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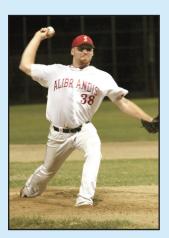
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## **Hodgkins-Curtin Ball Field Grand Opening**



City officials and citizens alike took pride in opening the new field for fun and games. Turn to pages 12-13 for details and more pictures of the event.

## City employees, retirees speak against GIC

#### By Andrew Firestone

The scene at a public hearing of the Board of Aldermen Finance Committee was one of caution this last Wednesday, July 27, as city employees spoke out against joining the Group Insurance Commission. Despite Mayor Joseph Curtatone's assurance that the savings would amount to a total of \$9.3 million, aldermen took note of the worries and concerns of the citizenry, and vowed to further look into alternatives, and to discuss the issue more deeply.

The decision was largely brought on by the outpouring of some of the 2,780 subscribers who came forward to let their feelings be known to the aldermen.

A key issue that was discussed again and again was that the deadline of September 1, which is the latest the city can sign onto the plan if the wish to join in fiscal year 2012, leaves too little time for the public employee committee to analyze the advantages of a designed plan. This was a concern echoed by Aldermen Bill White, Bruce Desmond, and chairwoman of the Finance Committee Maryann Heuston. Continued on page 17

## MaxPac site now Maxwell's Green

Construction to begin soon

#### By Andrew Firestone

Davis Square Partners, the company of K.S.S. Realty and Gate Residential Properties responsible for the MaxPac condominium development, has announced that they have cemented the deal for financing, signed their construction contracts, and will now break ground on the \$52.5 million 184 condo project. The announcement, made last Wednesday, July 27, marks an end to the formerly blighted property, and the beginning of the Maxwell's Green project, as the land will be known henceforth.

"We've been working pretty hard," said Kyle Warwick of Davis Square Partners. "There's a great team that we've pulled together. And there's a lot of passion, a lot of creativity. We're trying to create this innovative community and really, the extension of the fabric of Somerville in a great location."

Within a mile of Davis Square, and straddling Somerville's long community Continued on page 11



After years of urban wasteland, new life comes to the MaxPac site.

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## NEWSTALK

Tonight, Wednesday, August 3, is the 7th annual boat cruise. As in all the previous years, the boat will be filled and a good weather evening out on Boston Harbor. We hope everyone enjoys themselves. Just in case you want to try to go, contact brooke@thescannellgroup.com. The boat leaves Long Wharf at 7p.m.

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Candidate for Alderman-at-Large Mike Nionakis had a huge turnout of friends and family last week at Casey's down in East Somerville. A huge turnout and everyone had a great time. Mike tells us he has a Web site if you're interested in reading about him: www.nionakis.com. A nice guy and a regular guy. A lot of us here at The News like him.

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We heard that David Carnevale went from Republican to Democrat recently and, yes, he's planning on running against Senator Jehlen again, but this time as a Democrat. We also hear that a well known resident of Medford is seriously considering running against the liberal anti-business Jehlen as well.

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Allison Koty had her bridal shower this past Sunday and both her and her fiancé Mark were overwhelmed at how nice everyone was and all the presents they received. Ali and Mark are getting married September 24 in Falmouth. Some of us here at Newstalk have known Ali since the day she was born. She's grown up and has turned out to be a very nice young lady. We wish them the best.

Wow! More birthdays of locals here in the 'Ville: A Happy Birthday to Ron Newman, an Ohio

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to Wal-Mart market deserves a thoughtful response

Elena says:

Honestly, I can afford to get produce at farmers markets and shop at Whole Foods if I choose. Therefore, while I don't agree with Wal-Mart's labor practices, I still appreciate that they make possible fresh food for those who can't afford the local, organic, etc. If they do open in Somerville, I won't shop there because I don't have to. I already don't shop at Target (in Somerville or elsewhere) because the corporation supported a homophobic politician — I'm just adding this to say that it's your choice. My thing is that since I can afford something other than Wal-Mart, who am I to take this opportunity away from someone who can't?

#### Villenous says:

I love how the Mayor comes out and explicitly states that this is a complex issue and he is not going to rush to judgment on this, and then everyone ignores him.

People who are for it assume he's against it. People who are against it assume he's for it. News flash: at least half of your will be woefully wrong.

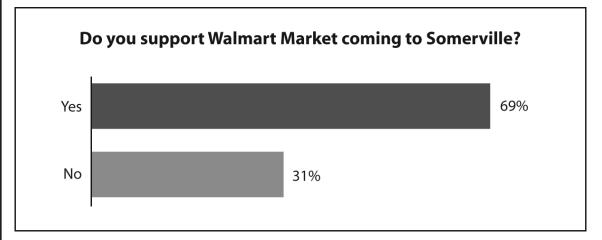
Question for supporters - If Wal-Mart comes in and offers low prices on produce, that makes Somerville more attractive to the "illegals." You cool with that?

Question for the opposition – How is Wal-Mart different from any other market that could locate on that site?

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## The Somerville News.com poll of the week

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





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## Diabolical rodents lurking below us

#### By Harry Kane

Where does your average rat hang out? The answer is underneath your feet, according to Dr. Robert Corrigan, PHD. Corrigan is a rat specialist from New York City brought in to Somerville to review strategies for the ongoing rodent issue. "The rats in Somerville are commonly known as brown rats or sometimes are referred to as Norway Rats," says Corrigan. These diabolical rodents dwell in Somerville beneath the surface waiting till night to forage for nutrition.

Many Somerville residents have recently seen rats during the day and this could be a result of a growing rat infestation beneath the city of Somerville. According to the good doctor, rats will come into the daylight when a colony grows too large. "In most cases with cities like Somerville you're not dealing with one rat, you're dealing with colonies." The average size of a rat colony is made up of several families of rats. A family of rats is classified as being between 10-

12 of the animals.

So why are there rats in Somerville? "One of the largest problems we have are these absentee landlords," says 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.

Once a female rat is impregnated she can have up to almost forty rats in one year. A rat's life span is between five to twelve months and one can consume between one to three ounces of food per day. Rats may carry diseases and should not be provoked. "The most important thing you can do is call 311," says Ellen Schneider, the Operations Manager in the Inspectional Services Division. "Those calls are tracked and then the calls are responded to by inspectors." The city has maps and databases of



Surging colony populations are the likeliest cause for the increase of local rodent sightings, according to expert researcher Dr. Robert Corrigan.

rodent hotspots and is working diligently with a pest control management company to continue baiting and providing sewer maintenance.

Alderman Bill White said, "There are certain neighborhoods that have been plagued by a rodent problem. Rodents are a menace to society and need to be dealt with swiftly.

Several residents complained about rats in the area. Formal complaints have been filed since a recent excavation around the West Somerville library apparently has caused a resurgence of rats in the area."

The city plans to finalize a proactive strategy or protocol to deal with the rodents in the autumn. Dr. Corrigan educated

health inspectors and will issue recommendations and a report that will go to the Board of Aldermen. All trash receptacles should be properly closed and chronic offenders will receive fines. Educational meetings will be held, and inspections will be conducted. Rats be forewarned, the city of Somerville is out to get you!

## 'Winter Hill' portrayed in new short film

#### By Michelle Cooper

Growing up is tough on everyone, especially for young women. Movies always seem to portray young men growing up in the city and in a working class environment. However, Melissa Bruno, a well-rounded writer and film artist, feels that there is not much material on growing up as a young female in this setting.

Melissa, who attends school at San Francisco State University, was presented with a thesis project to make a film. She took this opportunity to develop a film called Winter Hill, telling the story of two young working class females in the mid 90's, dealing with the struggles of trying to maintain a friendship while growing up.

The movie, filmed in Somerville, is

about 20 minutes long and stars Nicole Boucher and Brianna Buckley. "Both girls are extremely talented and I can't wait to see what they do in the future." Melissa says. She was extremely impressed with how cooperative everyone in the area was to her and her production crew. "Everyone was as nice as can be and was more than welcome to help out." Melissa is wrapping up post-production, and plans to have a screening in Somerville in December of this year.

Bruno has a webpage that explains more about the film and her accomplishments and there is also a link where anyone who is interested can donate to help the film costs: http://dresstokillfilms.com, http://www.youtube.com/user/meli



 $Talented \ up-and-comers \ Nicole \ Boucher \ and \ Brianna \ Buckley \ welcome \ you \ to \ Winter \ Hill.$ 

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# By Jim Clark

## Needle wielding burglar chased, apprehended

A dramatic chase and confrontation occurred as several police units responded to a report of a breaking and entering incident in progress at a Cooney Street residence last Wednesday.

Investigating officers spoke to the witness who called the report in to police, and she pointed out the house that had been entered by a man through a window.

Police officers surrounded the house and called for the man inside to come out voluntarily. Instead of surrendering, the man reportedly opened the front door a little to look outside, whereupon a number of officers on the scene said they knew the man from previous encounters with him, and identified him as Thomas Grant, 25, of Woburn.

Police report that as Grant stood at the door a hypodermic needle could be seen clutched in one of his hands.

One officer attempted to rush the residence, only to have the door slammed onto his arm and leg, police said. Moments later the suspect was spotted climbing out of a second floor window, jumping from the residence's patio roof onto the garage roof as he attempted to flee the area, according to reports.

Officers who recognized the man called him by name, asking him to stop and give himself up, but to no avail, as Grant continued jumping from garage rooftops to neighborhood backyards in his attempt to escape, police said.

According to reports, Grant was finally trapped in a narrow passageway between two garages as he barricaded himself in a small space, waving the needle at officers while threatening to kill them and himself. "I'll stab all of you guys with this. I'm not afraid to do it," he reportedly said. "I'll stab you. I'll stab myself too. I don't want to live anymore."

