numbers may or may not reach Canada.

Get your message out to your neighbors.
Place your Classified Ad in The Somerville News today!

APARTMENT RENTALS
COLONY REAL ESTATE
1258 Broadway, Somerville
Somerville, Arlington, Cambridge
-All Areas-
617-776-0044
colony.re@rcn.com

Jerry's
Liquor Store
Union Square
329 Somerville Ave • (617) 666-5410
Be sure to visit us online at www.TheSomervilleNews.com

To advertise in
The Somerville News
call
Bobbie Toner:
617-666-4010

Prisoners of circumstance

Do Not Forsake Me Oh My Darling springs new video on an unsuspecting world

By Jim Clark

Just when you thought it was safe to surf YouTube again, an aggressive-subversive phenomenon jumps up to bite you on the backside once more. This time it just might tickle.

Somerville's own Do Not Forsake Me Oh My Darling, a quirky, ultra-cool, and decidedly enigmatic artistic force has released yet another music video offering, *First We Take Manhattan*.

DNFMOMD is a female-fronted duo of drums, vocals, and bass. The band's name and songs are all inspired by the 60's cult spy-fi TV show *The Prisoner*. Sophia Cacciola - the "female front" - is accompanied by Michael J. Epstein, and together they evoke a diverse range of musical influences. As they put it, "We're loud, arty, minimalist rock

working in the realm of proto-punk/new wave/no wave bands and dark songwriters like Joy Division, Einstürzende Neubauten, The Velvet Underground, Sonic Youth, Diamanda Galás, Nina Hagen, Teenage Jesus and the Jerks, Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds, PJ Harvey, and Leonard Cohen."

The band's name itself is a direct lift from one of *The Prisoner's* episode titles. The group is on a not-so-secret mission to create songs and accompanying videos based on individual episodes of the show. 2011's *Episode 1 - Arrival* was a musical and visual tour-de-force, taking over two years to produce and involving some 25 creative artists. Recreations of *The Prisoner's* opening sequence are painstakingly rendered, while placing Cacciola



Who is #1? When it comes to top-level Somerville spook rock, there can be only one answer: Do Not Forsake Me Oh My Darling.



and Epstein into the action seamlessly. Fans of the TV show will be very impressed.

The newest video may not involve quite the same level of production values, but the spirit of the piece follows through their established modus operandi. According to DNFMOMD, *First We Take Manhattan* is an original, tongue-in-cheek, spy-caper narrative produced and directed by Killer Suit Creative Media's Glenn di Benedetto (<http://killersuitpictures.com/>) that playfully examines expecta-

tion and limits context to allow the viewer to question meaning and morality until the full, grandiose scale is revealed in its final moments. Much of the video was shot in and around Somerville.

The video pays tribute to spy television of the past with thematic similarity to the sci-fi reveals of the odder episodes of *The Avengers*, the slow-paced preparation sequences of *Mission: Impossible*, and of course, the good vs. evil ambiguity of *The Prisoner*. It is the first original-narrative video by DNFMOMD.

The band is two thirds of the way through its project to write and record a song for each of the 17 episodes of *The Prisoner*. Their second EP, *Questions Are a Burden to Others*, was released in June. They expect to continue in this effort throughout the remainder of the year.

First We Take Manhattan can be viewed online at: <http://youtu.be/bsUwR-QG8cI>. Other videos and more information - information - can be found on their Web site at: <http://donotforsake.com/>.

Be seeing you.

More to lose CONT. FROM PG 9

backwards. Without additional federal revenue, it will be impossible to solve the deficit problem. Without job growth, there will be no revenue growth from income taxes. And without economic stimulus from the only entity that can provide it, there will be little or no job growth.

In February 2009, U.S. economic growth was -6.7%. Congress passed a feeble economic stimulus bill that month. One year later, growth was up to 3.9%. (The 65-year average is 3.3%.) Without continued stimulus,

growth has now declined to 1%.

