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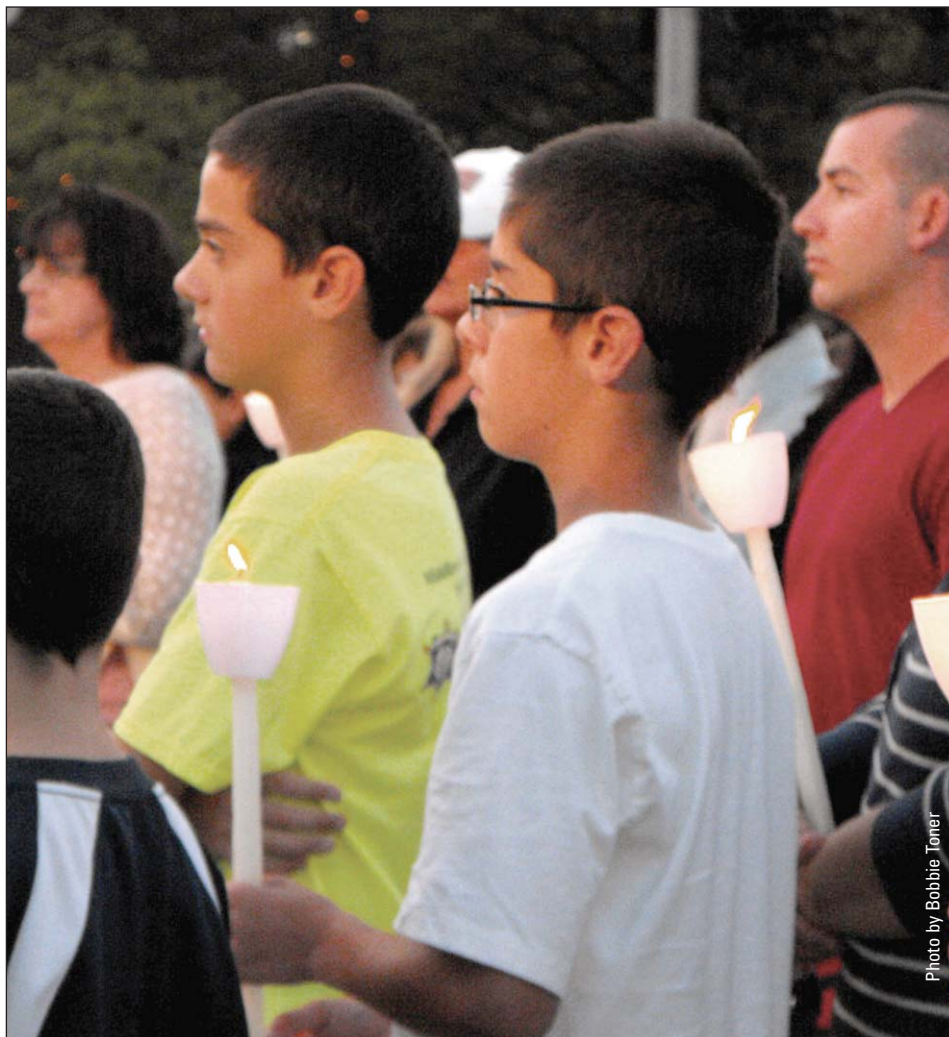


Photo by Bobbie Toner

Somerville's annual candlelight vigil walk took place on Tuesday night. Turn to page 15 for more pictures.

Alibrandis YBL champs again

By Benjamin Klein

After a long summer, the Somerville Alibrandis are once again the champions of the Yawkey Baseball League, the 13th time in the franchise's history. Somerville was the best team during the regular season and had little trouble through three playoff series. The Alibrandis defeated the Malden Bulldogs four games to one in the championship series.

Going into the best-of-seven series against Malden, Somerville was coming off of big wins against the South Boston Saints in the quarterfinals and then the Stoneham Sabers in the semifinals.

Somerville took the series opener 4-2 behind a great pitching performance by Jon Morse, only allowing two earned runs over six innings of work. Somerville scored four times in the bottom half of the fourth inning to take a 4-0 lead that Morse, along with Brian Tanguy wouldn't relinquish. Four Alibrandis batters had four hits on the day, with Mark Annese driving in two runs.

The second game of the series was a little bit of a wakeup call for

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Primary Election results tabulated

Provost retains State Senate seat; Curtatone new Register of Deeds

By Jim Clark

Last Thursday's Primary Election is now in the history books, and the results are more than numerical. The hopes and aspirations of those seeking higher office, as well as those looking to retain their positions, hung in the balance as voters took to the polls to make their choices known.

In the race for the Massachusetts State House, sitting Representative Denise Provost handily defeated challenger Harry Kortikere for the 27th Middlesex seat. Provost has posted 3,643 votes overall for 87% of the votes, compared to Kortikere's 545 votes, representing 13% of the total tally.

"I was glad to be out campaigning, talking to people I know, and meeting others," Rep. Provost said. "I'm grateful for the help of all the volunteers and supporters who rallied around my re-election, and I'm extremely pleased at the outcome of my primary. I look forward to another term of representing Somerville in our state legislature."

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Maria Curtatone celebrates with family and supporters as she learns of her victory in the race for Register of Deeds.

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NEWTALK

This Saturday, September 17, the Fourth Annual Riverfest at Assembly Square, at Assembly Square Marketplace, beginning at 4 p.m. with food, entertainment. Federal Realty Investment Trust, with the City of Somerville, is celebrating the future of Assembly Row. The event will feature music, performers, family activities, and food. Riverfest will conclude with a fireworks display along the Mystic River at approximately 8 p.m. All Riverfest food sales will benefit Not Just Lego, a new after school program launching at Somerville's Arthur D. Healey School.

Somerville Adult Evening School is back and registration dates are through to September 20 at Somerville High from 6 to 8 p.m. Classes begin Tuesday, September 25, and online registration is now available as well at www.somerville.k12.ma.us/eveningschool. Check out the fall courses offered by the school directly online and register online. The school principal, Sofia Carafotes, is looking forward to a large amount of interest in the courses offered. If you have a course you'd like to offer or see offered contact her. One course, the real estate license course, will also be offered again this semester.

What a great turnout for Somerville at the polls last Thursday, considering it was on a Thursday. It was a good show of support for the various candidates on the ballot. Rep. Denise Provost won easily with 87% of the vote in her district. Also doing well here was Alderman Maryann Heuston who won Somerville's voters over in the Registry of Deeds race, second here in Somerville to Maria Curtatone who shocked the entire county with her hard work which paid off in a large victory for her. Maria will fill the shoes of Eugene Brune at the Registry of Deeds, who is retiring. We are glad Maria did so well. She worked hard and had a large number of supporters throughout the county.

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to New 2013 fleet of police vehicles hit the streets of Somerville

Robert Spinney says:

Looks great..

Sheila says:

The Mayor is always making everything better and better!!!

Ray Spitzer says:

Wow! The robocops are coming!

A Moore says:

Wished they would have spent the money on a fingerprinting kit so they could have found who stole 5 of my vehicles and my sons car and several vandalised vehicles and 5 breakins.. Now they get to ride around in style. Not impressed at all.

Heidi Klum says:

Black shoes with a navy suit? You look like a bruise, Mayor Joe!
Brown shoes & navy suit looks so much better.

j. connelly says:

Ray may be right...the vehicles are futuristic. The 1st DUI they pull over, the DUI will try to arrest the cop for impersonating a police cruiser...
Wait till they get them for the fire department, with all that gear they wear responding it will be...then again the men & women of the SFD are very resourceful....Give them 10 minutes with the jaws of life and they'll make the vehicle accomodating to their needs.....lol

Coco Chanel says:

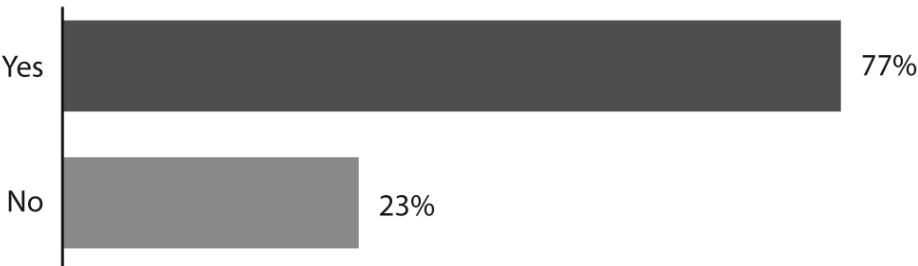
No way, Heidi – black shoes with navy suit is the only way to go.

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

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

Did you go out and vote in Thursday's Primary?



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Non-union personnel study presented to BOA

By Donald Norton

A study requested by the City of Somerville on the Classification and Compensation for the city's non-union personnel was presented Monday night to the Board of Alderman Finance Committee and meeting of the whole Board.

The report was sought by the administration to find out what Somerville could do to attract and retain qualified personnel. The Municipal Compensation Advisory Committee was established to come back to the city with recommendations.

The committee was headed by Tom Bent and included members Sandra McGoldrick, Gerald McCue, Phil Ercolini, and Isaac Machado.

Tom Bent started off the meeting giving a brief overview of the process and how they came to their findings and what their recommendations would be. Also discussed was what cities were used to doing compared with Somerville, both in job description and job duties.

The committee hired The Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management from the McCormack Graduate School of policy and Global studies.