Pepper spray was administered and Grant eventually gave himself up, although he struggled and spat at officers as he was led away to an awaiting transport unit, police said.

Grant has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, attempt to commit a crime, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, felony daytime breaking and entering, resisting arrest, and destruction of property over \$250, as well as warrant charges of possession of burglarious instruments, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and larceny over \$250.

## Wrong way driver had a few too many

Police patrol units were alerted to a report of a vehicle driving on the wrong side of the road with no lights on in the wee hours of last Saturday.

The car was eventually spotted traveling eastbound on Somerville Avenue on the westbound side of the double yellow line with no headlights displayed, according to reports.

The responding police cruiser had to sharply pull into a bus stop area to avoid a collision with the errant vehicle, police said.

The driver of the car was reportedly stopped near the intersection of Somerville Avenue and Park Street, then questioned about his erratic driving. Police reports indicate that the man, Anthony Leotsakos, 65, appeared to be intoxicated as he ex-

plained that had taken a few drinks at a club in Cambridge and was on his way home at the time of the incident.

Leotsakos was asked to exit the vehicle and several field sobriety tests were reportedly administered, and it was determined that the man was too intoxicated to safely operate the vehicle, police said.

He was arrested and charged with marked lanes violation, motor vehicle lights violation, and motor vehicle operation under the influence of liquor.

## Prospect Hill monument break-in attempt

Somerville police officers were dispatched to the Prospect Hill monument last week on reports that an attempted break-in was underway there.

An anonymous caller had said

that a man in black shorts and no shirt was attempting to break into the tower using some sort of tool.

Upon arrival the responding officers cautiously climbed the stairs, looking for signs of the re-

ported intruder. A male matching the description given was discovered kneeling over the lock to the door of the tower in what appeared to be an active attempt at picking it, police said.

When ordered to stop the man reportedly attempted to flee but was stopped by the police officers. According to police, the man was found to be in possession of a lock pick gun and three lock picks. Alexander Ezorsky-Lie, 24, of Cambridge, was taken into custody and charged with felony nighttime breaking and entering and possession of burglarious instruments.

## SOMERVILLE

#### Arrests:

Manuel Hernandez, 29, of 22 Radcliffe Rd., July 26, 12:53 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Alexander Ezorsky-Lie, 24, of 15 Beech St., Cambridge, July 26, 7:15 p.m., arrested at 36 Munroe St. on charges of felony nighttime breaking and entering and possession of burglarious instruments.

Thomas Grant, 25, of 269 Place Ln., Woburn, July 27, 4:37 p.m., arrested at Cooney St. on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a police officer, attempt to commit a crime, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, felony daytime breaking and entering, resisting arrest, and destruction of property over \$250, as well as warrant charges of possession of burglarious instruments, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and larceny over \$250.

Kristen Ricci, 28, of 1374

Broadway #2C, July 27, 7:21 p.m., arrested at 105 Alewife Brooke Pky. on a warrant charge of larceny.

Francisco Rivera, 43, of 49 Arlington St., Everett, July 28, 2:17 a.m., arrested at 4 Morton St. on a charge of assault and battery.

Anthony Leotsakos, 65, of 48 High St., July 30, 4:39 a.m., arrested at Park St. on charges of marked lanes violation, motor vehicle lights violation, and motor vehicle operation under the influence of liquor.

Robert Lara, 19, of 20 Miami Blvd., Boston, July 30, 1:25 p.m., arrested at 59 Union Square on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250, assault with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

#### **Incidents**:

#### Theft:

July 25, 5:39 p.m., police reported a theft at Boston Ave.

July 25, 6:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Orchard St.
July 26, 12:21 p.m., police reported a theft at 675 Somerville

July 26, 2:15 a.m., police reported a theft at Washington

July 26, 1:15 p.m., police reported a theft at Ten Hills Rd. July 26, 7:50 p.m., police reported a theft at 4 College Ave. July 27, 12:55 p.m., police reported a theft at Putnam St.

July 27, 3:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Main St.

July 27, 6:51 p.m., police reported a theft at 18 Holland St. July 28, 11:46 p.m., police reported a theft at Perry St.

July 28, 2:52 p.m., police reported a theft at Ossipee Rd.
July 28, 4:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Packard Ave.
July 29, 2:30 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.
July 30, 12:16 p.m., police re-

ported a theft at Summer St. July 30, 2:04 p.m., police reported a theft at School St.

July 31, 10:03 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

#### Robbery:

July 29, 5:14 p.m., police reported a robbery at Highland

July 31, 9:38 p.m., police reported a robbery at Bond St.

July 31, 10:13 p.m., police reported a robbery at Thurston

#### Breaking & Entering:

July 26, 2:56 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Hall St.

July 26, 7:15 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 36 Munroe St.

July 27, 7:21 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Beacon St.

July 27, 9:32 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Ten Hills Rd.

July 27, 10:27 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Otis St.

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July 28, 2:30 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Chandler St.

July 28, 9:28 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Boston St.

July 29, 5:11 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Boston St.

#### Vehicle Theft:

July 27, 9:13 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Beacon

July 28, 2:45 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Bonner Ave.

#### Assault:

July 26, 12:53 a.m., police reported an assault at Radcliffe Rd.

July 28, 7:50 a.m., police reported an assault at Puritan Rd.

July 28, 2:17 p.m., police reported an assault at Morton St. July 29, 5:14 p.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave.



## New bike path extensions considered

#### By Harry Kane

Plans for two new bike path extensions were discussed at the latest conservation meeting at City Hall last week. Conservation Commissioner, Michael Fager, who has served on the committee for nearly three years, elaborated on the timeline set forth for the construction of the new pathways. "The first one is along the Mystic River at Route 28, the Wellington Street Bridge. We have permitted an undercarriage to connect two pieces of the bike path. We just wanted to know when that was actually going to get under construction."

According to Fager, the construction will begin in September of 2012. "Part of the reason is that a good portion of the payment for that project is going to come from Federal Investment Reality Trust, the people who are developing the Assembly Square project," Fager clarified.

"The other piece is the linear park bike path extension from Cedar Street to Lowell Street," Fager said. The city is in phase

two of the development of the community path and the extension will provide access to the new Green Line Station at Lowell Street. "Right now that old railroad bed is the construction road for the MaxPac development project. They're not gonna extend that path until the Max-Pac is done and the reason that that railroad bed is being used by MaxPac is that their construction vehicles go in and out there as mitigation for the neighborhood. When that project is finished or near finished they're going to finish that extension of the bike path."

An extension of the community path to Somerville Junction Park had been part of the second phase of this project, but those plans have been delayed. The park is located halfway between Central Street and Lowell Street. "It was built a few years ago and the plan for Junction Park is that it will be a park on that segment of the bike path which is eventually going to be built. That's the plan, but right now it's just a little park with no connection to the bike path," according to Fager.



Get your motor running, head out on the...bike path. Easier riding may be in store soon for local cyclists.

## GLX pushed back three years

#### By Andrew Firestone

After months of speculation, the Green Line Extension has been delayed yet again, this time until the ending years of the decade. MBTA officials announced that the GLX, which has recently been working on station design, has delayed opening until at least 2018, if not later.

The announcement Monday, August 1, comes after the Metropolitan Planning Organization had approved Green Line for the projected 2016-2018 budget, and after a host of separate delays. These include having to put the design phase back out to bid, controversy involving the design of the Washington Street and Inner Belt stations, and the

resignation of State Secretary of Transportation, Jeffrey Mullan.

Originally conceived at the same time as the Big Dig, the Green Line Extension has been delayed numerous times, most recently from opening in 2012, to opening in 2015. While a lawsuit by the Conservation Law Foundation has made the MB-TA legally obligated to build, the MBTA is also deeply in debt, and a loss of further federal funding threatens to upend the project again.

The announcement incited Mayor Joseph Curtatone to begin a social media campaign demanding accountability. Curtatone urged all residents to make their feelings known to the state.

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## Elizabeth Peabody House to begin the Hot Days **Cool Nights Summer Safety Basketball Initiative**

#### By Cathleen Twardzik

On August 5, The Elizabeth Peabody House will kick off its new Hot Days Cool Nights Summer Safety Basketball Initiative, which will run until September 11.

The initiative's goal is to support and provide a positive outlet for inner city teens and young adults between 16 and 24 years of age.

Hot Days Cool Nights will consist of a basketball league, as well as a required 30-minute lecture series that will engage participants whom are recruited from community partners, the recreation departments of the City of Somerville and City of Cambridge, as well as agencies that service youth.

Further, the lectures will consist of interactive conversations, which will be facilitated by guests, all of whom will discuss the topics of civic engagement, de-escalating violence in the community, employment, drug and alcohol awareness, mentorship and community service.

"We hope to make it an an-

summer basketball league," said Paul Kuhne, Outreach and Resource Coordinator of Elizabeth Peabody House. "Games will be on an average level of competitiveness, with players participating from all over Cambridge and Somerville," he said.

The initiative will culminate with a championship game and a community block party.

During the program, two games will occur each Friday night, the first at 8:30 p.m. and the second at 9:30 p.m. Each evening will come to a close no later than 11 p.m. All of the games will take place at Dilboy Field in Somerville or at Hoyt Field in Cambridge.

The initiative is focused on enriching and strengthening the community by using basketball as a vehicle to reach and engage a diverse population of teens, as well as young adults from Somerville and Cambridge.

The aim is to enroll 80 participants in the basketball league, to provide participants with a positive pathway to express themselves, and to give them an



The Hot Days Cool Nights Summer Safety Basketball Initiative hopes to bring to area teens an opportunity to grow and play in an atmosphere of nurturing support, and good old-fashioned fun as well.