This repeats history. When Franklin Roosevelt took office in 1933, the unemployment rate was 27%. He proposed and Congress passed an enormous stimulus program. By 1937, unemployment had declined to 14.3%.

But under conservative pressure, in 1937 he sought to curb spending and balance the budget. In 1938 unemployment shot up to 19%. He pushed through Congress a large increase in stimulus spending, and unem-

ployment declined to 14%.

Since the Great Depression, there has never been a time when stimulus spending was more urgent. Nor, with ten-year Treasury bonds at 2.1%, has there been a less costly time to do it. The cost of not doing it will be far greater.

The last element in the right wing's economic prescription is decreased corporate regulation. Forgetting the lessons of the Great Depression, politicians deregulated financial services in the 1990s, setting up 2008's

global financial meltdown and today's continuing aftermath.

But it really wasn't a global meltdown. China, India, and Brazil, who are not irrational about government economic involvement, had a bad quarter or two. While their economies were growing last year at 10.3%, 10.4%, and 7.5% respectively, Republicans were doing everything they could to weaken the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act.

They are now doing everything they can to undermine its imple-

mentation. So existing regulations still cannot prevent events like the Savings-and-Loan crisis of the late 1980s or the 2008 meltdown.

Even without such future catastrophes, we are at risk of what CNN's and *Time Magazine's* Fareed Zakaria calls a "lost generation," with lost skills, lost work habits, and lost hope.

Until Americans elect politicians who pay more attention to reality than to political calculations and demagogues, we have more to lose.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

Also for sale: garden books, decorative pots, and other gardening supplies. Experienced gardeners from the Somerville Garden Club will be available to help with selections, and a horticultural information table will be ready to answer your other gardening questions. Proceeds from the sale benefit the nonprofit Somerville Garden

Club and support its programs and citywide public plantings. The club meets the second Wednesday of every month, 167 Holland St, second floor, wheelchair accessible. Anyone with an interest in gardens and gardening is welcome to attend. To learn more about the Somerville Garden Club, please visit somervilllegardenclub.org.

Viewers' Choice Winner for Somerville Movie Fest 2011 is "Rushmore." The winning movie will be shown Thursday, September 1st at dusk at Seven Hills Park in Davis Square. The film centers on Max Fischer (Jason Schwartzman), a precocious and eccen-

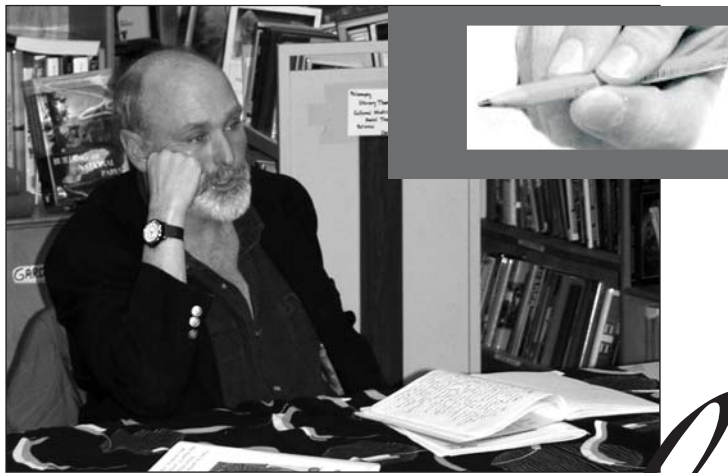
tric 15 year-old, who is both Rushmore's most extracurricular and least scholarly student; Herman Blume (Bill Murray), a disillusioned industrialist who comes to admire Max; and Rosemary Cross (Olivia Williams), a widowed first grade teacher who becomes the object of both Max's and Herman's affection.