Following Tom Bent in explaining the process was Mr. Collins of the Center for Public management. After their presentations, various members of the Board of Alderman asked specific questions regarding what towns were used to and

what they were not, and why.

All of the Alderman in attendance praised both the Center and the Advisory members present for the work done. The Chairperson of the Finance Committee, Alderman Rebekah Gewirtz, suggested along with other Aldermen that no vote be taken and to hold another meeting after more data was obtained and reported back to the Board Committee. All of the Aldermen agreed that more time was needed to review the report and to determine if any more questions might be needed.

A copy of the report is available to download by clicking the link provided in the online version of this article at www.the-somervillenews.com.



The city is looking at ways to attract and retain qualified personnel.

Primary Election results tabulated

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Provost will be unopposed in November's General Election and will therefore retain her position as 27th Middlesex Representative.

In the hotly contested race for Middlesex Southern Register of Deeds, Maria C. Curtatone prevailed over fellow Somervillians, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann Heuston and Robert B. Antonelli, as well as three other candidates who had thrown their hats into the ring. Curtatone received 14,534 votes overall, including 2,216 from Somerville voters, while her closest challenger, Heuston, garnered 12,990 ballots in total, 3,467 of which came from Somerville. Heuston and Concannon ran a tight race for second.

Remarking on her victory in the election, Curtatone said, "I am so very grateful for the vote of confidence placed in me by the citizens of Middlesex County. My victory was possible because of the hard work of the many supporters I have. Special thanks is due to my mother, children and family members for their love and encouragement. I also want to acknowledge the other candidates for their efforts and for extending their congratulatory messages to me. Though not formally opposed in the November election, Team Curtatone and I will continue to travel throughout the county in vigorous support of my candidacy and for the nominees of the Democratic Party."

Expressing her feelings, Alderman Heuston said, "I would first like to thank the many volunteers, family, and friends who supported me in my campaign for election as Register of Deeds.

I am humbled and forever grateful for the faith they showed in me and my candidacy. A special thanks to Gene Brune for his support, to the elected officials throughout the county for their endorsement, and for the support from many unions who saw the value in a candidate with a

record of supporting labor. I would like to congratulate Maria Curtatone on her victory, she worked hard and will do a great job as Register. I also want to commend the other candidates in the race, it was a pleasure to get to know them and to run with them. Finally, I want to

thank the people of Somerville for their vote of confidence in me. With some very important and exciting initiatives in store for Ward 2 and the city as a whole, I look forward to continuing to the work ahead as the Ward 2 representative on the Somerville Board of Aldermen."

The remaining Register of Deeds candidates' vote counts are as follows: Concannon, 10,390 overall, 188 from Somerville; Antonelli, 9,598 overall, 393 from Somerville; Ciano, 7,872 overall, 189 from Somerville; and Doto, 5,007 overall, 287 from Somerville.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Weed whacker wielder wounded

Police responded to a report that a woman had been struck by a man with a weed whacker last Sunday afternoon at a Broadway residence.

As officers arrived at the scene they were informed that the alleged assailant had been chased to Bond St. by a group of men. Police spotted the suspect there, bloodied and not wearing a shirt. He was surrounded by a group of males who were reportedly arguing with him loudly as officers arrived.

The suspect, Robert Tiernan, 50, of Medford, was questioned and reportedly told

police that he had been gardening at a Broadway residence, using a weed whacker, when neighbors began arguing with him. At some point one of them allegedly threw a beer bottle at him, causing him to lose his balance and lose control of the weed whacker. He reportedly told officers that if anyone got hurt by the power tool that it was an accident and not intentional.

Tiernan reportedly further told police that one of the neighbors approached and punched him in the face, then others joined in the assault.

Officers questioned the others involved in the incident and one stated that he had been outside of his residence with his wife and a friend looking at their garden. Tiernan was reportedly weed whacking on the other side of a shared fence and was asked to stop briefly, according to the witness, but that he refused and an argument ensued.

The witness then alleged that Tiernan began swinging the weed whacker back and forth over the fence, threatening them. At one point the weed whacker allegedly hit the witness' wife's arm, causing visible

wounds. The witness admitted to throwing a beer bottle at Tiernan, but that this was in self-defense.

According to witness testimony, a 911 call was then placed and Tiernan allegedly began walking away. The witnesses then said that they followed Tiernan so that he would not get away and that he physically attacked them. They further stated that they fought back in self-defense.

Police noted that Tiernan had bruises on his stomach and back and a laceration on his face above his eye. Paramedics who

came to the scene recommended that Tiernan be hospitalized for treatment but he reportedly refused to go.

Tiernan was placed under arrest and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Charges will also be filed against the alleged victims. One man will be charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a beer bottle. The other man will be charged with assault and battery. The woman was taken to the Somerville Hospital to have her injured arm treated.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Nicole Palmer, 30, of 141 Pierce St., Malden, September 3, 3:12 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation and larceny over \$250.

Sergio Aparicio-Jimenez, 18, of 35 Jaques St., September 3, 7:21 p.m., arrested at 10 Michigan Ave. on a warrant charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

Mark Spatafore, 48, of 89 Polk St., Charlestown, September 5, 11:22 a.m., arrested at 693 McGrath Hwy. on warrant charges of possession of a class B drug, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to stop or yield, and miscellaneous equipment violation.

Jennifer Turner, 28, of 300 Commandant Way, Chelsea, September 5, 4:55 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of no inspection sticker and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Stephen O'Neil, 28, of 159 Shirtlist St., Chelsea, September 5, 4:57 p.m., arrested at 175 Washington St. on warrant charges of distribution of a class C drug and drug violation near a school or park.

Alexander Matos, 20, of 61 Grove St., Chelsea, September 6, 1:52 p.m., arrested at 183 Powder House Blvd. on warrant charges of taking and stealing a motor vehicle, aggravated assault and battery, and witness intimidation.

Edward Cottier, 44, of 37

Harvard St., September 6, 4:08 p.m., arrested at Craigie St. on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Luis Arroyo-Morales, 34, of 531 Hyde Park Ave., Roslindale, September 6, 5:11 p.m., arrested at 480 Mystic Ave. on a charge of drug possession to distribute.

Sandro Osorio, 24, of 142 School St., Everett, September 7, 10:44 a.m., arrested at 304 Somerville Ave. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Sergio Moreira, 63, of 11 Locust St., Everett, September 7, 11:06 a.m., arrested at New Washington St. on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and obstructed window.

Catalino Rodriguez, 48, of 22 Allston St., Medford, September 7, 11:29 a.m., arrested at College Ave. on charges of speeding and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Manuel Leal, 32, of 199 Pearl St., September 7, 12:11 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellsway on a warrant charge of aggravated assault and battery.

Kent Greene, 51, of 108 Oxford St., Cambridge, September 7, 5:29 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of number plate violation, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, receiving a stolen motor vehicle, receiving stolen property, and unregistered motor vehicle.

Paul Lacharite, 65, of 25 Revere St., Boston, September 7, 5:49 p.m., arrested at 220

Washington St. on multiple charges of indecent assault and battery on a child under 14, and a charge of assault to rape a child.

Johnson Thelemaque, 23, of 88 Gilman St., September 7, 8:11 p.m., arrested at 30 Memorial Rd. on warrant charges of threat to commit a crime and abuse prevention order violation.

Kenneth Duffy, 58, of 404 Border St., E. Boston, September 8, 9:40 a.m., arrested at Otis St. on a warrant charge of threat to commit a crime.

Gerson Bautista Lara, 30, of 404 Border St., E. Boston, September 8, 9:40 a.m., arrested at 1273 Broadway on charges of marked lanes violation, unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Adam Leal, 22, of 18 Pratt St., Revere, September 8, 1:32 p.m., arrested at 52 Broadway on a warrant charge of larceny from a building.

Shawn St. Laurant, 33, September 8, 2:08 p.m., arrested at Cross St. on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation, carrying a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, attempt to commit a crime, and defacing property.

Jose Lemus, 36, of 420 Medford St., September 8, 2:46 p.m., arrested at Pembroke St. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

Robert Bachelder, 23, of 19 Short St., Medford, September 9, 1:37 a.m., arrested at Elm St. on a charge of disorderly con-

duct.

Robert Tiernan, 50, of 50 Mangles St., Medford, September 9, 5:22 p.m., arrested at 371 Broadway on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

James Miller, 39, of 29 Putnam St., September 9, 7:44 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery, and on a warrant charge of violation of city ordinance open container.

Incidents:

Theft:

September 4, 7:28 a.m., police reported a theft at Clyde St.

September 4, 9:17 a.m., police reported a theft at Mt. Vernon St.

September 4, 1:03 p.m., police reported a theft at Powder House Blvd.

September 4, 1:04 p.m., police reported a theft at Giles Pkwy.

September 5, 8:36 a.m., police reported a theft at Shore Dr.

September 5, 3:13 p.m., police reported a theft at Garrison Ave.

September 5, 6:50 p.m., police reported a theft at 23 Cummings St.

September 5, 11:36 p.m., police reported a theft at Bond St.

September 6, 11:15 a.m., police reported a theft at Hall Ave.

September 7, 9:09 a.m., police reported a theft at Willow Ave.

September 7, 12:28 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

September 7, 2:03 p.m., police reported a theft at Kent St.

September 7, 3:34 p.m., police

reported a theft at Broadway.