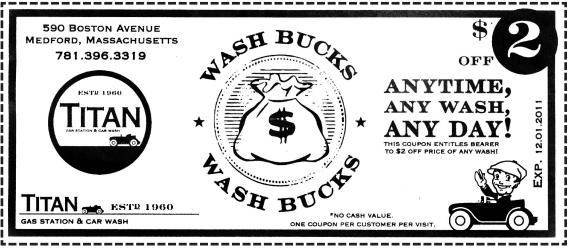
opportunity to learn how they can address social issues in society, utilize basketball to cross social barriers, and to carry out an assessment.

The Boston Foundation is funding the program, which is being supported by the recreation departments of the Cities of Somerville and Cambridge.

"We're currently in the recruiting phase to get more prospective players interested in the league," said Kuhne.

Individuals may get information about how to sign-up as a player or to help out in the league by contacting Selvin Chambers at schambers@elizabethpeabodyhouse.org or at (617) 623-5510.







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## **COMMENTARY**

## TALES OF SOMERVILLE

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## The View From Prospect Hill



Have you heard the news? Walmart may be coming to town. Or not.

Yet another in a long string of controversial big-box chain store dramas is potentially unfolding as Somerville officials weigh the pros and cons of the mega-corporation's interest in placing a discount food market in the now vacant space once occupied by Circuit City at Assembly Square.

Opinions fly in all directions, with some citing poor employee treatment by the company as well as the impact on smaller local businesses being good reasons for keeping them out.

Walmart's labor policies are not something that will be smoothed out very quickly or easily, and certainly not in the official chambers of Somerville city government. There may be real issues at

play, but for many a Walmart job is a welcome alternative to unemployment. Perhaps not an ideal situation for a primary family breadwinner, but good for students, the elderly, and secondary income earners. Our city needs jobs, too.

And while it may be hard for the smaller businesses to compete with Walmart's prices, we wonder how bad it could really be for some of the other retailer giants to feel a bit of a competitive squeeze for a change. Such competition usually translates to significant savings for the consumer.

While the Assembly Square location may be a good choice for many reasons, we can't help but wonder how the store might fit into the old Star Market hull that still sits unoccupied, remaining an eyesore to Winter Hill residents

and visitors. It would be nice if consideration of this could be part of the discussion to come on the matter.

We think it's great that Walmart is looking to locate in Somerville, despite some of the arguments against it. More jobs, tax revenues, and competitive pricing of goods can only be regarded as beneficial to us on the whole. Wouldn't you agree?

#### News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

transplant who you might not always agree with. He isn't bashful about putting in his two cents worth, no matter what. We wish him a great day. Another well known Somerville notable, John A. Roderick, could be one of only a few nowadays that can honestly be called on to verify historical facts here in the city. John's a nice guy and we wish him a great day as well. Some might not remember Chris Just. Even though he moved to Ohio he's very much in touch with several from the 'Ville and we wish him a good day. A well known real estate baron and a man from a family who has a rich history here in Somerville, we wish Mike Carucci the best as well. He runs a prominent real estate company on Newbury Street. We want to wish our good friend Diane Snow a Happy Birthday as well. Happy 18th Birthday to Corey Norton and 17th Birthday to Katilin Norton.

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Here's an interesting story! Still celebrating a Happy Birthday as well from last week is Somerville Police Detective Mario Oliveira! He and his lovely wife

Christy are also celebrating the birth of their new born baby boy just arrived on Mario's birthday this past Saturday. Baby Tyler David Oliveira weighed in at 8 lbs. The baby's middle name, David, is in honor of Dr. David King from MGH, who saved Mario's life after his brutal shooting last year. Mario said, "He's a very special baby since I almost never got to meet him." The happy couple celebrated the wonderful news of the new pregnancy only days before the shooting occurred.

The Somerville Chamber of Commerce is once again holding its monthly after business hours get together this Thursday, August 4, at Redbones, located at 55 Chester Street. There is no cover. Free Appetizers, excellent networking, and, of course, a cash bar.

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The happy grandparents of the Mitrano and Bortlik families, along with the happy great grand-parents of the Rosato and Ciuffo families, and happy parents Marisa and Christoper Bortok, as well as big sisters Kayla and Jessica, are very hap-

py to welcome Liliana Maria and Sophia Christina to the family. The twin daughters were born on July 10.

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The annual John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund will be holding its annual golfing tournament on September 10 at the Falmouth Country Club. This year the field has been expanded to 144 golfers. To register for the event call 617 543-8152 or email pkf@johns-team.org. This is a great event and raises lots of money for local kids for scholarships here in Somerville as well as in Falmouth.

Every Thursday night through August 25 enjoy SomerMovie Fest '11. This week's movie (August 4) is *Toy Story 3* (G) and will take place at Seven Hills Park, Davis Square. All movies start at dusk. Call 311 for more information, or visit www.somervillema.gov.

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The City of Somerville invites all community members and artists to participate in a "Recycled Sculpture" exhibit

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and competition at the upcoming SomerStreets event: "Going Green on Rt. 16." The event will be held on Rt. 16, from Dilboy Field to Broadway, noon- 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 21. Entries can be two- and three-dimensional works that are no larger than 5' x 5', including but not limited to: paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, pottery, glasswork, collages, metalwork and stonework. At least 50 percent of each piece of artwork must be recycled materials, manmade or organic, and must be family friendly. Materials include but are not limited to: wood, metal or stone, glass, paper, fabric, pottery and plastic. Prizes will be awarded to winning designs and the top three artists will have their artwork display at City Hall. Entry forms can be found at www.somervillema.gov/somerstreets, and must be submitted by Wednesday, August 17 to Carlene Campbell, Director of Community Relations. Send an email to ccampbell@somervillema.gov or send regular mail to: Going Green on Rt. 16 - Communications 93 Highland Avenue Somerville, MA 02143



## COMMENTARY

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## Somerville as enterprise nursery



By William C. Shelton

Somerville is increasingly home to innovative companies with intriguing missions and technologies. It's also a place that such companies are outgrowing.

Somerville Chamber of Commerce President Stephen Mackey understands the attraction. He points to Somerville's great urban lifestyle, nightlife, and walkability, in a location that is minutes to transportation centers and the enterprise-creation engines of MIT and Harvard.

The combination draws a remarkable population of innovators. Consider Templeman Automation (TA). In a world in which unclean drinking water kills 8,500 children per day, exposing water to prolonged sunlight in clear plastic bottles can disinfect it. TA's solar-powered device determines the safety of water so treated, at a cost of less than a penny per use.

This represents the low-technology end of TA (templemanautomation.com) offerings that

include software development, machine vision, robotics, sensor systems, optical systems, and simulation and visualization technologies.

Chris Templeman founded the company in his Somerville basement and now does business in the former Ames Envelope plant. He cites two reasons for remaining in Somerville. He loves living here. And the city's workforce is dense with the kind of talent TA requires. Indeed, Somerville is second only to Cambridge in per capita residents with advanced degrees.

The Echo Nest's founder Tristan Jehan says that it's easier to attract talent from outside Somerville if you're located in Davis Square. MTV, the BBC, Warner Music, and about 7,000 independent developers are building music applications using Echo Nest's platform (the.echonest.com). The company's software actively reads about and listens to music everywhere on the web.

Tristan and cofounder Brian Whitman lived in Porter Square when they completed their PhDs and started the company. "We both liked the village feel of Davis Square, the old remodeled brick factory building we're in, with its wood beams and large windows, the bike path, the local

cafés and restaurants...And we could both walk to work."

Similar to TA, Second Wind (secondwind.com) began in the extra bedroom of Walter Sass's Spring-Street home. Sass and cofounder Kenneth Cohn anticipated the advent of wind energy and saw an opportunity to make a difference while making a living.

That was over 20 years ago. Today, Second Wind creates software and devices that transform wind data into information that enables wind-energy producers to maximize their effectiveness and efficiency. The company has appeared in Inc. Magazine's list of fastest-growing privately held companies for each of the last three years.

Second Wind's General Manager Susan Giordano says that her high-tech employees love Davis Square, and the Red Line makes their getting to work easy. But the company couldn't find the production space that it needed in Somerville. Its manufacturing operations are now in

This is becoming a pattern. When I reached XL Hybrids President Tod Hynes, he was packing up his Union Square office.

Tod calculates that when he came from Cleveland in 2005 he

racked up 500 miles searching Greater Boston for the best place to live. He picked Somerville.

The company (xlhybrids.com) that he began in his basement and then moved to Webster Street converts auto fleets to hybrids, using a kit consisting of lithium ion batteries, an electric motor, and an anti-idling system.

Growth brought the need for new space. Tod would have preferred to find the configuration that he needed in Somerville. He didn't. Ultimately, one of his investors offered to discount the rent on space in Boston.

Another Somerville-born enterprise is Sproxil (sproxil.com). About one-third of all drugs sold in developing countries are counterfeit. They often do little good and can cause grave harm.

Sproxil's solution is grass-roots crowd sourcing-mobilizing mass collaboration using mobile phones to fight drug counterfeiting. Distributors of legitimate drugs attach scratch cards to their products. Customers reveal the codes and text them to a center that immediately verifies their authenticity. While protecting consumers at no cost to them, the technology supports law enforcement agencies and legitimate businesses as well.

Alden Zecha and partner Ashifi Gogo began the award-

winning company in Alden's Brickbottom home. They wanted to keep the growing enterprise in Somerville. While many Villens praise the city's cultural diversity, it's more meaningful to a company whose staff represents four different ethnic groups from five different nations.

Sproxil needed yearly dollarsper-square-foot rents in the high teens. And the firm's employees wanted to come to work by public transit.