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Wednesday, August 31 | | 3:00pm | Somerville: Back in the Day | 11:00am | Dead Air Live Show | 1:00pm | Ablevision | |
| 12:00am | Free Speech TV | 4:00pm | Improv Toolkit with Nadira Jamal | 12:00pm | Reeling, The Movie Review | 1:30pm | Somerville Housing Authority | |
| 6:00am | Mystic Community Picnic | 5:00pm | Ablevision | 12:30pm | Somerville Housing Authority | 2:00pm | The Thom Hartmann Program | |
| 8:00am | Democracy Now! | 5:30pm | Cook w/ Georgia& Dez | 1:00pm (LIVE) | Bongoman | 3:00pm | Robyn & Max Exercise | |
| 9:00am | GRIT TV | 6:00pm | Al Jazeera TV | 2:00pm | Mystic Community Picnic | 3:30pm | Esoteric Science | |
| 10:00am | Abugida TV | 6:30pm | Art @ SCAT | 4:00pm | Somerville Ward 7 Debates | 4:00pm | Art@SCATV | |
| 11:00am | Somerville News Reading | 7:00pm (LIVE) | Tele Magazine | 4:30pm | Somerville: Back in the Day | 6:00pm | Al Jazeera TV | |
| 12:00noon | Democracy Now! | 7:30pm | Somerville Ward 7 Debates | 5:00pm | Tele Kreyol | 7:00pm | Somerville: Back in the Day | |
| 1:00pm | Talk About Somerville | 8:00pm (LIVE) | Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou | 6:00pm | Tele Magazine | 7:30pm | Somerville Ward 7 Debates | |
| 1:30pm | Adventures of Scuba Jack | 10:00pm | Sonic Lobotomy | 9:00pm | Nossa Gente e Costumes | 8:00pm | Right Here, Right Now | |
| 2:00pm | Thom Hartman show | 11:00pm | JuPrey Productions | 10:00pm | Wrestling Talk | 8:30pm | Steve Katsos Show | |
| 3:00pm (LIVE) | Medical Tutor | Friday, September 2 | | 11:00pm | Sonic Lobotomy | 9:00pm | Dedilhando A Saudade | |
| 3:30pm | Tribuna Medica | | 12:00am | Free Speech TV | Sunday, September 4 | 10:00pm | Bate Papo con Shirley | |
| 4:00pm | Life Matters | | 6:00am | Live Response | | 11:00pm | Visual Radio | |
| 5:00pm | CommonSense | | 7:00am | Recovery Roundtable | | | | |
| 5:30pm | Healer in Every House | 8:00am | Democracy Now! | | | | | |
| 6:00pm | Al Jazeera | 9:00am | Creating Cooperative Kids | 8:00am | In Season, Out of Season | 12:00am | Free Speech TV | |
| 7:00pm (LIVE) | Chita Tande | 10:30am | Somerville Newspaper Reading | 9:00am | Heritage Baptist Church | 7:00pm | Perils For Pedestrians | |
| 8:00pm (LIVE) | Somerville Pundits | 12:00noon | Democracy Now! | 10:00am | Christian Assemble Tab. | 8:00am | Democracy Now! | |
| 8:30pm | Talk About Somerville | 1:00pm | The Expert Series | 11:00am | International Church of God | 9:00am | Somerville News Reading | |
| 9:00pm | Somerville Rocks | 1:30pm | Cook w/ Georgia & Dez | 12noon | Somerville Housing Auth. | 10:00am | Tele Kreyol | |
| 9:30pm (LIVE) | The Freemont Show | 2:00pm | Thom Hartmann Program | 1:00pm | Waltham Philharmonic Orch. | 11:00am | Commonsense | |
| 10:00pm | Somerville: Back in the Day | 3:00pm | Inside Talk | 2:00pm | The Road to Recovery | 12:00noon | Democracy Now! | |
| 10:30pm | Art @ SCAT | 4:00pm | Somerville Ward 7 Debates | 3:00pm | Inside Talk | | | |
| 11:00pm | The Garage | 4:30pm | Somerville: Back in the Day | 3:00pm | Somerville Ward 7 Debates | 1:00pm | The Commonwealth Report | |
| 11:30pm | Somerville Rocks | 5:00pm | Art @ SCAT | 3:30pm | Somerville: Back in the Day | 1:30pm | Know Your Rights | |
| Thursday, September 1 | | 6:00pm | Al Jazeera TV | 4:00pm | Dedilhando A Saudade | 2:00pm | The Thom Hartmann Show | |
| | 12:00am | Free Speech TV | 7:30pm | Talk About Somerville | 5:00pm | Ethoipian Satellite TV | 3:30pm | Active Aging |
| | 6:00am | Creating Cooperative Kids | 9:30pm | Bandwidth TV | 6:00pm | Abugida TV | 5:00pm (LIVE) | Poet to Poet |
| | 7:00am | Know Your Rights | 11:00pm | Perils For Pedestrians | 7:00pm | African TV Network | 5:30pm | Jeff Jam |
| 8:00am | Democracy Now! | Saturday, September 3 | | 8:00pm | Tele Magazine | 6:00pm | A Jazeera | |
| 9:00am | GRIT TV | | 12:00am | Free Speech TV | Monday, September 5 | 7:00pm | Art @ SCAT | |
| 10:00am | Active Aging | | 6:00am | Arabic Hour | | 7:30pm | Somerville Ward 7 Debates | |
| 10:30am | Jeff Jams | | 7:00am | GAY USA | | 8:00pm (LIVE) | Dead Air Live Show | |
| 11:00am | Somerville Newspaper Reading | 8:00am | The Struggle | 9:00pm | | Talking About Somerville | | |
| 12:00noon | Democracy Now! | 8:30am | Animal Agenda | 10:00am | Somerville Newspaper Reading | | | |
| 1:00pm | African TV Network | 9:00am | Festival Kreyol | 11:00am | Nosse Gente e Costumes | 9:30pm | Animal Agenda | |
| 2:00pm | Thom Hartmann | 10:00am | Tele Galaxie | 12:00noon | Democracy Now! | 10:00pm | The Expert Series | |