September 8, 3:09 a.m., police reported a theft at Central St.

September 9, 2:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Porter St.

September 9, 3:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

September 10, 8:41 a.m., police reported a theft at Spring Hill Terr.

Breaking & Entering:

September 5, 4:31 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Laurel St.

September 5, 11:05 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Concord Ave.

September 8, 6:26 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Willow Ave.

September 9, 9:29 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Marion St.

September 10, 8:35 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Virginia St.

Assault:

September 7, 12:55 p.m., police reported an assault at 91 Highland Ave.

September 8, 3:00 p.m., police reported an assault at Washington St.

September 9, 2:17 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

September 9, 5:22 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

September 9, 7:44 p.m., police reported an assault at Putnam St.

Drug Violation:

September 6, 4:17 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Mystic Ave.

Armory asks ZBA for changes in regulations

By Donald Norton

Struggling to survive, the prime tenant at the Armory, "Arts at the Armory," a non-profit organization, is now seeking permission from the city's Zoning Board of Appeals to ease certain restrictions in how they do business.

Attorney Adam Dash, representing the nonprofit, says that the situation at the Armory with revenue is not working out well at this time. In order for them to continue they are asking the ZBA to allow them to extend their hours of operation to midnight during the week from Sunday to Thursday, and to 1 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

They are also seeking to increase the general capacity from the current 390 to 495. They want to be able to cook on the premises both for the Café and the hall itself.

Additionally, they are looking to allow outside seating for the Café, not as an increase in overall capacity, but to move 20 seats to the outside area in order to give the Café more visibility.

One thing that the neighbors are opposed to is having the ZBA lift the restrictions on the Armory applying for a full liquor license. All of these restrictions



Arts at the Armory is seeking ways to increase revenue.

were placed on the Armory in the past by the ZBA.

The hall was packed with residents who are directly abutted with the Armory and were opposed to the lifting of the restrictions, citing the noise coming from the building at night, as well as the amount of cars in the neighborhood. John Sullivan, an abutter and community activist, along with several others, were very vocal on the ZBA not granting the Armory their requests.

A few of the Aldermen that were present, White, Sullivan, and Desmond, suggested that the proposal was going too far and that easing the restrictions would not be good for the neighbors. Alderman Sean O'Donovan, whose ward the Armory is

in, suggested along with Alderman Tom Taylor, whose ward would be impacted as well, that some kind of mediation process be implemented.

The President of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of the proposal. Others from around the city expressed support as well for the "Arts for the Armory," saying that we should not lose "this valuable and wonderful resource" here in Somerville. Many spoke in favor of the request.

The Board did not vote on the matter, but will do so at its next meeting. Attorney Dash asked the Board not to delay much longer since finances were short and they needed to get and answer soon.

Former Somerville Priest arraigned on sex charges

An Episcopal Priest, formerly of St. James Episcopal Church in Somerville, was arraigned on Tuesday on assault to rape a child and indecent assault and battery on a child charges, Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone informed the public.

Reverend Paul A. LaCharite, 65, of Boston, was arraigned in Somerville District Court on one count of assault to rape a child and three counts of indecent assault and battery on a child under the age of 14. The Commonwealth requested that the defendant bail be set at \$25,000 cash bail with conditions the he wear a GPS moni-



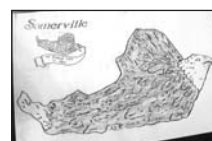
Reverend Paul A. LaCharite was affiliated with St. James Episcopal Church in Somerville.

toring device, stay away from victim's home and work, no unsupervised contact with children under 16, no work or volunteer work with children under 16,

and that he cooperate with the church's disciplinary process. Somerville District Court Judge Maurice Flynn ordered the defendant's bail set at \$10,000 cash bail with the following conditions of release: defendant must stay away from victim's home and work, have no unsupervised contact with children under the age of 16, surrender his passport, report to probation as deemed appropriate by the Probation Department, not possess any firearms

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The Somerville News Historical Fact of the Week



Eagle Feathers #9

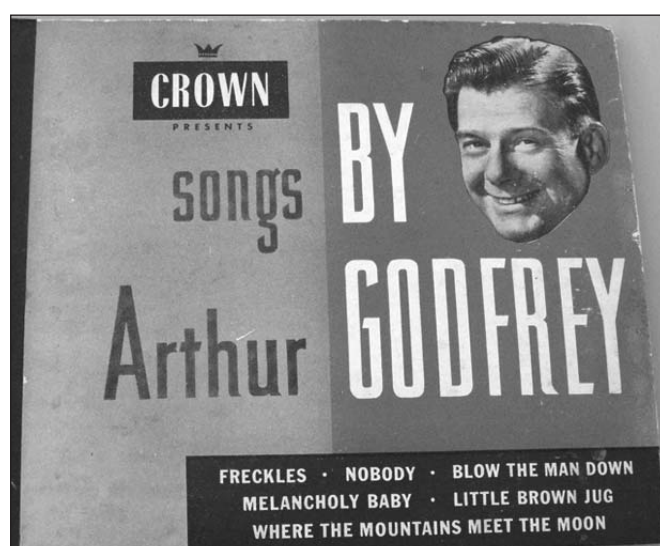
King Arthur

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Before Oprah, Ellen or Donahue dominated daytime TV, and Howard Stern or Howie Carr (a former Somerville resident, by the way) dominated the radio, there was Arthur Godfrey, who totally dominated both mediums.

He was considered by many to be the single most powerful and influential person in the broadcasting business during the 1950's and, for years, lived right here in Somerville. He was married at St. Catherine's Church.

Godfrey got his first broadcasting experience serving in the U. S. Navy as a radio operator. His big break that landed him a weekly radio program came when he performed at a talent show in Baltimore while serving in the Coast Guard. Godfrey got into a serious car accident causing a lengthy hospitalization.



During his recuperation, he listened to radio shows and decided that the stiff delivery of the era was not a good way to connect with listeners. So when he returned to radio, he brought with him a new and groundbreaking technique to the audience as if they were friends of his. This conversational approach to broadcasting was unheard of at the time, and it made him a star.

His fame exploded and, before long, he had more than one television program. One of his more famous shows was called *Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts*. This show was very much like *American Idol* in certain ways. Different acts were performed and the winners were determined by an applause meter. A major difference, however, was that the contestants on *Talent Scouts* went on to have more prominent careers than those on *Idol* and in greater numbers.

Entertainers that graced Godfrey's stage included: Rosemary Clooney (that would be George's aunt, by the way, for you younger folks), Tony Bennett, Lenny Bruce, Buddy Holly, Patsy Cline and Elvis Presley. And, surprisingly enough, on the night of his performance on the show, Elvis left the building without first prize in tow. Despite his loss Godfrey's program, I do recall him going on to see some moderate success after that.

One of Godfrey's more famous fans included President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who listened to his radio show faithfully. Arthur was featured on the covers of nearly every major magazine of the day, including *Time*. He appeared in various movies and countless TV shows throughout his career.

On top of all this, he was an accomplished pilot. Godfrey's fans were so endeared to his soothing voice that, during the Cold War, President Eisenhower commissioned Arthur to make a "doomsday tape" to be played in the event that the U.S. fall under attack. Eisenhower wanted Godfrey's voice instructing people what to do and where to take shelter because he believed that it would calm the public and decrease the odds of mass hysteria. So know that the man who conquered media in the fifties and was hand selected in the last century lived over at the corner of Cedar and Princeton. He died in 1983 and his body now rests in Virginia.

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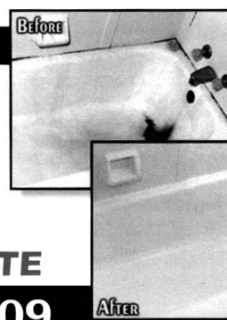
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Getting ready to count bikes and pedestrians

By Cathleen Twardzik

Have you ever wondered how many bicycles are ridden or how many pedestrians pound the pavement around Somerville?

A bike and pedestrian counting effort, which is entitled "City of Somerville Bike and Pedestrian Counts," will happen in Somerville in the near future.

The one hour of counting is required to occur between 7:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. or between 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. on one of the following days: September 18-20 and September 25-27.

Mayor Curtatone, the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development, and community partners are seeking volunteers who would enjoy becoming involved in this project.

The information gathered will help to identify pedestrian and cyclist "trends at 36 locations" around Somerville. That data is essential for fundraising, the identification of future needs, and planning projects.

The Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development designed this program, which was established as it exists at present, in the spring of 2010. Its purpose is "to gather data [about] how many cyclists and pedestrians use our roads each year," said Sarah J. Spicer, Senior Transportation Planner of the Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development of the City of Somerville.

"That data will help to: Supplement 'Journey to Work' data from the U.S. Census. This typically accounts for only 16 percent of all trips taken and, therefore, getting out on these sites and actually counting the users on the street fills out the rest of the picture. [It also helps to] prioritize pedestrian investments, inform bicycle infrastructure decisions, provide context for larger planning efforts in the city, and support funding and grant application efforts," said Spicer.

Safer bicycle and pedestrian travel in Somerville will be acquired via this program, according to the website.

"The most important goal of the program is to get a good snapshot of how many bikes and pedestrians are using our streets and to track trends in use from year to year, gaining a better idea of whether and where residents are taking different routes or different modes," Spicer said.

The program will take place once annually, beginning this year. Prior to 2012, a count was taken biannually.