Available workspace within walking distance of the Porter or Davis Square Red Line stations consisted of uncomfortable offices converted from multi-family homes and leasing in the upper \$30s, or retail-like spaces in the \$40s. Sproxil found what it needed in Inman Square. Employees take a short bus ride from Central Square station.

Somerville needs new businesses. The city has a structural fiscal deficit because we have so little commercial property, and residential property is taxed at two-thirds the rate of commercial property but produces twice the municipal costs. We have one quarter the jobs per resident as Boston and Cambridge do.

There is plenty of demand for the kind of workspace that Echo Nest, Continued on page 11

## On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

## Ron Robin, where are you?



This article first ran in the April 9, 2008 edition of The Somerville News.

Elvis had just gotten

out of the Army. Chubby Checker was making *The Twist* famous and my family had just moved into our new house near Davis Square - the year was 1960 and a stamp cost 4 cents. A McDonald's cheeseburger set you back 15 cents and you could buy a brand new Chevy for \$2,529.00.

It was around then that music came into my life in the form of a small plastic radio - I can't remember exactly when I got my first transistor radio, but I can still recall its scent. There was nothing like the smell of that new plastic when you opened that little box. The earphone came in a separate, small clear envelope or with elastic wrapped around it. You only needed one earphone because it was mono, baby!

That magical transistor radio went everywhere with me, but it spent most of its time in my bed, under my pillow. What would my childhood have been without my transistor radio? That little radio was where I first heard Arnie "Woo Woo" Ginsburg on WMEX. I also recall listening to Dick Summer - who did a show called *The Loving Touch*. Songs like *Goodbye Cruel World* by James Darren still bring me back to a time long ago when my transistor radio was a huge part of my life.

With gas costing a whopping 31 cents a gallon, how much could that small radio have cost? Well to me and my sister, our transistor radios were absolutely priceless. My friend Al, who lived on Cherry Street, said his mother gave him the money to buy one at a variety store that was on Highland Avenue. Al says his father was upset because it cost so much money - Al paid two dollars for his transistor radio. We also discussed the painful practice of testing a 9-volt battery - by touching the terminals to your tongue - I still do it to-

day (there has got to be another way).

Most of my transistor radios probably came from Woolworths or Grants in Davis Square - or Savel's five and dime in Ball Square. I know you could get one at the Smoke Shop, but it was no doubt more expensive there. If you wanted to mix the smell of the new plastic radio with the stink of burnt plastic, you could buy one at The Bargain Center. I can't remember when Radio Shack came to Davis Square.

By around 1962, I was taking that radio everyplace I went - much like my kids depend on their iPods and cell phones. Some more songs I remember were: Big Girls Don't Cry, Palisades Park, Let Me In (wee ooh!!) and The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance.

Whenever I hear the great harmonies of *Breaking Up Is Hard To Do* by Neil Sedaka, it brings me back to that time in my mind.

My friends and I used to tape our transistor radios onto the handlebars of our

bikes and cruise in style. As long as you de-waxed the earphone every so often, you could listen to your hearts content. Today, I listen to WJIB - AM740. There are no annoying commercials and no whiny, out-dated, over the hill "DJs" who have outstayed their welcome. On WJIB, I can often catch one of those songs that I remember hearing back when my little radio was a trusted companion. I also have downloaded many of them onto my iPod.

The stations I remember listening to back then were WMEX and WCOP and later, WRKO. I had the pleasure of working with Arnie "Woo Woo" Ginsburg during my early years at Kiss 108 - that was a gas! I will never forget my dad yelling upstairs: "time to shut off the radio and hit the sack" - and I did turn off the radio, as soon as Allan Sherman finished singing, Hello Muddah, Hello Fadduh (A Letter from Camp).

You can email Jimmy directly at jimmy-del@rcn.com.



## **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on three roll calls and local senators on four roll calls from the week of July 25-29.

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 Middle-

sex; 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 MID-DLESEX. - 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.

## TWO-DAY SALES TAX HOLIDAY IN AUGUST (S 156)

House 131-23, Senate 28-9, approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a bill that would allow consumers to buy most products that cost under \$2,500 on Saturday, August 13, and Sunday, August 14, without paying the state's 6.25 percent sales tax.

Supporters of the bill said the holiday would boost retail sales and save taxpayers an estimated \$20 million. They argued the state's sales tax revenue loss would be offset by increased revenue from the meals and gas tax revenue generated by shoppers on those two days.

Some opponents of the bill said the holiday actually generates little additional revenue for stores because consumers would buy the products even without the tax-free days. They said the Legislature should be looking at broader, deeper tax relief for individuals and businesses and not a tiny tax-free holiday. Others said that legislators should not vote for this tax holiday when they have not yet restored all the local aid, education and other program cuts made over the past few years. (A "Yes" vote is for the tax-free holiday. A "No" vote is against the tax-free holiday.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Iehlen	No

## UPHOLD RULING NOT TO ALLOW DEBATE ON SALES TAX REDUCTION (\$ 156)

House 118-35, Senate 31-5, upheld the ruling of House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Therese Murray respectively that an amendment to reduce the state's 6.25 percent sales tax to 5 percent over two years is out of order because it goes beyond the scope of the original bill that creates only a 2011 two-day sales tax holiday.

Supporters of the ruling said the original bill is very narrowly drawn and the amendment goes far beyond it and should not be allowed.

Opponents of the ruling said the amendment is clearly within the scope of the bill because both deal with reducing the income tax. (A "Yes" vote supports the ruling that the amendment should not be allowed on the floor for debate. A "No" vote is against the ruling and favors

debate on the amendment.)

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

#### UPHOLD RULING NOT TO ALLOW DEBATE ON PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (S 156)

House 121-32, upheld the ruling of House Speaker Robert DeLeo that an amendment establishing a permanent annual two-day weekend sales tax holiday in August goes beyond the scope of the original bill that creates a 2011 two-day sales tax holiday.

Supporters of the ruling said the amendment goes far beyond a simple one year two-day holiday and is part of an overall long-term tax policy.

Opponents of the ruling said the amendment is clearly within the scope of the bill because both deal with a sales tax holiday. (A "Yes" vote supports the ruling that the amendment should not be allowed on the floor for debate. A "No" vote is against the ruling and favors debate on the amendment.)

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

#### PERMANENT SALES TAX HOLIDAY (S 156)

Senate 4-32, rejected an amendment establishing a permanent annual two-day weekend sales tax holiday in August. The Department of Revenue would choose the dates of the holiday and announce them by July 15 each year.

Amendment supporters said it is time to make this successful holiday a permanent one and noted similar tax-free holidays over the past several years have helped retail stores and consumers. They noted a permanent holiday would give consumers the opportunity to plan purchases in advance and not have to sit around each year and see if the Legislature decides to approve a holiday.

Amendment opponents said it is fiscally irresponsible to approve a permanent holiday without regard for the economic situation of the state during a specific year. They argued the Legislature should look at the state's economy and decide one year at a time whether the state can afford a sales tax holiday. Some noted a permanent holiday would hurt year-round retail sales because many consumers would hold off until August to make big purchases. (A "Yes" vote is for establishing a permanent annual two-day sales tax holiday in August. A "No" vote is against establishing it.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

#### **ALIMONY CHANGES (S 1989)**

Senate 36-0, approved a bill making major changes in the state's alimony laws including allowing some alimony payments to be reduced, suspended or terminated upon the remarriage or cohabitation of the recipient, the payer reaching the full age of retirement or the death of either former spouse.

It also bases the duration of payments on the number of years the couple is married. For marriages of five years or



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less, the maximum alimony term would be 50 percent of the number of the months of marriage; 5 to 10 years would be 60 percent; 10 to 15 years would be 70 percent; 15 to 20 years would be 80 percent; and more than 20 years would be up to the judge and could be mandated indefinitely.

Supporters said current alimony laws are outdated and don't make sense in today's society. They noted the proposal would encourage both parties to terminate their relationship upon divorce and live independently as soon as is practical. They argued that many unemployed husbands are burdened with unnecessary and unfair lifetime alimony payments they must come up with even if they are laid off. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

FINANCIAL LITERACY (S 204) - The Education Committee approved a bill requiring the state's Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to help implement programs on teaching personal financial literacy in public schools, within the existing mathematics curriculum. The programs would include understanding loans, borrowing money, interest, credit card debt, online commerce, rights and responsibilities of renting or buying a home, saving and investing, and planning for retirement.

Supporters say this would give students the skills that are necessary to understand and properly handle money and finances while they are in school and after they graduate. They note that the recent financial meltdown showed how little many consumers know about finances.

The measure was unanimously approved by the Senate in the 2010 session but it died in the House.

ACCUSED KILLERS (H 2350) - The Public Health Committee has recommended passage of legislation prohibiting the next of kin charged with the murder of a spouse or other family member from claiming the body or from acting as executor of the estate. At a hearing in March, Ginny Marcheterre said that funeral services for her daughter, Heather, were delayed last year for more than a month because Kyle Alleyne, her daughter's husband and alleged killer, refused to release the rights to her body. A court eventually ruled that the mother and family had legal rights to Heather's body.

CHANGES IN TRIAL COURT AND PROBA-TION DEPARTMENT (H 3644) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Patrick a conference committee version of a bill that would overhaul the management of the trial court and the hiring process for the Probation Department.

The measure divides up the tasks currently performed by the Chief Justice for Administration and Management between a newly created "civilian" Office of Court Management and a Chief Justice of the Trial Court. The new civilian administrator would handle business functions including finances, contracts and the hiring of non-judicial employees. Meanwhile, the Chief Justice would tackle all the judicial management responsibilities including assigning judges.

BUY DRUGS IN CANADA (H 342) - The Committee on Health Care Financing held a hearing on a bill directing Gov. Patrick to request a federal waiver to allow Massachusetts to act as an agent in providing information to its residents regarding the safe purchase of prescription drugs at reduced prices from certified Canadian sources.