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

| | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|
| Wednesday, August 31 | | 2:10am: (13/16) | SomerStreets: Highland Ave. | 12:00am: (15) | Project STAR | | & Behavior |
| 9:00am: (13/16) | 18 Diamonds: Non Profit Row at Art Beat | 9:00am: (13/16) | Congressional Update | 12:30am: (13/16) | Congressional Update | 1:25pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 9:00am: (15) | Raising Families | 9:00am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 1:00am: (13/16) | Luther Bell & McLean Asylum | 1:55pm: (15) | Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2 |
| 11:30am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 12:00pm: (13/16) | SomerStreets: Going Green on Rt. 16 | 1:10am: (13/16) | Senior Picnic 2011 | 7:00pm: (13/16) | Senior Circuit |
| 12:00pm: (13/16) | School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 8/29/11 | 12:00pm: (15) | Project STAR | 1:30am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 7:00pm: (15) | Raising Families |
| 12:00pm: (15) | SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Quarterfinals 2010 | 12:30pm: (13/16) | Congressional Update | 2:00am: (15) | Kid Stuff | 7:30pm: (13/16) | Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking |
| 7:00pm: (13/16) | Congressional Update | 1:00pm: (13/16) | Luther Bell & McLean Asylum | 2:10am: (13/16) | Somerville: On the Right Track | 7:25pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 7:00pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 1:10pm: (13/16) | Senior Picnic 2011 | 12:00pm: (13/16) | Senior Circuit | 7:45pm: (13/16) | Sunsetters on Hall Ave. |
| 7:30pm: (13/16) | 18 Diamonds: Non Profit Row at Art Beat | 1:30pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 12:00pm: (15) | Raising Families | 7:55pm: (15) | SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010 |
| 7:30pm: (15) | Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2 | 2:00pm: (15) | Kid Stuff | 12:30pm: (13/16) | Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors | 8:25pm: (13/16) | Special Meeting on Rodent Control & Behavior |
| 7:45pm: (15) | SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010 | 2:10pm: (13/16) | Somerville: On the Right Track | 12:25pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 8:25pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 8:15pm: (15) | Project STAR | 7:00pm: (13/16) | SomerStreets: Going Green on Rt. 16 | 12:55pm: (15) | SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010 | 8:55pm: (15) | Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2 |
| 8:30pm: (13/16) | Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors | 7:00pm: (15) | Project STAR | 1:10pm: (13/16) | Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking | Tuesday, September 6 | |
| 9:00pm: (13/16) | Art Beat 2011 | 7:30pm: (13/16) | Congressional Update | 1:20pm: (13/16) | Special Meeting on Rodent Control & Behavior | 12:00am: (13/16) | Senior Circuit |
| Thursday, September 1 | | 8:00pm:(13/16) | Luther Bell & McLean Asylum | 1:25pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 12:00am: (15) | Raising Families |
| 12:00am: (13/16) | Congressional Update | 8:10pm: (13/16) | Senior Picnic 2011 | 1:55pm: (15) | Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2 | 12:30am: (13/16) | Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking |
| 12:00am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 8:30pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 7:00pm: (13/16) | Senior Circuit | 12:25am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 12:30am: (13/16) | 18 Diamonds: Non Profit Row at Art Beat | 9:00pm: (15) | Kid Stuff | 7:00pm: (15) | Raising Families | 12:45am: (13/16) | Sunsetters on Hall Ave. |
| 12:30am: (15) | Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2 | 9:10pm: (13/16) | Somerville: On the Right Track | 7:30pm: (13/16) | Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors | 12:55am: (15) | SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010 |
| 12:45am: (15) | SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010 | Saturday, September 3 | | | | 1:25am: (13/16) | Special Meeting on Rodent Control & Behavior |
| 1:15am: (15) | Project STAR | 12:00am: (13/16) | SomerStreets: Going Green on Rt. 16 | 7:25pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 1:25am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 1:30pm: (13/16) | Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors | 12:00am: (15) | Project STAR | 7:55pm: (15) | SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010 | 1:55am: (15) | Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2 |