"We plan on carrying out these counts every year in September so that we can best compare the numbers year-to-year," said Spicer.

If you are interested in viewing the map and signing up for the program's scheduling poll, then visit <http://www.doodle.com/quvt9cd8uatsgv3i>. Be sure to include your email address when you sign up.

Volunteers may participate for



Beacon Street is one of the most populous biking areas in the city.

more than one day or hour-long time slot.

Additionally, information about the project and data, which was collected in the past, as well as presentations regarding previous results, may be found on the Bicycle

and Pedestrian Counting Program page on the City of Somerville's website.

Individuals who have further questions may contact Sarah Spicer at sspicer@somerville-ma.gov or at (617) 625-6600, ext. 2519.

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Former Somerville Priest arraigned

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or dangerous weapons, must refrain from excessive use of alcohol or narcotics without prescription, and abide by any and all restraining orders if applicable.

The defendant's next court date is October 22 for a probable cause hearing.

According to authorities, the victim and his family were long time parishioners at St. James Episcopal Church in Somerville. In the 1990s, beginning when the victim was in elementary school, the defendant, a priest at the church, began inappropriately touching the victim in his office. The defendant's conduct is alleged to have progressed over a ten year period to include

several indecent assault and batteries and assaults with the intent rape a child, with the abuse finally ceasing when the victim was a teenager due to the defendant leaving St. James.

The victim came forward to authorities to reveal the defendant's alleged long-time abuse of him last week. An investigation was immediately conducted into the allegations and the defendant was arrested by Somerville Police on Friday evening.

The investigation remains ongoing. Members of the public who believe that they may have information that could be helpful to the investigation can call Somerville Police at 617-625-1212 x 7220 or the Middlesex

District Attorney's Office Child Abuse Unit at 781-897-8400. The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts is cooperating fully with the investigation.

These charges are allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The prosecutor assigned to this case is Assistant District Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief of the Child Abuse Unit. The Victim Witness Advocate is Susie Marshall. The Child Interview Specialist is Katie Nugent. This case is being investigated by the Somerville Police Department and members of the Middlesex District Attorney's Office's Child Abuse Unit.

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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Time for a breather before the big event in November.

The View From Prospect Hill



The Primary Election has come and gone, and those who fought long and hard - candidates and their supporters alike - are to be congratulated for once again affirming our Democratic process in its best possible state. Alternatives were presented and the voters made their choices. That's what it's all about.

Middlesex County now has its new Register of Deeds. We warmly congratulate Maria Curatone on her victory in the race and wish her the best in the days and weeks ahead as she prepares to take on the challenges that the office will be presenting. We know that she will rise to the task and bring all of her abundant talent and expertise to the job at hand.

Likewise, we offer heartfelt kudos to Rep. Denise Provost on her win in the challenge to her State Representative seat. She has served our district well and deserves the opportunity to continue her work, representing the best interests of our community and its surrounding environs. Her proven track record is likely to be exceeded by further achievements on our behalf up on Beacon Hill.

The challengers in these races should also be acknowledged for their superb contributions to the political process. Alderman Maryann Heuston presented a credible case for her election and ran a good race. We thank her for contributing to the dialog and debate, as we look forward to noting the great work she will continue to do in her Ward.

Harry Kortikere and all the others vying for the State Representative spot have also contributed significantly in making this election a model of a successful political system. Their efforts should not be taken for granted.

Last but far from least, the voters themselves should be thanked for taking the time and making the effort to exercise their franchise in the process. All the hooplah and hype, debate and drama, would mean nothing if the common citizen refused to get involved.

Democracy is the one system that assures the little guy that he is, in fact, the big kid on the block after all. Public service to the public is the highest calling in the land. Let us once again give thanks that we enjoy this precious gift.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

Congratulations to Somerville Police Officer Sean Sylvester and Michelle Sylvester on their recent marriage. Sean has finally settled down and it appears he's enjoying married life. We wish the two of them the very best.

The 10th annual Tufts Community Day is set for Sunday, September 30, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Education and entertainment for all ages, co-sponsored by both cities of Somerville and Medford. For more information go to <http://cday.tufts.edu>. The location of the event will be on the Green at the top of the hill,. Free parking in garage at 419 Boston Avenue.

A surprise 90th Birthday Party was held for Dan Spinoso. His family and friends wanted to surprise him. The party was held this past Sunday at the Ralph & Jenny Center on New Washington Street. He sure was surprised considering his birthday was in March. He was

pleased to see many of his family and friends present.

Speaking of the Spinoso family, the family's well-known member around the city, Ricky, was seen on Election Day standing in Ward 4 holding a sign for his good friend Maria Curatone. Speaking to him, you'd almost think he was going to ask Maria to marry him now that she won. He's probably now one of Somerville's most eligible bachelors. Or is he?

We hear through the grapevine in Winter Hill that there is something in the works for the property owned by the Blumsack family on the corner of Temple and Broadway up to Langmaid Avenue. Also, there may be progress at the Star Market site. We heard there was someone interested in moving into the old Star building. When Ward 4 Alderman Tony Lafuente was asked, he smiled and mentioned that he's hopeful.

He's working very hard to see that the Winter Hill section of the city is being looked at for improvement and that some progress happens.

Our good friend Bob McWaters does it all. He works two jobs and does them both great, but on election day he stood holding three signs for elected officials. And then, after the elections ended at 8 p.m., he was up at City Hall working hard along with the election commission people, stamping those boxes coming in from the various precincts around the city. He's everywhere!

The Paddock has been purchased and the new owners are the same owners of Oleana Restaurant on Hampshire Street in Cambridge. They have purchased the Olde Paddock Restaurant. Oleana Restaurant is renown with nationally known chefs. The restaurant will transform Gilman Square and will open soon.

Our good friend and local Attorney Mike Dwyer recently returned from another mini, well-deserved vacation in Holland to visit his daughter's school. Mike sure gets around. A couple of months ago he was in the Middle East.

Happy Birthday to the following here in the 'Ville: Our good friends Alderman Bob Trane is celebrating, as well as Alderman Tony Lafuente who hasn't shown any gray hair from being Alderman yet, like Bob has. School Committee lady Maureen Cuff-Bastardi is celebrating this week and our good friend David Lebahn has another excuse to buy himself a present. Matt Ferreira, who works at DPW, is celebrating as well as Cameron Fournier. To these and all the other 'Villens this week we say Happy Birthday.

Happy 40th Anniversary to our "Somerville News Person of the Week" last week George

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COMMENTARY

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Somerville and 9/11



By Joseph A. Curtatone

We still remember where we were. We still remember the shock and grief, and how the world mourned with us. We remember the overwhelming sense of injustice and of senseless loss. We remember the selfless hero-

ism of New York's police officers and firefighters. We remember the inspirational courage of the passengers on United Flight 93.

Over the years, we have tried to piece together the enduring significance of 9/11. And we have tried to take its lessons to heart.

Over the years, communities like ours have come to recognize that 9/11 was a wake-up call and challenge to declare our values and chart a new course.

There's no doubt, for example, that it's shaped our thinking about public safety. As a community, we have made substantial investments over the past eleven years in improving the equipment, training, technologies and operating procedures of

our police and firefighting forces. While that effort must and will continue for years to come, Somerville is a significantly safer city than it was in 2001, and we are far more capable of handling a wide range of emergencies and disasters.

9/11 taught us to be wary and to be prepared, and we have embraced those lessons.

But if 9/11 reminded us that our complex society is fragile and vulnerable, it also reminded us of how much we depend on each other and how much we have in common with our neighbors. For a while at least, 9/11 brought us closer to one another, and while it sometimes feels as if that sense of connection has been lost at the national level, it's

still very much in evidence here in Somerville.

Despite our diversity and our competing interests, we have come together over the past decade to create a truly amazing shared vision of what our city can and should be. We have pushed forward on a complex but cohesive effort to give our city a stronger, better, brighter, healthier future. We are building a city with more transit, more housing, more school capacity, more businesses, and more investment. And the reason we are getting those things because people want to live here. Somerville is a place where people want to be.

By working together to improve our future, Somerville re-

jects the empty uselessness of hatred, intolerance and closed minds. We bear witness to the superior strength of cooperation, tolerance, diversity, intellectual curiosity and freedom.

That's not to say that we don't still argue and struggle. We know how to push each other's buttons. But we have created a positive identity and a plan for our community that is attracting attention even at the national and international levels.

People talk about our energy, our civic innovation, our commitment to healthy living, our eclectic festivals, our unique blend of cultures as far away as Washington (the city and the state), as Canada, as Morocco, as Australia.

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The canonization of Ronald Reagan



By William C. Shelton

During the Republican National Convention, I heard speakers reverently intone, "Ronald Reagan" to sanctify slashing taxes, shrinking government, and savaging financial industry regulation.

Last week, Democratic National Convention speakers cited harmful trends that began thirty years ago. But the few

times they named the man who was president then, they did so in positive terms.

The non-fictionalized historical record is clear: Ronald Reagan was a mediocre president whose policies set in motion disastrous trends. Yet people who call themselves conservatives now believe that he should be on Mount Rushmore, and Barack Obama attempts to co-opt rather than challenge revisionist history.

The heroic reputations of those on Mount Rushmore emerged organically, through historical perspective. The Reagan myth comes to us through a calculated campaign conducted by ideologues.