The measure creates a state Office of Pharmaceutical Information to educate consumers and keep them informed about the advantages and any potential risks of purchasing Canadian drugs. Current federal law prohibits individuals from purchasing drugs from other nations.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"I am very interested in a comprehensive relook at the tax code. How do we make it simpler? How do we make it easier on people? It's so time for that because [the tax code] is marbled with all this stuff that is past its time." -Gov. Deval Patrick.

"I think that we have unfortunately allowed ourselves to be defined by the far right. The mission of the labor movement, in my opinion, is a sacred mission, and it's a mission that we stand for everything that is right in America." - Sen. Steven Tolman (D-Brighton), announcing he is running for president of the AFL-CIO of Massachusetts.

"The sales tax holiday will provide modest relief to the citizens of the Commonwealth, who are looking for any piece of good news they can get in this very challenging economy." - House Republican Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading).

"A beautiful pseudonym for torture." - Canton resident Alice Brown, on the use of shock therapy on children in Massachusetts institutions.

#### HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of July 25-29, the House met for a total of 10 hours and 18 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 12 hours and 31 minutes.

Mon. July 25

House 11:01 a.m. to 11:37 a.m.

Senate 11:00 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.

Tues. July 26	No House session No Senate session
Wed. July 27	House 10:59 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 4:10 p.m.
Thurs. July 28	House 1:00 p.m. to 4:58 p.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 6:06 p.m.
Fri. July 29	House 11:00 a.m. to 12:58 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 12:58 p.m.

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#### MaxPac site now Maxwell's Green CONT. FROM PG 1

room, unique wireless work space, opportunities in Somerville." roof deck, club suite (featuring a chef's kitchen, along with a sophisticated dining and entertainment area), and direct access to a central park," said Davis Square Partners in a statement. "With 24 units designated as affordable

path, the buildings will include, "a housing, Maxwell's Green is also yoga studio, fitness center, theater one of the largest affordable rental

> The developers have brought on J. Derenzo Co., which represents one of the largest contracts in the project, and uses union labor from Local 22 and Operating Engineers Local 4. Warwick also said that the project will also include

union carpenters, and will seek to hire locally where they can.

The funding came through after an investment by Davis Square Partners added equity from an unknown silent partner, and a debt agreement with Sovereign Bank. It will break ground and begin construction in earnest in the next few weeks.

#### Somerville as enterprise nursery CONT. FROM PG 9

Second Wind, and Wistia enjoy. And not so long ago, there was plenty of supply-close to a million square feet of vacant Davis Square industrial space. That space is now residential.

One by one, the Planning Board recommended and the Zoning Board of Appeals approved the changes in zoning that condo developers requested. Planning staff asserted that these changes represented the properties' "highest and best

Highest and best for whom? It's not as if city officials were unaware of the impact these decisions would have. For at least sixteen years, Stephen Mackey, myself, and others have been advocating that commercial space remain commercial.

Meanwhile, all those with an interest in Somerville's economic and fiscal health must continue to do what we can to attract growing businesses and replace them when they leave. As Stephen Mackey says,"We're not going to go straight to being an old-growth forest. We can serve very well as a nursery."

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## Hodgkins-Curtin Ball Field Grand Opening

#### By Harry Kane

The opening of Hodgkins-Curtin Ball Field brought families from neighboring communities to celebrate the joyous occasion of a new park for the city of Somerville. Bob Trane, Ward 7 City Alderman, was proud of his accomplishments. "I'll be able to appreciate that I got it done," Trane said. The day began with a speech from Mayor Curtatone. "Hodgkins-Curtin Park is about one and a half acres, making it one of the largest city owned public spaces in Somerville. The Hodgkins ball field is a community space that will be used for many future events," proclaimed the Mayor.

Mayor Curtatone threw out the ceremonial first pitch to start off a two-inning exhibition game to christen the ball field. The little leaguers played a bit of baseball and then they dispersed to play other fun games. There was a tug of war competition, Frisbee, bean sack jumping, and everyone had lots of fun enjoying the new park.

Several local restaurants and two hair salons provided food and assistance for the meritorious occasion including: Dave's Fresh Pasta, Orleans Restaurant, Ann Marie's Barber Shop, April's Hair Cutting, Johnny D's Uptown Restaurant, and Boston Burger.

Alderman at Large Jack Connolly said, "I'm just real pleased that we're able to renovate parks. I played here as a kid myself. When I was a kid I played a lot of basketball in the recreational leagues. I made good use of the parks. This is a great commitment to the next generation. It's a real benefit to the residents."

















Photos by Harry Kane

#### PEST MANAGEMENT BREAKTHROUGH

# MINT: The Secret Formula in Mint-X® Rodent Repellent Trash Bags.

Mint has been known to keep rodents and other pests out of the garden for many years, but how do you keep them away from your trash bags? There was no way to keep rodents from tearing apart trash bags and leaving an unsightly mess and unsanitary conditions in their search of food....until now.

A well respected plastic trash bag manufacturer, who has been in the plastic bag business for over fifty years, has developed a trash bag that is proven to repel rodents. The new Mint-X Rodent Repellent Trash Bags keep rodents away from the bags forcing them to seek other food sources and into bait traps. This is the most effective pest management breakthrough in many years.

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Mint-X Rodent Repellent Trash Bags are currently being used by

thousands of residential homes, restaurants and commercial buildings across the country. When plastic trash bags are put out for collection there are no worries that disease spreading rodents will rip the bag, spill refuse on the ground and create an unsightly and

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Many towns and municipalities soon will be requiring all trash bags, left for pick up, to be rodent repellent bags.



#### Q. Where will these bags be available?

**A.** In most local hardware stores, large home building stores, large discount retailers and online at www.mint-x.com.

**Q. How safe are these bags for myself, my children and pets? A.** The EPA has approved these bags as perfectly safe for humans and pets. They actually have a subtle, pleasant mint smell.

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## **SOMERVILLE SPORTS**

## Somerville trumps Malden in 2-0 win

#### By Harry Kane

The Alibrandis eased closer to first place in their division as they trumped the Bulldogs last Wednesday evening in a shut out game. Pitcher Sean Sullivan had four strikeouts in the game and currently has an ERA of 1.25. Sullivan's pitches include a two-seam fastball on the inside corner to righties mixed with change-ups here and there. "I use the slider and two-seamer primarily, always trying to keep hitters off balance," Sullivan said.

Somerville struck early in the first inning. Mike Maguire was on first base after getting walked when Ted Dzuiba stepped up to the plate and knocked an RBI double to drive in Maguire and make it 1-0. From that point on the Alibrandis fought hard to keep the Bulldogs off the bases. Several batters from each team were left stranded on the bases

after each inning. In the top of the fifth inning the Alibrandis almost lost their lead. One of the batters from the Bulldogs hit a grounder to the first baseman and it slipped through. Someone in the Malden dugout commented, "he pulled a Dorn," referring to Roger Dorn's olay-type-ofplay from the movie Major League. Assistant Manager and second baseman Bernie Driscoll said, "Matt Deeb did a great job of hitting a single up the middle in the sixth inning, stealing second, getting to third on the overthrow, and that's how we got the second run."

The Alibrandis hope to clinch the division with the remaining games of the season. Last year at this time they were in the same position coming into the post-season. "I think we're starting to catch a run and we're all starting to play good together," Driscoll said.



Sean Sullivan, above, pitching like his hair's on fire. An Alibrandis bat goes to work, below.

# Ms. Cam's 710

**Olio** - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. What is a "quidnunc"?
- 2. Where is the saying "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow ye may die" originally quoted from?
- 3. What is the first name of Kramer from the *Seinfeld* show?
- 4. What was the first film to feature Al Pacino and Robert De Niro?
- 5. What is the actual meaning of "Sierra Nevada"?
- 6. What word can mean a cliff, or a hill with broad slope, or to mislead by a display of boldness?
- 7. What is a square shape

- grid of numbers with identical row columns and diagonal sums called?
- 8. The French call it "pain perdu" but what do the Americans call it?
- 9. Most people believe the Italian word for biscuit is "biscotti" what does it really mean?
- 10. In what country did the fortune cookie originate?
- 11. What was the name of Merv Griffin's first TV show?
- 12. Why are there holes at the end of electric light prongs?

Answers on page 23

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## **Storm tops Newton 17-1**

The Somerville Storm U14 received a night off last week with a rainout against Burlington on Tuesday night before hosting the Newton Panthers on Wednesday.

The Storm played their best game of the year on Wednesday finishing off the Panthers in five innings, 17-1.

Again, it was a complete team effort with the Storm pounding out thirteen hits and eight of the nine girls scoring runs with Amanda Grace, Diedre Matthews, and Amolee Hawkins each scoring three times. Emily O'Regan continued her hot hitting with a pair of hits and a pair of runs scored. Brianna Dellisola was one for three with three RBI's. Kayla O'Regan was also one for two with a pair of runs, and Jen Toner was two for three with two runs scored. Emily Woodman and Charolotte Schofield each added a hit and scored runs.

The Storm took a 5-0 after three innings before exploding for 12 runs in the final two frames.

The Newton Panthers, now

4-6, managed only one run on a pair of hits. The Storm defense was strong again, committing only two errors and recording seven putouts, including a double play on a fly ball caught by center fielder Charolette Schofield, who threw to SS Brianna Dellisola to double off the runner.

Amolee Hawkins went the distance striking out nine.

The U14 Storm have a busy week this week with Games on Monday in Topsfield, Thursday at Trum at 6:15, and a make-up game in Burlington on Friday.