| 2:00pm: (13/16) | Art Beat 2011 | 12:30am: (13/16) | Congressional Update | 8:10pm: (13/16) | Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking | 9:00am: (13/16) | Congressional Update |
| 9:00am: (13/16) | Art Beat 2011 | 1:00am: (13/16) | Luther Bell & McLean Asylum | 8:20pm: (13/16) | Special Meeting on Rodent Control & Behavior | 9:00am: (15) | Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2 |
| 9:00am: (15) | Kid Stuff | 1:10am: (13/16) | Senior Picnic 2011 | 8:25pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 11:30am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 11:30am: (15) | Somerville Students Rock! | 1:30am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 8:55pm: (15) | Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2 | 12:00pm: (13/16) | Senior Circuit |
| 12:00pm: (13/16) | Senior Circuit | 2:00am: (15) | Kid Stuff | Monday, September 5 | | 12:00pm: (15) | SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Semifinals 2010 |
| 12:00pm: (13/16) | Sunsetters on Hall Ave. | 2:10am: (13/16) | Somerville: On the Right Track | 12:00am: (13/16) | Senior Circuit | 12:30pm: (13/16) | 18 Diamonds: Non Profit Row at Art Beat |
| 12:45pm: (13/16) | The Gerry Leone Show | 12:00pm: (13/16) | SomerStreets: Going Green on Rt. 16 | 12:00am: (15) | Raising Families | 1:30pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 1:30pm: (15) | K-8 Art Fair Opening | 12:00pm: (15) | Project STAR | 12:30am: (13/16) | Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors | 7:00pm: (13/16) | Senior Circuit |
| 7:00pm: (13/16) | Special BOA Meeting 8/11/11 | 12:30pm: (13/16) | Congressional Update | 12:25am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 7:00pm: (15) | Kid Stuff |
| 7:00pm: (15) | SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Quarterfinals 2010 | 1:00pm: (13/16) | Luther Bell & McLean Asylum | 12:55am: (15) | SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010 | 7:30pm: (13/16) | Somerville: On the Right Track |
| 8:30pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 1:10pm: (13/16) | Senior Picnic 2011 | 1:10am: (13/16) | Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking | 7:30pm: (15) | 7th Annual SCAP Meeting |
| 8:45pm: (13/16) | Ciampa Square Dedication | 1:30pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 1:20am: (13/16) | Special Meeting on Rodent Control & Behavior | 7:45pm: (13/16) | Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking |
| 9:00pm: (15) | Somerville Students Rock! | 2:00pm: (15) | Kid Stuff | 1:25am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 7:55pm: (13/16) | SomerStreets: Going Green on Rt. 16 |
| 9:10pm: (13/16) | SomerStreets: Highland Ave. | 2:10pm: (13/16) | Somerville: On the Right Track | 1:55am: (15) | Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2 | 8:25pm: (13/16) | Special BOA Meeting 8/11/11 |
| Friday, September 2 | | 7:00pm: (13/16) | SomerStreets: Going Green on Rt. 16 | 9:00am: (13/16) | Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking | 9:00pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |
| 12:00am: (13/16) | Special BOA Meeting 8/11/11 | 7:30pm: (13/16) | Congressional Update | 9:00am: (15) | SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010 | 12:00am: (13/16) | Senior Circuit |
| 12:00am: (15) | SHS Rewind: Boys' Soccer Playoffs - Quarterfinals 2010 | 8:00pm: (13/16) | Luther Bell & McLean Asylum | 12:00pm: (13/16) | Senior Circuit | 12:00am: (15) | Kid Stuff |
| 1:30am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 8:10pm: (13/16) | Senior Picnic 2011 | 12:00pm: (15) | Raising Families | 12:30am: (13/16) | Somerville: On the Right Track |
| 1:45am: (13/16) | Ciampa Square Dedication | 9:00pm: (15) | Kid Stuff | 12:30pm: (13/16) | Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking | 12:30am: (15) | 7th Annual SCAP Meeting |
| 2:00am: (15) | Somerville Students Rock! | 9:10pm: (13/16) | Somerville: On the Right Track | 12:25pm: (15) | Our Schools, Our City | 12:45am: (13/16) | Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking |
| | | Sunday, September 4 | | 12:45pm: (13/16) | Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors | 12:55am: (13/16) | SomerStreets: Going Green on Rt. 16 |
| | | 12:00am: (13/16) | SomerStreets: Going Green on Rt. 16 | 12:55pm: (15) | SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010 | 1:25am: (13/16) | Special BOA Meeting 8/11/11 |
| | | | | 1:25pm: (13/16) | Special Meeting on Rodent Control | 2:00am: (15) | Our Schools, Our City |