In 1996 the conservative movement was dispirited, factionalized, and without a unifying hero. Public opinion regarding Reagan was low.

In a survey by Arthur Schlesinger Jr., 32 historians scored Reagan's presidency as "average-low." And *Rating the Presidents*, a survey of 719 historians, put Reagan at 26 out of 42, behind Clinton and Bush 41.

That spring, right-wing ideologue Grover Norquist began the Ronald Reagan Legacy Project and tapped illegal immigrant Michael Kambrowski to head it. Kambrowski baldly told the *Hartford Courant*, "The left has been far better at rewriting history. Conservatives just haven't

paid that much attention to this kind of thing."

The elements of the Reagan rewrite were that he

- Shrank government;
- Massively cut taxes, thereby bringing economic prosperity;
- Ended the cold war;
- Was uncompromising; and
- Was beloved by the people.

The initial plan involved a series of efforts to put Reagan's name on National Airport, war ships, government buildings, schools, streets, and the ten-dollar bill, and use these campaigns to broadcast revisionist history. Times were right to contrast a Clinton presidency, mired in tawdry sexual misconduct and perjury, with a past president

whose Alzheimer's diagnosis evoked widespread sympathy and who was perceived as morally circumspect.

Rush Limbaugh, his imitators, and former Reagan aide Roger Ailes' Fox News avidly broadcast the myth. George W. Bush, who presented himself to the GOP faithful as the next Ronald Reagan, worked to energize it throughout his campaign and presidency.

Over time, people forgot history, the media didn't remind them, and voters increasingly came of age who had little memory of the Reagan years. But the historical facts remain unchanged.

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

The Woodbridge Inn



"A comfortable home-like hotel for the tourist or permanent guest. All rooms have hot and cold running water, some with baths. The hotel accommodates fifty guests. The first floor is devoted to the lobby, lounging room, office and banquet and dance hall. The big living room with comfortable furnishings reflects the home-like atmosphere for which the hotel is known. Convenient to the activities of Somerville and Boston, it offers you the charm and seclusion available only in suburban hotels. The New Woodbridge Hotel is the Headquarters for Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs. Ample parking is available for guests at no extra charge."

That was the description of The Woodbridge Inn, also known as The Woodbridge Hotel, from a 1944 picture postcard that I got on eBay. The manager back then was a gentleman named Frank E. W. Howe. I wonder if he was related to our own John and Marie Howe? I often look at the Ciampa Manor building on College Ave. and say, "How could the Woodbridge Inn have fit in that small space?" I recall it being pretty big.

I remember the great hotel being brown, but on the postcard it is painted a steel gray with red trim. The hotel wrapped around the corner onto Winslow Ave. and had a huge porch. There was also a green awning over the

entrance (I am describing the postcard photo). All I can remember from walking in and out of, and past, the grand structure for many, many years was a cool looking, old, humongous wooden building. The Woodbridge was destroyed by fires in 1979 and 1980.

I saw my first pitcher of green beer at The Woodbridge Inn. It was in the downstairs lounge known as The Blarney Stone Pub. Here is how one Somerville guy remembers the Blarney Stone. "It was The Blarney Stone that helped me through my early college years. Just a great place, and, if memory serves me, never once did I see an outbreak of problems (fights, etc.). We all went, sang along and drank heartily. And those of us

who were male were grateful we never had to use the women's room after hearing the tale of *Seven Old Ladies*. He is referring to the Irish sing-along that tells of the seven ladies who unfortunately got stuck in the lava'try. That was one of the many songs that Somerville legend Jim Plunkett used to have the packed crowds singing along with at the top of their lungs. He and his guitar got that place rocking. Another favorite was *Charlie on the MTA*. Did he ever return? No, he never returned and his fate is still unknown. He may ride forever 'neath the streets of Boston, he's the man who never returned. I know a guy who remembers when some of the well lubed patrons would actually

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

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

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

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

Beacon Hill Roll Call has obtained the official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the Legislature's 39 state senators from January 1, 2012 to September 4, 2012. The list reveals that senators have collected a total of \$33,863.

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

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

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

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

The 2012 statistics indicate that nine senators, have received reimbursements ranging from \$2,052 to \$7,470, while 30 senators have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that senators must meet in order to collect the per diems.

The senator who has received the most per diem money in 2012 is Sen. Benjamin Downing (D-Pittsfield) with \$7,470. The other eight senators who received money include Sens. Michael Rodrigues (D-Westport), \$4,365; Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst), \$4,080; Daniel Wolf (D-Harwich), \$3,960; James Welch (D-West Springfield), \$3,762; Michael Knapik (R-Westfield), \$2,904; Jennifer Flanagan (D-Leominster), \$2,722; Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), \$2548; and Michael Moore (D-Millbury), \$2,052.

LOCAL SENATORS' PER DIEMS FOR 2012

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

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	\$0	(0 days)
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	\$0	(0 days)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

FUEL STAMPS, TERMINAL ILLNESS AND DISABLED PERSONS

- The Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities has recommended that several bills be sent to a study committee including legislation that would establish a gasoline assistance program that issues "fuel stamps" for free gas for senior citizens and handicapped persons who have owned a small business for six years or longer in which the use of their automobile is essential (H 1864). Other bills include one that creates a pilot program that would provide up to a \$10,000 one-time, state-funded low-interest loan to help 30 individuals in Massachusetts pay their expenses incurred as a result of their child being diagnosed with a terminal illness (H 978). Another measure prohibits any state-funded mental health programs or facilities for individuals with disabilities from using any procedure on their patients that denies adequate sleep, food, shelter, bedding or bathroom facilities or causes physical pain like hitting, pinching and electric shock for the purposes of changing the behavior of the person (H 77). Most measures shipped off to a study committee are never actually studied and are essentially defeated.

WELFARE RECIPIENTS AND ELDERLY GAYS

- Other proposals that are headed for a study committee include establishing a program for random drug testing of anyone receiving public assistance who has been convicted on any drug-related charge (H 974) and requiring the Department of Elder Affairs to work to improve access to services for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender elders and caregivers (H 48). It requires all caregivers who receive funding from the department to be trained in the field of providing services to these groups.

HIKE MINIMUM WAGE (H 2291)

- The Labor and Workforce Development Committee has recommended that legislation raising the minimum hourly wage from \$8 to \$10 over three years be shipped off to a study committee. The wage would rise to \$8.75 the first year, \$9.50 the second year and \$10 in year three. The measure also provides that the \$10 wage be automatically raised annually to reflect increases in the Consumer Price Index.

BED BUGS (H 109)

- The Consumer Protection Committee suggests a study committee be the fate of a bill that would prohibit the sale of bed mattresses without an encasement designed to keep bed bugs from entering mattresses and/or to keep existing bed bugs trapped.

MALE BREAST CANCER (H 4019)

- The House and Senate gave final approval to and sent to Gov. Deval

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Patrick a measure designating the third week in October of each year as Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week to raise awareness of the occurrence of breast cancer in men and to encourage regular screenings.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I think I would. I’ve learned a lot working alongside Governor Patrick, seen a lot. You know, like anything else you learn as you do your job.” – Lt. Gov. Tim Murray who is considering a run for governor in 2014, when asked if he would make a good governor.

“A more recent study conducted by Stanford University and University of Chicago shows that on the average women in Congress introduce more bills, attract more co-sponsors and bring home more money to their districts than the guys do.” – Barbara Lee, of the Cambridge-based Barbara Lee Foundation that strives to advance women’s equality and representation in American politics.

“What we have seen in the past few months encapsulates the overall course of this economic recovery.” – Raymond Torto, Chair of Associated Businesses of Massachusetts’

(AIM) Board of Economic Advisors commenting on the three-point rise in the Business Confidence Index in August following an 8.5-point plunge in June.

“You’re going to sit there and you’re going to listen to this, okay?” – House Speaker Robert DeLeo talking to an empty chair at a Democratic National Convention breakfast, mocking Clint Eastwood’s speech at the Republican National Convention during which the actor spoke to an empty chair that represented President Obama.

“Ask Osama bin Laden if he is better off now than he was four years ago.” – Sen. John Kerry addressing delegates at the Democratic National Convention.

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 September 3-7, the House met for a total of 41 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 45 minutes.

Mon. September 3	No House session No Senate session
Tues. September 4	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:27 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:24 a.m.
Wed. September 5	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. September 6	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:19 a.m. Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.
Fri. September 7	No House session No Senate session

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The Woodbridge Inn CONT. FROM PG 9

dance on the tables. Someone recalled being at the Pub with Plunkett and singing Irish songs the night Richard Nixon resigned. I’ll have to do an entire a story on my friend Jim Plunkett someday. He is still performing around and he is as good as ever.

Some (retired) teachers from different schools around the city used to meet there on Friday afternoons after a long week. They were such good customers that they often got free appetizers. They also reminded us that The Blarney Stone had one of the best jukeboxes evah! Another friend says, “I worked upstairs and drank downstairs and then walked home. Those were the days!” A friend adds, “Sitting up front where the band was on a Friday night was the place to be in the day. Jerry ran

a great place and we often talk about those days.”

Movie legend Tallulah Bankhead came to Davis Square to perform at the Somerville Theatre and stayed at the Woodbridge Hotel back around 1919 and had to live at The Woodbridge for a while. She complained of the non-private bathrooms and having to climb up three flights of stairs. I guess they added the private baths by the time that postcard of mine came out.