## Somerville veterans hit the high seas

#### By William Tauro

This past Sunday the members of the Winter Hill Yacht Club of Somerville and the Old Colony Yacht of Dorchester hosted their annual Veteran's Cruise on the Boston Harbor.

The flotilla, carrying close to one hundred disabled American veterans on vessels that consisted of thirty eight donated privately owned boats from members of both yacht clubs, shoved off from the docks of the Winter Hill Yacht Club in Somerville and Old Colony Yacht Club in Dorchester. The flotilla went under police escort by Sergeant James Devermond with a Massachusetts State Police boat, Sergeant Jim Hennessey with a Massachusetts Environmental Police boat, and Boston Police Officer Merrick aboard the Boston Police patrol boat, also participated.

The Boston Fire Department also escorted the flotilla of veterans with the Department's fire boat, showering the path with a ceremonial fire hose spray salute to the heroes on board as they passed in front of the USS Constitution that was docked at its port in Charlestown.

Somerville Alderman Walter Pero addressed the crowd of veterans back at the Winter Hill Yacht Club at an old fashion barbecue that was hosted in its entirety by the members of the Winter Hill Yacht Club.

Alderman Pero, who is a war veteran himself, attended the event and announced that this was his last term in office and that he is also the last American veteran that is presently serving on the Board of Aldermen here in Somerville.

Somerville Council of Aging Director Cindy Hickey, Somerville Council of Aging Social worker Suzanne Norton, who also facilitates the veterans group, and Somerville Community Police Officer Maryann Manfra, as well as Chelsea Soldier's Home Director John Davis, participated in the event by organizing and transporting bus loads of veterans, some in wheelchairs, to the event. They enjoyed a fun filled day on the water as a way of being thanked for their services and for all they have done for our country.

One veteran aboard one of the vessels said, "Today's event was the second happiest day of my life. The first was the day my son was born."

The veterans applauded and gave special thanks to the Commodores and to the members of the Winter Hill Yacht Club and Old Colony Yacht Club for making the event possible.



Area police and fire departments joined in to honor veterans at the annual cruise



## Making a difference for homeless children

Somerville resident Robert Conway is blowing bubbles. The white hair and a crinkling smile sets him apart from the toddlers gathered around him on the steps of a Somerville homeless shelter, but as Robert sends a new cascade of dewy, iridescent spheres into the crowd, it's clear by the peals of laughter that his companions don't seem to mind the age difference.

Each Thursday evening, Robert serves as a Playspace Activity Leader (PAL) at Just-A-Start House in Somerville. Through the Playspace Programs, an effort of Horizons for Homeless Children, Robert spends two hours every week singing songs, reading books, coloring and, popularly, blowing bubbles with the children living in the homeless shelter.

Robert cites his impending retirement as the impetus to begin volunteering. An advertisement in the Boston Globe calling for PALs in the Greater Boston area caught his attention.

"I was going to be retiring and I figured I needed something to keep me occupied," said Robert.
"I enjoyed my grandkids and kids in general, so I thought this would be a good fit."

Now, after almost six years of volunteering, Robert is a fixture at Just-A-Start House. His tranquil, quiet manner has endeared him to the staff, mothers, and children alike.

"Because they don't always get to interact with men, the children here often treat men differently," said Rhonda Gurley, shelter liaison at Just-A-Start House. "But the kids become very calm with Robert because his demeanor is so calm."

Observing his interactions with the children, Robert's influence on them is obvious. Two young boys turn an escalating argument into a friendly game of soccer as Robert deftly kicks a ball their way when he notices the angry words. A little girl, her face beaming, runs straight to Robert with arms outstretched when she sees him. He scoops her up and she hugs his neck before inviting him to help her onto the slide.



A real PAL to so many, Robert Conway knows how to make the best use of his spare time by lifting the spirits needy, homeless children of Somerville.

It is more than his affectionate nature, however, which has solidified his place at Just-A-Start House. Children require consistency, but that is often hard to come by for those living in homeless situations.

"I don't think he's ever missed a shift," said Rhonda. "He's here to play with them every week."

Robert has made the children at Just-A-Start House a priority, a refreshing attitude in the gauntlet of reactions to family and child homelessness.

"It's all about the kids for me," said Robert. "You become connected to the kids and their families, especially when they come into the shelter as infants and you watch them grow." Continued on page 17

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE. MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **JOSEPH A. CURTATONE** MAYOR

PLANNING DIVISION

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** 

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

52 Franklin St (Case #ZBA 2010-74): Applicant, James Erb, and Owner, Maria Freitas, seek a special permit (SZO §4.4.1, §5.1) to allow the expansion of an existing nonconforming single family structure in order to construct a three family dwelling. RB zone/ Ward 1.

63-67 Summer St (Case #ZBA 2011-01): Applicant & Owner Mark Grassia seeks a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to demolish a large portion of a non-conforming commercial structure to construct three-unit residential building units under SZO §4.4.1, 5.2 & 7.3. The existing twofamily house on the site will remain. One of the units onsite would be an affordable unit as defined in §13. Applicant/Owner also seeks a Variance for providing 5 of the 8 required parking spaces under §9.5 and §5.5. RB zone. Ward 3.

343, 345, 349, and 351 Summer St (Case #ZBA 2011-54): Applicant, Strategic Capital Group, LLC and Owners George Dilboy VFW Post #529 and The Dakota Partners LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under SZO §7.3 and §7.11.1.c to establish a 31 unit residential use, a Special Permit under §7.11.5.B.6.a to establish an approximately 8,300 gross square foot private, non-profit club, a Special Permit with Site Plan Review under §7.11.11.10.b to establish a 15-space commercial parking lot, and a Special Permit under §9.13.b to modify parking design standards, in order to develop a new two to three story mixed-use building consisting of a VFW hall and 31 residential units as well as parking for commercial use and for on-site activities. CBD and RA zones. Ward 6.

13 Robinson St (Case #ZBA 2010-57): Applicant and owner, Alice Grossman, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to convert the existing roof over the first floor wing into a deck and add stairs on the rear of an existing one family residence. RA zone/Ward 5

10 Hillside Circle (Case #ZBA 2011-59): Applicant and Owner, Hillside Enterprises, LLC, seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to replace and alter the roof over a rear egress stairwell in an existing three-family residence. RB zone. Ward 3.

23 Porter St (Case #ZBA 2011-60): Applicant and Owner Lalo Development, LLC seeks a special permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to construct a 2½ story addition in the rear of an existing three-family dwelling. RB zone. Ward 3.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant Published in Somerville News on 8/3/11 & 8/10/11.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 

208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

**MIDDLESEX Division** 

Without Surety

Docket No. MI 11P3468EA

In the Estate of: Rosemarie Mini Late of: Somerville, MA, 02143 Date of Death: 03/17/2011

#### NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed

Catherine La Puma of Somerville, MA

be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT;

ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON:

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court Date: July 20, 2011

> Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP) MEETING**

#### 515 SOMERVILLE AVENUE, SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS

A release of oil and/or hazardous materials has occurred at this location, which is a disposal site as defined by M.G.L. c. 21E, § 2 and the Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP), 310 CMR 40.0000. On June 14, 2005, property owner Somerville International Apparel received a petition from residents in the City of Somerville requesting that this disposal site be designated a Public Involvement Plan site, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 21E §14(a) and 310 CMR 40.1404. Current owner World 115 Nominee Trust acquired the property from Somerville International Apparel on May 7, 2007, and assumed responsibility for MCP response actions.

A public meeting will be held at the Tufts Administration Building at 169 Holland Street in Somerville on August 16, 2011, at 5:30 PM to present the Response Action Outcome (RAO) statements, to solicit public comment on the RAOs, and to provide information about current disposal site conditions. Electronic copies of the RAOs will be made available at the meeting, and written copies currently are available at the Somerville Public Library, Main Branch.

Any questions regarding this meeting or the RAOs should be directed to Robert Houghton of Clean Properties, Inc., 111 Boston Post Road, Suite 211, Sudbury, MA 01776 via Tel: (978) 443-6622 or e-mail: RHoughton@cleanproperties.com.

The complete disposal site file can be reviewed at MassDEP, NORTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE, 205B LOWELL STREET, WILMING-TON, MA 01887

Telephone No. (978) 694-3200.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court Department** 

**Worccester Division** 

**Docket No. 11W 0430** 

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION** 

Simone Martins Da Cunha - Plaintiff Aqildo Lemes Da Silva - Defendant

To the above name Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff---Simone Martins Da Silva

209 C Complaint

You are required to serve upon ----Simone Martins Da Cunha Plaintiff(s) - Attorney for Plaintiff(s) whose address is -34 Main Street

Apt. 2 Milford, MA. 01757 , 2011. If you fail to do

your answer on or before August 30 so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action, You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Worcester

Witness Denise L. Meagher Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Worcester this 13 day of July

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville** Licensing Commission on Monday August 15, 2011 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Viz Inc., d/b/a Choices to transfer its All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant license to Radio Bar, LLC, d/b/a Radio Bar and for an Entertainment License consisting of Musicians, Bands, D.J.'s, dancing, audio and televisions at 379-381 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA.

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro **Administrative Assistant** 

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville** Licensing Commission on Monday August 15, 2011 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Sally O'Brien's, 335 Somerville Ave., Somerville, MA to transfer 50% of stock from Gilbert Carey to Adeleine Mannion.

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro** Administrative Assistant

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> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro Administrative Assistant

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A hearing to all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday August 15, 2011 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Uptown Café, Inc. d/b/a Johnny D's Uptown Lounge, 17-27 Holland St., Somerville, MA for a transfer of 100% of stock from Tina DeLellis to Carla DeLellis.