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Artist Resa Blatman: Where Beauty and Ugly Meet

This year I taught the once controversial book *Black Spring* by Henry Miller in my college writing courses. This work deals with the mean streets of Miller's Brooklyn youth: the sweaty press of the flesh, the cast of ner-do-wells, the street urchins, the duplicity of the swells and the hucksters and all that ugliness that Miller found beauty in. This is similar to the work of Somerville artist Resa Blatman. She sees beauty and ugliness and they live next door to each other. In fact much of her work is informed with the duality of the world.

On her website Blatman states, "Through my work, I attempt to show nature at odds with itself by playing with the contradictions of lush versus barren and rapture versus displeasure. My compositions are inspired by the Renaissance, Baroque, Victorian, decorative art and botanical imagery to create a visual feast of fruit, wildlife and pattern." This artist takes these out of their natural context and conjures up a surrealistic landscape that gives the reader a take on an enigmatic life cycle. Animals and insects are in this fecund mix and some pretty threatening pieces of fruit which according to Blatman creates: "Undertones of want and dismay."

Blatman happens to have a space at the Vernon Street Studios in Somerville, and lives with her husband in the Magoun Square section of our town. She was born in Long Beach, N.Y., lived in New York City, Italy, and has lived in Somerville for a long while. She loves the Somervillian environs and runs into many artists who are just dying to get a piece of the action and a plot of land here.