When I first searched up The Woodbridge Inn I came across a site that featured an audio tape of the Somerville Fire Department jokes who were at the fire in 1979. That was the end of a glorious era featuring that grand old wooden hotel that used to grace College Ave. It housed some

fabulous memories for a lot of us Somerville kids.

I understand that the guy who owned and ran the Blarney Stone is still around the Ball Square area. If you see him, don’t tell him that I know someone who still has a Blarney Stone mug that accidentally followed him home one night.

I’m glad I don’t have any bad memories of seeing the sad, burnt remains of the Woodbridge after the fires. All I have is nice memories of it, in a time that was so much fun so long ago. The Woodbridge went the way of the Cyclone roller coaster at Revere Beach that ended up a burnt skeletal wreck. It seems that when certain “geniuses” under the guise of “progress” want something gone, it goes up in flames. It’s probably easier and less expensive that

gutting it in its original form. One thing they can’t ever do is burn pleasant memories out of our minds. Long live the Woodbridge Inn and The Blarney Stone Pub!

Some facts were found in the book *Somerville, A Brief History* by Dee Morris and Dora St. Martin.

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SPOKES 2012 took place Saturday, September 9, in Union Sq Plaza. The event featured free bike maintenance workshops, bicycle goods, info on bike activism/awareness, bike art and more. The Somerville Bicycle Committee lead a "Tasting Tour of Somerville" fundraising ride through the streets of Somerville at 3 p.m. followed by free bike workshops in the plaza. There was a free "bike-in movie screening of *PeeWee's Big Adventure*. Dinner/snacks sold by Lefty's Silver Food Cart, Culinary Cruisers and the TAZA Chococycle. There was music and at 9 p.m. and a post-event night ride through the city.





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Alibrandis YBL champs again CONT. FROM PG 1

Somerville. They had been cruising through the playoffs until Malden tied the series 1-1 with a 14-3 beat-down. Malden scored four runs in the first, three in the second, five in the third and another in the fourth to take an extremely large lead. The Somerville bats fell cold throughout the game and couldn't get much going.

The Alibrandis would answer the next night, though. Tanguy took the mound and threw a complete game three-hitter to give Somerville a two games to one lead over the Bulldogs. Somerville held a 3-1 lead going into the seventh before Marc DesRoches hit a three-run bomb to give Tanguy some

more insurance runs. A five-run lead would be more than enough as Somerville now only needed two more victories.

Anthony Del Prete came into Game 4 looking to push the Bulldogs up against the wall. He did just that, going into the sixth inning without allowing a hit. His no-hitter would eventually be broken up, but he still picked up the victory, in a 5-2 ballgame. Mike Maguire, Ted Dziuba and DesRoches each had two hits for Somerville.

Somerville held a 3-1 advantage in the series and was definitely in the driver's seat, but wouldn't allow Malden to make a comeback. Somerville took an early lead in the first, but



The Somerville Alibrandis are Yawkey Baseball League for the 13th time.

Malden would battle back and hold a 3-1 lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning. That's when things started to get interesting. The Alibrandis

had the bases loaded when Maguire hit a bomb that just stayed in the park, but one run did come in to score. Somerville would tie the game

after an RBI groundout and then a sacrifice fly by Bobby Barrett brought home Sal Mendonca to win the game and the league title.

Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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1. What movie was *Oliver's Story* the sequel to?

2. What was the color of Mr. Spock's blood on *Star Trek*?

3. Who was the reporter that wrote the biography of John Belushi called *Wind*?

4. What is the most populous state capital in the U.S.?

5. What is the only person to ever win two elections as Vice-President and two elections as President?

6. Who is the author of the novels *The Firm* and *The Client*?

7. What is the Zodiac sign from September 23 thru to October 22?

8. What two dates can the ides of a month fall on?

9. To what state would you have traveled to see Pike's Peak?

10. Who was the TV detective that called people "pussy-cat"?

11. What country launched the "Titanic"?

12. What did skateboarding surface in California as an alternative for?

Answers on page 19

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St. Clement H.S. Sports Update

Volleyball

The Lady Anchors started their season with a 1-2 record losing 2-3 against league Marian Mustangs of Framingham. Senior Kristina Ofoedue (Methuen) lead the effort against Marian with 6 kills and 3 blocks, but the Lady Anchors came up short in the last match losing by 2 points. The team captured their first win of the year against the Cathedral Panthers going 3-0. Senior Allison Caloggero (Medford) had 9 service points, 5 aces and 3 assists. While freshman Katie Monestime (Somerville) lead the team with 12 service points, 3 aces and 4 assists. The team is off to a disappointing start after finishing second in the

Catholic Central League last year and making it to the Division 3 semi finals with no graduating seniors. The team looks forward to regrouping and facing the Pope John of Everett and Mt. Saint Joseph Academy this week.

Football

The St. Clement Anchormen anchored their first win of the year beating Keefe Tech of Framingham 19-12 at Hormel Stadium on Friday, September 7. After a scoreless first quarter the game was delayed two hours due to heavy rain and lightening. The Anchormen dominated in the second quarter as Junior Oyaronbi (Chelsea) caught 60 yard TD pass from

Jamey Thompson (Somerville). Andrew Carvahlo (Somerville) kicked the extra points. Alberto Lopez (Charlestown) added to the score with a 22 yard TD pass from Thompson making the score 13- 0 at the half. During the second half, Keefe Tech battled back bring the score 13-12 by capitalizing on costly penalties and missed St Clement opportunities. The Anchormen defense lead by Paul Catalano (Roslindale) and John Posada (Charlestown) held Keefe tech leading the Anchormen to a 9-12 victory. The Anchormen will prepare this week to face Old Colony Technical School away on Saturday, September 15 at 1 p.m.

St. Clement Skills and Drills Clinic

St. Clement School is offering a skills and drills basketball clinic for boys and girls ages 9 thru 14 on Sunday, September 16, 23, 30 and Sunday Oct. 7, 14, 21, at Saint School Gymnasium, 579 Boston Avenue, Medford, MA. Area coaches will teach kids the proper skills on how to ball handle, shoot, pass and play defense. Cost for the program is \$50.00 and includes a t-shirt. For more information and times, please call the Athletic Director, Ryan Murphy, at 339.221.1006 or email him at Ryanmuph3@aol.com.

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

Landers and his lovely bride Joan, who are celebrating 40 years of bliss and happiness.

Bert Gay, the husband of former Mayor Dot Gay, is undergoing chemotherapy treatments this week and will continue for the next few months. We wish him well and say prayers for him.

The Christopher Souza Reward Fund Walk is being held on Saturday, September 22. Please join them and help to get justice done for Christopher Souza. Registration

starts at 11:00 a.m. and the walk will begin at 12:00 p.m. at Trum Field on Broadway. Registration fee is free. For information please contact Nancy Medeiros at 617-460-2768 or email at fancy-one042666@comcast.net.

Parents head "back to school" to learn important lessons: The Family Center is now enrolling for Fall Parenting Group Sessions. The Family Center in Somerville is a non-profit organization that has been serving families in Greater Boston and beyond for the past thirty years

and regards parenting as a "journey that begins the day you are born" and families as "the most important institution and the most valuable resource in a child's life." Check them out at www.familycenterinc.org.

Congratulations to our good friend Somerville resident Jason Castle, a ten year veteran of the Somerville Auxiliary Fire Department who has just been accepted for a position with the City of Cambridge as a 911 call operator. We wish him all the best with his new career.

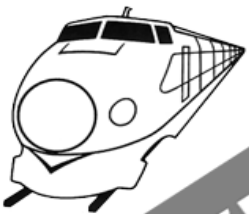
Somerville Remembers 9/11

Somerville held its annual candlelight vigil walk Tuesday night in honor of the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Mayor Joseph Curtatone, elected officials, and members of the community started the walk at the Cedar St. end of the bike path accompanied by Somerville Police and Somerville Fire Honor Guard. The procession ended in Davis Square, where a short speaking program and moment of silence took place.



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THE Somerville News Person of the Week



Meet Maria Curtatone. That's right, we choose Maria this week for two reasons. For one, well, she's a nice lady. But, more importantly, she was elected by the voters of Middlesex County as its first woman Register of Deeds. Period. With a field of six candidates she won the election. The second place candidate was also a woman, Maryann Heuston. It's kind of nice that in a field of six the only two women running came in first and second, in that order. Maria is a lifelong resident. She ran for mayor of our city back in the early 90's and ran a pretty good campaign. When she lost, her brother, the present mayor, was going to college. He probably got the political bug from her when he ran for Alderman at Large and then won. Maria lives right here in Somerville on Prospect Hill. She practices law as well here in Somerville and around the district. Maria Curtatone worked extremely hard in this election and without the support of many political insiders, both here in the city and elsewhere. But oh, can she put a machine together, and she did. With massive support all over the county, she had signs, mailings, phone calls, standouts, billboards, paper ads and much more going. The always-smiling Maria Curtatone was smiling big on election night when the results came in. Congratulations to her and to all her workers. That is why we picked Maria this week.

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, September 19, 2012**, at the Visiting Nurse Association, 259 Lowell Street, Community Room, 3rd Floor, Somerville, at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

99 Dover St: (Case #ZBA 2012-40-R1-8/2012) Applicant Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Inc. and Owner 99 Dover Street, LLC, seek a Revision to a Special Permit (ZBA 2012-40) under SZO §5.3.8 to add a new condition to the Special Permit which would give Owner the as-of-right option to restore the loading dock door that would be removed as part of the originally awarded Special Permit. The original Special Permit was to make alterations to the façade of a nonconforming structure including removing a loading dock door and replacing it with windows and an emergency egress under SZO §4.4.1. CBD Zone. Ward 6.