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro Administrative Assistant** 

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MIDDLESEX, ss

SOMERVILLE DISTRICT COURT **DOCKET NO: 1110CV169** 

**ANGELIC M. MORALES Plaintiff** 

**SOMERVILLE BODY WORKS, INC.** JOSEPH V. DEPALO, JR., and JOSEPH DEPALO, SR., Defendants

**NOTICE OF SUIT** 

To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upor MELISSA J. POLLAND, Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 11 BEACON STREET, SUITE 325, BOSTON, MA. 02108 an answer to the complaint which is filed in the Somerville District Court within 20 days after August 11, 2011. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Civil Clerk at Somerville District Court, either before served upon plaintiff's attorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.

Please contact Plaintiff's attorney at (617) 973-9950

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## **Demolition crews** hit Somerville's **Assembly Square**



Somerville Firefighter Gary Teixeira stands guard over a recently demolished building where once stood the site of the Green Cab Taxi Cab Company at Assembly Square. The taxi landmark was torn down via a demolition crew on Sunday making way for the new Assembly Square development project to go forward. Central Steel, another famous Somerville landmark once located next door to the taxi company, is slated to be torn down on Tuesday of this week. Also on the demolition chopping block is the storage parking lot situated next door to Somerville's Winter Hill Yacht Club on Foley Street. Demolition crews excavated the yacht club parking lot where a Ford plant test track once stood. It was once used to test drive Model T's as they came rolling off the assembly line at the old plant at Assembly Square owned by Henry Ford.



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#### City employees, retirees speak against GIC

"To bring everyone up here on July 27... and try to get this through in a hurry-up offense is doing a disservice to this process," said President of Local 76 Firemen Jay Colbert. "GIC is not a magic elixir. They don't have a specific way of doing healthcare cheaper. It just shifts costs."

"You're giving up a lot of freedom and control of your plan," said city employee Peter Blankey. "It's like Medicare; if all of a sudden the governor decides to cut spending, we will receive unilateral increases in costs across the board."

The meeting also saw appearances by retirees, who said they were concerned about the costs of their medical bills and the choice of their doctors under the plan. The GIC allows users to join plans like Tufts and Harvard Pilgrim, but does not include some plans used by some employees.

"If the city wants to save a lot of money, they can probably let all the men in the fire department go, and have a volunteer fire department," said 40-year city employee Mickey Curtin "But how many of the people would want to volunteer to do the job that the firemen are called to do each and every day, risking their

"There's really no savings to the employees," he said.

Some harsh criticism came from retiree Rosemary Roderick, who says that she and her husband could not abide such a plan. "We need good doctors, good hospitals and a



Concerned individuals voiced their opinions of the Group Insurance Commission at last week's Board of Aldermen Finance Committee meeting.

good medical plan, and this does not seem like that plan for us," she said.

She also despaired at how lost the cause was for finding an alternative. The bill passed by Governor Deval Patrick states that an alternative plan must demonstrate at least five percent greater savings than the GIC, and must be approved by a negotiating committee of a representative of the public union, the city and the state, the last of which she says are inclined towards going into the GIC. "It seemed like a done deal already," she said of media coverage. "The Governor okayed it, passed it, amended the healthcare, then the Mayor was happy, I'm sure because this is what he's wanted all along," Roderick said. "But we need to work together.

"I feel that we should try price design for the simple reason that this is going to cost people money out of their own pocket and they're not specifying that on their little charts," said Joanne DiPrizzio, a current employee who says should would have to pay \$750 to visit her doctor at Mass. General for her co-pay under GIC. "The prescriptions alone are going to cost me \$390 a month."

Alderwoman Heuston told her fellow colleagues to review the meeting, listen to the public, investigate alternative plans, and also any mechanisms for leaving the GIC once signed onto, as well as experiences other cities have had under the GIC. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Thursday, August 4.

#### Making a difference for homeless children **CONT. FROM PG 15**

His dedication to the children, in turn, has earned him the devotion of the mothers at Just-A-Start House. Recently named PAL of the Year by Horizons for Homeless Children, Robert had the exuberant support of the shelter residents and staff when he accepted his award at a recent Recognition and Awards Dinner hosted by the agency.

"He's like the grandpa of the house," said Rhonda. "The mothers got together and had a reception for him. They made a sign to congratulate him using their handprints and the handprints of their children."

As Robert patiently helps a girl sop up spilled bubble soap, he says simply, "These kids are the same as any other kids. I look at them as

the same as my five grandkids. The children at Just-A-Start House may be in a much tougher spot than some others, but they're still just kids."

Horizons for Homeless Children founded the Playspace Programs in 1990. Through this program, the organization facilitates the creation of Playspaces (educational and recreational spaces) within family shelters to make healthy play possible for homeless children. The program recruits, trains and places volunteers in the Playspaces to supervise and engage the children in fun, educational play so that they can grow and develop, as all children should.

Horizons for Homeless Children's Playspace Programs collaborate with residents and staff of family

shelters to design and build age-appropriate, "kid-friendly" spaces that come equipped with libraries, building blocks, art supplies and more the all-important tools to challenge children physically and creatively and allow them to have a place to play, use their imaginations and be just who they are...kids. Over 1,400 trained volunteers known as Playspace Activity Leaders (PALs) participate in educational play activities with over 2,200 children each week in approximately 140 family shelters in Massachusetts. To date, Horizons for Homeless Children has trained almost 14,000 members of the community to become PALs. For additional information on Horizons for Homeless Children, visit www.horizonsforhomelesschildren.org.

#### **Sheriff to** deputize local youths

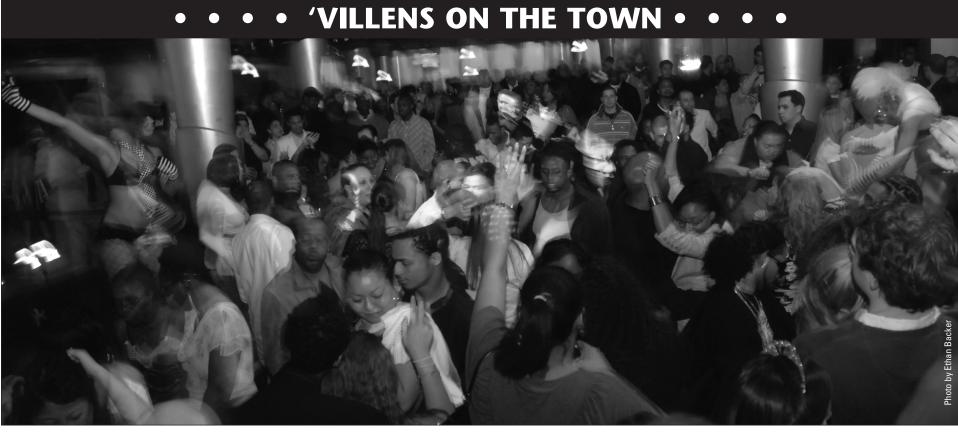
On Friday, August 5, Middlesex Sheriff Peter J. Koutoujian will proudly recognize the Arlington, Medford, Belmont, Somerville graduates of the 2011 Middlesex Sheriff's Office Youth Public Safety Academy.

The Sheriff will hold a ceremony at the Middlesex Sheriff's Office Training Academy in Billerica, honoring the children from these communities. The cadets, ages 9 - 11, will be given diplomas in recognition of their hard work and dedication to public safety.

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#### **FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday August 3

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

#### West Branch Library Babygarten

11a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College Avenue

#### **Central Library**

Yoga Class for Kids Ages 7-12 with Janine Duffy 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Sunsetters

Capen Court/VNA 7 p.m.

#### Thursday August 4

#### **Central Library**

Storytime for 3 to 5 year olds 10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### East Branch Library

One World, Many Critters: Wiggly Worms 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

#### SomerMovie Fest

Toy Story 3 Seven Hills Park, Davis Sq.

#### Sunsetters

Greene St 7 p.m.

#### Friday August 5

#### **Central Library**

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

#### Saturday August 6

#### **Central Library**

Saturday Afternoon Family Film: The Parent Trap 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Monday August 8

#### Sunsetters

130 Ten Hills Road 7 p.m.

#### Tuesday August 9

#### West Branch Library

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

#### **Central Library**

Eco-Explorers: Nature in the City with Groundwork Somerville 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Sunsetters

**SHS** Concourse 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday August 10

#### **East Branch Library**

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

#### **West Branch Library**

Babygarten 11a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College

#### **Central Library**

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#### Sunsetters

Senior Picnic 11:30am|Properzi Manor 7pm

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#### Wednesday | August 3

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Arts at the Armory John Copeland with friends Jack Waldheim and Sky Smeed 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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

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#### Samba Bar & Grille

Live music

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#### 381 Summer St

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#### Casey's

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#### Saturday August 6

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Sally O'Brien's

Reggie Gibson Atlas Funk All Stars 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

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#### Johnny D's

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

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#### Orleans Restaurant and Bar

RockBand every other Sundays 9 p.m.|65 Holland St

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Live Music 9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-

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#### Johnny D's

Team Trivia 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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Marley Mondays with the Duppy Conquerors|9:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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#### Samba Bar & Grille

DJ 9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### Choices Restaurant & Lounge

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## CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday | August 3

#### **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

#### Thursday August 4

#### Central Library

Central Library
Poetry Writing Workshop
7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

#### Third Life Studio

An 8 Week Introduction to Voice Movement Therapy Group 7:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq| 781-290-

#### 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 August 6

#### 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

#### Sunday August 7

|maria.taesil@gmail.com

Zumba with Alyne Silva

4 p.m.-5:30|33 Union Sq

#### Third Life Studio

Belly Dance Fundamentals with Nadira Jamal Noon- 1 p.m.| Creative Modern Dance 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.|33 Union

#### Unity Church of God

Sq| 617-388-3247

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

#### Monday August 8

#### Central Library

The Folk Song Society of Greater Boston Midweek Sing 6:45 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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## 9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m.|617-628-7884

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Woman w/Susan Robbins
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## 628-0916 Wednesday August 10

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## A fresh artistic experience at Bloc 11

#### By Krysia Wazny

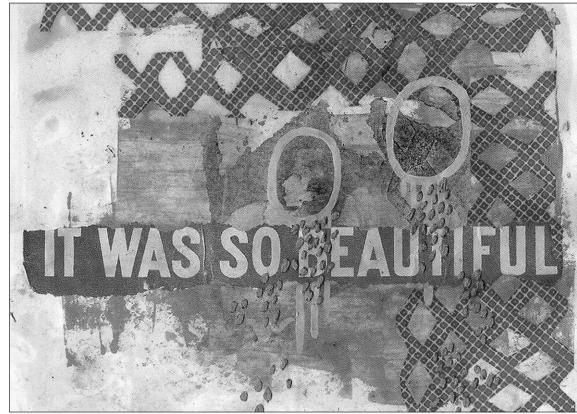
In its mission statement Bloc 11 Café states that it is "committed to serving high quality products while creating a dynamic, community-oriented atmosphere." In fulfilling this goal, Bloc 11 has opened its doors to local groups, non-profits, and artists. This summer they have brought a new brand of art and recycling to Somerville through the work of Rebecca Volynsky.