Blatman likes to push boundaries. She paints raging tornadoes as well as dead birds. Maybe they are related! She says, "My goal is to make paintings



Scintillating Swamp, 2011 - oil, glitter, beads, graphite, and acrylic on cut-edge panel, 39h x 59w inches.

that are sometimes over-the-top." She feels good about pushing things too much, after all too much beauty can be repulsive - the very dichotomy that the painter dwells in.

You might say Blatman's paintings are cutting edge, literally, because she uses cut-edge surfaces. She explains on her website:

"The digitally designed, intricately cut-edge surfaces are new since 2008. The various edges, which may include animals, insects, and flourishes, are an extension of the patterns within the paintings. These cut forms, along with the shadows made by the cuts, encourage a three-dimensionality to the work, and by doing so, the paintings become more experiential and boundless."

Blatman made sure to remind me that she has a solo exhibition at the Ellen Miller Gallery Sept. 9-Oct. 18 36 Newbury St. in Boston. It will be beautiful. It will be ugly. You will be repulsed. You will love it.

<http://resablatman.com>

Wild turkey roams Somerville



Wild turkeys were seen walking around Summer Street last Saturday evening.

Photo by William Tauro

We may age, our body's infirmities mount up - but still in our minds we harbor that picture of our youth, with all its promise. Poet Julie Carlson captures a feverish night and in turn captures the reader.

Ague

Old aching bones!
Even under summer's steam
Do you disservice me
With pains like winter's ice.

Humid nights find me restless
Wake me to thrash and turn
Caught dreaming, the marrow's silent ache
Deep in my bones' arctic race.

So might my body slowly die
By these piercing darts to blood and bone -
And yet my mind still courts love's arrows
As my body slowly turns to gone.

- Julie Carlson

To have your work considered for the *Lyrical* send it to:
Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

Ms. Cam's

Answers from page 14

Olio

Answers

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Network censors forbade it until they got married in 1969 | 7. A brewster |
| 2. Works of art | 8. Squirrel fur |
| 3. Dazzy Vance, Dizzy Dean, and Dizzy Trout | 9. The New York Daily News |
| 4. The Tiber | 10. To retain the sauce |
| 5. Michaelangelo | 11. U.S. Route 1 |
| 6. A set | 12. The Yellow River |

THE
NORTON
GROUP

699 Broadway, Ball Square
Somerville, MA 02144
617-623-6600

www.thenortongroupe.com

Direct Access to MLS Property Finder & All Open Houses FREE!!
HUD Foreclosed Properties for Sale!!
Call today for a Free Market Analysis!
617-623-6600

THE
NORTON
GROUP

699 Broadway, Ball Square
Somerville, MA 02144
617-623-6600

Attention Landlords

Call us today to list your apartment
We guarantee full exposure to your rental listing
617-623-6600

Apartment Listings

Lynn



2 Bedrooms ~ 1 Bath
Close to Rt 1A, walking to beach. SS appliances, deck off the kitchen, off street parking.
Available Now! \$1275.

Medford



3 Bedrooms ~ 1 Bath
Hardwood floors, parking for 3 cars, laundry in basement. Walking distance to Davis Sq.
Available Now! \$1800.

Somerville



2 Bedrooms ~ 1 Bath
Ball Square. Bright apartment, lots of windows and storage. Walking distance to Davis Square.
Available Now! 1,800.

Tewksbury



Single Family for rent!
Totally renovated, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, yard, off street parking. Easy access to Rt 93.
Available Now! 2,000.

The Norton Group have been in business here in Somerville for 34 years and have rented thousands of units.
We have an excellent record of matching up landlords and tenants.
We Offer:
Credit checks,
Verification of employment and references,
Drafting of leases and all the necessary paperwork, all available to help the landlord.

Call us today for a Free Analysis of what you can get for rent in today's market and let us explain how we will advertise and market your property.

Call Today!
617-623-6600