70 Concord Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-59) Applicants and Owners Antonio and Erma Miranda, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to alter the structure's third floor to create additional living space, including new window openings, and a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a for relief from one parking space at an existing two-family residence. RB zone. Ward 2.

28-30 Newberne St: (Case #ZBA 2012-67) Applicants and Owners Andrew H. Kim and Jo Eun Choi, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to enclose private outdoor space on the first floor of the north and south facades of an existing six unit residential building. RC zone. Ward 6.

453 Somerville Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-71) Applicant Akimenko Meats and Owner Samylee LLC, seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.5.1 to change a nonconforming use (an automotive repair shop) to another nonconforming use in order to open a butcher shop (SZO §7.11.9.3.a). The Applicant and Owner are also seeking a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to make alterations to the façade of the existing nonconforming structure including new door openings. BA/RB zone. Ward 2.

48 Temple St: (Case #ZBA2012-72) Applicant, Miao Chang Fang, and Owner, White Cliffs LLC, seek a Special Permit to alter a nonconforming structure under SZO §4.4.1 to relocate entry doors and windows on the front façade. RB zone. Ward 4.


13 Elmwood St: (Case #ZBA 2012-73) Applicant, Franziska Amacher, and Owner, Chunga Cha, seek a Variance (SZO §5.5) in order to build a 1.5 foot extension of the first story of a porch into the front yard setback. RB zone. Ward 7.


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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 20, 2012** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

167 Broadway: (Case #PB 2012-17) Applicant, Yenlin Chen, and Owner, Yungkuei Chen, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5 to alter the façade of the building including new window and door openings, signage, and lighting, as well as a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.6 for exterior seasonal seating. CCD 55 zone. Ward 1.

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Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P3399EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of:

Eva	F.	Cangiamila
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

Also Known As: Eva Cangiamila

Date of Death: November 2, 2011

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner Annmarie L. Sanstad of Reading MA

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(City/Town)	(State)
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[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

[x] Annmarie L. Sanstad of Reading MA

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(City/Town)	(State)
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has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve [] with [x] without surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representative appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 12P3401EA

INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

Estate of:

John	J.	Cangiamila
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name

Also Known As: John Cangiamila

Date of Death: January 23, 2012

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of

Petitioner Vincent J. Cangiamila of Billerica MA

First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(City/Town)	(State)
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[x] a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

[x] Vincent J. Cangiamila of Billerica MA


First Name	M.I.	Last Name	(City/Town)	(State)
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PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-29

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

Video System Expansion & Upgrade

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, September 5, 2012**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be from September 24, 2012 through September 23, 2013.

Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% Bid Deposit will be required.

Please contact Orazio DeLuca, MCPPD, Contract Manager x3407, or email odeluca@dsomervillema.gov, for information and bid packages.

Angela M. Allen
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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
IFB # 13-30**

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed bids for:

2012 Street Reconstruction Project

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, September 12, 2012**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Wednesday September 19, 2012 at 11:00AM, DPW 2nd Floor Conference Room, One Franey Road, Somerville, MA.

The estimated project completion for 10 Streets and 7 Private Ways.

The contract term shall be from October 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014.

Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% Bid Deposit will be required.

Mass. Highway Pre-Qualification is required.

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

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

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, September 17, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** to consider accepting a proposed change to the SLC Rules and Regulation, requiring any applications wanting to change the ownership of businesses who serve alcoholic beverages, be posted in the business's window as a public notice.

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 for all persons interested will be given by the **Somerville Licensing Commission** on **Monday, September 17, 2012** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of 381 Summer Street Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Rosebud to transfer 100% of stock from Evangelos Nichols to William E. Nichols and for new officer and director.

For the Commission
Andrew Upton
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And don't think for a minute that I take the credit for that achievement. Somerville has done what it has done and is where it is today not because of any one person or group, but because we have an active, engaged and spirited community.

It is because we care about each other. As President Obama said in his address to the Democratic Convention, "We, the people recognize that we have responsibilities as well as rights; that our destinies are bound together; that a freedom which asks only, "What's in it for me?", a freedom without a commitment to others, a freedom without love or charity or duty or patriotism, is unworthy of our founding ideals, and those who died in their defense.

"As citizens, we understand

that America is not about what can be done for us. It's about what can be done by us, together, through the hard and frustrating but necessary work of self-government."

Locally, nationally, and globally, the best way to honor the memory of 9/11 is to continue our efforts to build a stronger future founded on cooperation and mutual understanding. Here in Somerville, we've taken that lesson to heart. And we will continue to bear witness.

The canonization of Ronald Reagan

CONT. FROM PG 9

Size of Government

The line that Reagan disciples most often repeat is from his first inaugural. "In the present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem."

During his tenure, federal spending increased by 2.5% per year, adjusted for inflation. Federal government employment grew from 2.8 million to 3 million. (Bill Clinton subsequently trimmed it back to 2.7 million.) Although Reagan had pledged to eliminate two cabinet agencies, he added one instead.

Taxes

During his first year in office, he pushed through an income tax bill that cut the top marginal rate from 70% to 28%. Every year thereafter, he increased taxes-11 times. He raised the gas tax and levied the largest corporate tax increase in history.

To keep Social Security solvent, he increased payroll taxes in 1993. The net effect left working Americans paying a higher percentage of their income in taxes, and wealthy Americans paying a lower one.

Economic Growth

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth during Reagan's eight years (31.7%) was less than the Kennedy/Johnson years (47.1%) or the Clinton years (33.1%). Tax-cut demagogues like to point to the 16 million net new jobs created during his term. But this was the worst job growth of any administration between World War II and the George W. Bush administration. And a substantial portion of it came as a result of the economic stimulus provided by massive deficit spending.

National Debt

In 1981, the national debt was \$700 billion. After Reagan's eight years, it was almost \$3 trillion.

National debt as a percentage of GDP had declined under every presidential administration since World War II, except for a tiny 0.2% increase during the Nixon/Ford years. As a percentage of GDP, it rose by over 20% under Reagan.

When he took office the U.S. was the world's largest creditor nation, with net receivables of

\$141 billion. When he left, we were the world's largest debtor nation, owing a net of \$533 billion.

Prosperity

By the late 1980s, middle-class incomes were barely higher than they had been before Reagan, and families living in poverty increased by a third. But during his term, income growth of the wealthiest 1% was ten times that of everyone else-61.5% vs. 6.15%.

Cold War

The Soviet Union's collapse was already underway when Reagan took office. Soviet grain production stagnated between 1966 and 1990. New Soviet oil and gas production was insufficient to provide the hard currency needed to buy grain abroad. Mikhail Gorbachev's policies of openness and restructuring coincided with plummeting world oil prices, and the hardliners were too weak to suppress revolt.

Force-feeding the Pentagon more money than it wanted or could cost-effectively use only strengthened Soviet hardliners and delayed Gorbachev's policies. It had much more impact on U.S. fiscal health than on U.S.S.R. survival.

Americans once understood this. A *USA Today* poll taken four days after the fall of the Berlin Wall found that 43% of Americans credited Gorbachev, while only 14% cited Reagan.

The ideologues like to forget that the proxy war that he fought with the USSR in Afghanistan cynically armed, trained, equipped, funded, and provided intelligence to the Islamic fundamentalists who became the Taliban and Al Qaeda. And that when his indecisive intervention in Lebanon got 241 Marines killed, he distracted the public by invading a tiny Caribbean island that posed no threat to us. And that he violated the law by secretly selling weapons to Iran and using the profits to finance drug-dealing "anti-communist" terrorists in Central America, whom he equated to our founding fathers.

Popularity

After that last fiasco, a third of Americans thought Reagan should resign. But the myth is that he was

beloved. In fact, his average approval rating while in office was 52.8%, behind Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Clinton, and George H.W. Bush.

By the summer of 1992, just 24 percent of Americans said their country was better off because of the Reagan years, while 40 percent said it was worse off. One small reason for this disenchantment was that Reagan-era deregulation led directly to the savings and loan industry crisis and bailout, costing taxpayers \$124 billion.

Listening to the RNC, you would never guess that Reagan inevitably favored compromise over gridlock. Or that he signed into law a bill that made 3 million illegal immigrants eligible for amnesty. Or that while exploiting and legitimating the religious right, he was not of it, having signed a California bill that legalized abortion.

The mythic Ronald Reagan exists to bully moderate Republicans, unite the base, and con the ignorant. The factual Ronald Reagan was neither an evil villain nor a secular saint. He was a charismatic leader with serious limitations and rigid beliefs.

Historians who have extensively interviewed his presidential staff tell us that those beliefs were often impervious to evidence. His handlers lacked confidence in his judgment and capacities. He had difficulty distinguishing between fantasy and reality. Incapable of analytical thought, he understood things through moralistic parables. The better the story's plot, the stronger its heroes and villains, and the more often he repeated it, the more he dismissed contradictory evidence.

Some attribute these characteristics to Alzheimer's disease. I think they were more likely the product of a small-town guy whose consciousness was shaped by Hollywood, where plots can be scripted to fit one's beliefs, and happy endings can be decreed.