Volynsky is a multi-media artist based out of Providence, RI, and currently studying at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Her layered work is neither scripted nor planned, but rather flows from her subconscious to paper, becoming a work of visual poetry on the page. She works "found imagery" into her pieces, using anything from old photographs to recycled news clippings to create a deeply symbolic message.

Her solo exhibition at Bloc 11

focuses on "growth, change, and her evolving personal history." Each frame presents a separate story revealed through images and words. Frequently the title of the work brings it together, explaining or elaborating the page's message. Stitching, sketching, and the superimposition of one image upon another evoke different moods and ideas in each piece.

Scattered throughout Bloc 11's ample open seating area, these works of art appear at first glance to be nothing extraordinary. A local museum employee, Ayesha, commented that she hadn't yet noticed the exhibit, because it "doesn't look professionally mounted." She commented further that displays of this kind are "good, but tough," while people may stare at the walls during their meal they may also have no idea what they are experiencing. Another local patron said he liked the display and felt it was generally a good idea.



The works of Rebecca Volynsky will be featured at Bloc 11 Café through September 9.

As locals enjoyed their coffee and sandwiches, they occasionally glanced up to look at the unique art surrounding them. Whether this exhibition is converting the people of Somerville into Volynksy enthusiasts or is simply a nice addition to a satisfying meal, it certainly brings a fresh artistic perspective into the

Anyone hoping for a closer look can find Volynsky's work at 11 Bow Street from now until September 9.

## **Early morning rollover**



A pickup truck flipped over Tuesday morning at around 9 a.m. on New Road in Somerville, located next to the Somerville Home Depot. A two car crash is what caused the pick truck up to roll over on its roof after the collision. Somerville Police and Fire units were on scene in minutes. The passengers of both vehicles escaped with minor injuries. No transport to hospital was required.

- William Tauro





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Saturday 8/13:

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## **SCAT Program Schedule for the Week**

Wednesday, Augu	ıst 3	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	7:00am	Reclaiming Their Voices
12:00am	Free Speech TV	3:00pm	Wikileaks/ Pentagon Papers	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	8:00am	Democracy Now!
6:00am	Flipside	5:00pm	Improv Toolkit w/Nadia	12:00pm	Reeling: The Movie review	9:00am	SCATV
6:30am	The Struggle	6:00pm	Preventing Prescription Drugs	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	10:00am	Somerville News Reading
7:00am	Arabic Hour	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	11:00am	Nossa Gente e Costumes
8:00am	Democracy Now!	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2-5:00pm	Community Forums	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
9:00am	Somerville News Reading	9:30pm	Physician Focus	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
10:00am	Abugida TV	10:00pm	Local Impact	6:00pm	Abiguda TV	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show
11:00am Medica	l Equipment Distribution Program	11:00pm	Sound Off	7:00pm	Somerville News Reading	3:00pm	Community Forums
11:30am	Raising Drug-Free Kid	Friday, August 5		8:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	Al Jazeera
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5:00pm	CommonSense	1:00pm	The Expert Series	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	7:00am	Perils for Pedestrians
5:30pm	Healer in Every House	1:30pm	Cook w/Georgia & Dez	8:30am	The Atheist Viewpoint	8:00am	Democracy Now!
6:00pm	Al Jazeera DC	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Show	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	3:00pm	Inside Talk	10:00am	Christian Assembly	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	4:00pm	N'hood Cooking/Candy	11:00am	International Church of God	11:00am	CommonSense
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10:00pm	The Smoki Dick Show	5:30pm	Your Money, Your Life	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	1:30pm	Active Aging
10:30pm	Art @ SCATV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera DC	2:00pm	The Road to Recovery	2:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
11:00pm	Commonwealth Report	7:00pm	Right Here, Right Now	3:00pm	Inside Talk	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
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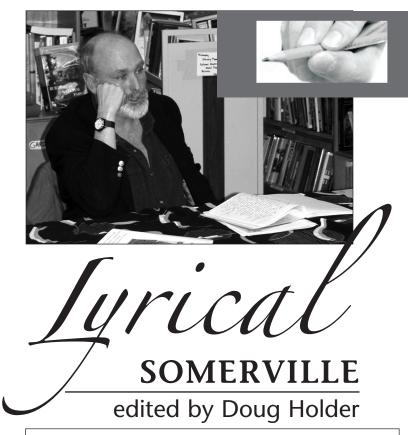
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The Ibbetson Street Press of Somerville recently released a collection of poetry (Dead Beats) by Sam Cornish, the first Poet Laureate of Boston (Too bad Somerville doesn't have one!). Cornish is an influential African American poet, and is the recipient of an NEA Award, St. Botolph Society Foundation Award, the Ibbetson Street Lifetime Achievement Award, and others. Maya Angelou writes of Cornish, "Sam Cornish...is to poetry what Ray Charles and the song "Georgia" is to music. Both men were constructed for their art forms." To order Cornish's book send a check or cash to Ibbetson Street Press 25 School Street Somerville, Mass. 02143 \$16 post paid. To purchase online go to http://ibbetsonpress.com.

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in a cold pan these women

are slamming and sliding

meat and count the peas

and broccoli on tables and you

don't talk

back twenty

per cent and

thank you does not

pay the rent

- Sam Cornish

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## OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

## **Somerville Poet Julia Story:**

A Writer with 'Moxie'

Somerville poet Julia Story walked into the Sherman Café to meet with yours truly on a hot July morning. She looked like a poet. Tall and willowy, long, blondish hair with the prerequisite tattoo on her naked shoulder—she had all the trappings. One could imagine her burning the midnight oil in some Somerville garret, or playing the role of the hip teacher leading a seminar at some MFA program. I say Story has "Moxie" because her first collection of poetry is titled *Post Moxie*, and because she also has courage. It takes guts to live the life of a writer. All the uncertainty, the hustling for jobs, publishing or perishing, and all that sort of rot.

Story, like many Somerville artists, poets, etc., I have interviewed is a transplant. She hails from Indiana, and later got her MFA in Creative Writing at the University of New Hampshire. Her adviser was the much-lauded poet Charles Simic.

Story is a friend of the former Somerville Poet Heather Madden (who defected to Providence, RI), who I had the pleasure to interview a few years back. Story heard about the artistic vibe in Somerville from Madden as well as others. She now lives in the Winter Hill Section of the city.

Like many a poet and writer of my acquaintance she works and has worked at a number of jobs to pay the bills. She has been employed by a non-profit, taught high school, tutored, and was a reader for the prestigious Emerson College-based lit mag *Ploughshares*. She loves teaching creative writing, but most of all she likes to have time for her own work.

I asked Story about her first publication credits. She recalled being published by the *Painted Bride* lit mag in 2000, which at the time was solely online. Online was not in vogue 10 years or so ago, so her excitement was a bit dampened by that. Story said, "Today there would be no problem with an online magazine. They are well accepted in the literary community. My first published work [in print] was in the *Iowa Review* which I was really thrilled with."

Story's first collection of poetry *Post Moxie* was the recipient of Sarabande Books 2009 Kathryn A. Morton Prize and the 2010 John C. Zacharis First Book Award. Her work has ap-



peared in Ploughshares, The Paris Review, Octopus, Salt Hill and others.

Story conceives her poems within the context of a series. She never has a preconceived plan when she writes a poem, the ideas seem to come to her, and she goes with the flow. Story retains a good measure of childhood innocence in her work despite being in her late 30's. She feels it is necessary for a poet to view the world with fresh eyes.

Story told me her next collection in progress is titled *Red Town*. She is using the concept of a town as an organizing principle for her work, and perhaps one day she will use "Our Town" (Excuse me Mr. Wilder) for new inspiration for a new book.

#### Its Plastic Light

I make the travel plans. When two ghosts cross each other, a sky is born. Two skies try to exist together, one in the background while the other takes the credit. Or one underneath the other, coiled like the furnace in a pretend hideout, waiting until it can be something else. The birds honking or in silent lines. This sound steadfast as a face.

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# Ms. Cam's Answers from pa

- 1. A person who is nosy
- 2. From the Bible (Luke 12:19)
- 3. Cosmo
- 4. The Godfather II
- 5. Snowy Range
- 6. Bluff

- 7. Magical Square
- 8. French Toast
- 9. "Twice baked"
- 10. It was an American invention
- 11. Play Your Hunch
- 12. The plug has protruding prongs or pins that fit into matching holes, or connections, to hold it tightly



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