Too many Americans now share these characteristics. After 16 years of myth making, almost two-thirds approve of Reagan's job performance.

The myth may somehow comfort them. But we continue to live with the dire consequences that come from confusing ideological fairy tales with verifiable fact.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|September 12

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

Central Library
Teen Advisory Board Meeting
4 p.m. - 5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday|September 13

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

Friday|September 14

Central Library
Central Library Closed for Staff Training
9 a.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library
East Branch Closed for Staff Training
9 a.m.-2 p.m.| 115 Broadway

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

Saturday|September 15

Riverfest 2012
All day fun
Starts at noon
Assembly Row at Assembly Square

Sunday|September 16

3rd Annual Dog Festival
10 a.m.|Trum Field

Tuesday|September 18

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

Wednesday|September 19

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

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

MUSIC

Wednesday|September 12

Johnny D's
Taylor Ho Bynum Sextet|Eric Horbauer Quartet
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

PA'S Lounge
Andrew Clark Comedy Night
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St
Cantina la Mexicana
Salsa Dance Night
7 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Thursday|September 13

Johnny D's

Jinx Bros.|The Bastard Sons
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

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

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

PA'S Lounge
The Relevant Elephants|Not Bothered|The Mirror Neurons|Happy Time Harry
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

Precinct Bar
Elizabeth Warren for Senate Party
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Best Chicken Ever
381 Summer St.

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

Radio Bar
Tavonna Miller|Bassel & The Supernaturals|Dan & The Wildfire|Whiskey
379 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
Montana Skies
7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Cantina la Mexicana
Little War Twins (plus two bands)
9 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Friday|September 14

Johnny D's
Bottom Dollars|Hollows|Pressure Cooker|The Agents
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m.
Hillbilly Holiday with The Vivs \$5 cover |9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Cover Up
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
Otis groove|Akashic Record
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Hollow Cross|The Tenafly Vipers|Wrought Iron Hex|Bedroom Rehab Corporation
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
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381Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
Houston Bernard and the Rip Roarin' Buckaroos
8:30 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Arts At The Armory
Singing with the Seasons - Fall
7p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Radio Bar

The 360's|Pop Gun|A Terrible Beauty|The Elephants
379 Summer St

Saturday|September 15

Johnny D's
Wreckless Eric & Amy Rigby|High Hopes Band|Dubbest
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Halfway to St Paddy's Day! Celebrate w/ Irish boiled dinner and 3 favorite bands!
Johnnie Come Latelies|3 p.m.
Josh Lederman & the CSARs|6 p.m.
One Thin Dime Tom Hagerty Band|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Red Square
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar
Karaoke
65 Holland St

PA'S Lounge
No Rescue|Surefire|Voluptuaries|Bedford Davis
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Juliet & The Lonesome Romeos 4-7 p.m.
Ronan Quinn Band|10p.m.
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

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608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Rosebud Bar
Fennario
381 Summer St

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

Cantina la Mexicana
Private party
247 Washington St.

Radio Bar
Radio -Up: Videodrome \$5 radio-down: Jonny Pape|Greg Kasabian|Keith Pierce|Billy Brown
379 Summer St

Sunday|September 16

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Frank Drake Sunday Showcase|5 p.m.
Paul Ahlstrand Quartet|8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

Precinct Bar
Eytan & The Embassy
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

Rosebud Bar
Karoake
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
Roy Sludge
379 Summer St

Arts At The Armory
Not So Silent Sundays! Featuring Buster Keaton's The General
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Monday|September 17

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Cheapshots Comedy Club open mike|7 p.m.
Marley Mondays with the Duppy Conquerors|9:30 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Bur Run|6:45 p.m.
Big Night Out|8 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
70 Union Sq|617-623-921

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

Rosebud Bar
Closed Mondays
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts At The Armory
September Star Trek Series
7p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Tuesday|September 18

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

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Panda Bar indie night: Bucky Bear, Ksenia Mack |8 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
UnRegular Radio
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
Karaoke
381 Summer St

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

Radio Bar
379 Summer St

Arts At The Armory
The First and Last Word Poetry Series
6 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday|September 19

Johnny D's
Mike Henry and the Revolutionarys
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar

Free pool|Game Night|Interactive Trivia
381 Summer St

Radio Bar
379 Summer St
Cantina la Mexicana
Salsa Dance Night
7 p.m.|247 Washington St.

Arts At The Armory
Rock Therapy with Brendan Boogie!
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|September 12

Central Library
Somerville Arts Council Grant Meeting
Gregory Jenkins
617-625-6600 x2997
3:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Central Library
Home Energy Workshop with Somerville Climate Action and Next Step Living
John Massey
617-513-1220
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday|September 13

West Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
(Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
(Session 2) 7:15 PM - 8:15 PM
40 College Avenue

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

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

Saturday|September 15

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

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

Sunday|September 16

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

Monday|September 17

Central Library
New Democracy Meeting
Carol Bradford
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library
Learn English at the Library!
(Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
(Session 2) 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.
115 Broadway

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

Tuesday|September 18

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

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

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

Wednesday|September 19

Central Library
Director's Series- Most Wanted: Pursuing Whitey Bulger, the Murderous Mob Chief the FBI Secretly Pro
Maria Carpenter
617.623.5000 x2910
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Mosaic class - In collaboration with the Mosaic Studio of Arlington, we will be offering a 6-week mosaic class from 10/9 - 11/13 Tuesdays from 12:30 - 2:00. We need a minimum of 7 people so if you are interested, please let us know. Price will range from \$42 - \$60 plus \$25 material fee. Still looking for a few more people to have the class.

Cabaret: Tales of Autumn in Song - We invite you to our American Cabaret and Luncheon show with a performance by the Boston Association of Cabaret Artists on Monday, October 1st from 11:30 - 1:30 pm at Holland Street Center. Cost is \$5 and includes burgers with all the fixings and apple pie a la mode.

Bowling is back! Join Flo on Wednesdays at Flatbreads at 1:00 p.m.

Fall exercise class update: Belly Dancing began Tuesday September 11 at 5:00 at Holland Street. Yoga with Margaret is 4:30 at Holland Street. Suzy is back with Zumba Gold at Holland Street at 5:15 and Sue continues Zumba Gold at Ralph & Jenny at 11:30 on Tuesdays. All classes are \$5 per class payable to the instructor.

LGBT Events - September 24 we are excited to have Kate Chang, District Representative from Congressman Michael Capuano's office come talk about "Life on the Campaign Trail." Ms. Chang has worked on Hilary Clinton's, John Kerry's and Michael Capuano's campaigns. All ages welcome. 167 Holland Street 6 - 8 pm. RSVP with Lisa at 2316.

A new season begins with the Moonlighters, our wonderful singing group. If you were at the picnic you heard their wonderful voices. Come join us every Monday at 10:30 am. No experience needed.

Farmer's Market - Every Thursday at Holland Street from 11:00 am - 1:00 p.m. 55+ half price.

September 12

Bowling at 1:00 at Flatbreads with Flo

Holland Street Center
Flexibility & Balance|9:30 a.m.
Qi gong|1:15 p.m.
Zumba Gold|5:15 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Cross Street Center
Closed

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

September 13

Farmer's Market at Holland Street!
Holland Street
Current Events - all welcome|10 a.m.
Walking|11 a.m.
Farmer's Market|11 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

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

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

September 14

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

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Center Closed
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

September 17

Holland Street Center
Gardening|9 a.m.
Singing - Moonlighters|10:30 a.m.
English Conversation|10:30 a.m.
Gentle Yoga is back!|4:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.
Bingo|12:45 p.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

September 18

Holland Street Center
Strengthening Exercises|9:15 a.m.
SHINE (Medical insurance) by apt.|10 a.m.
Belly Dancing|5 p.m.
Caregiver's Group|6:30 p.m.
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

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

Ralph & Jenny Center
Cards and Cribbage|10 a.m.
Flexibility & Balance |10:30 a.m.
Zumba GoldBingo|11:30 a.m.
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

September 19

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

Cross Street Center
Closed

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

Computer Tutorial - Retired computer teacher Barbara Marshall will be volunteering on select Thursdays from 11 - 12 at the Holland Street Center to provide individualized computer training. To schedule an appointment, call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

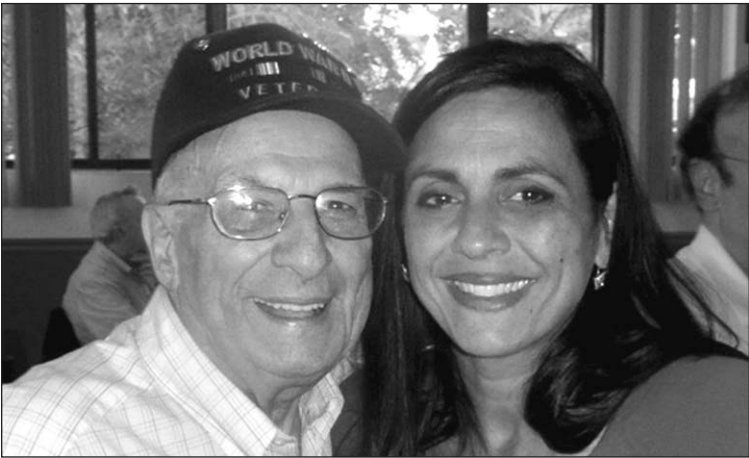
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COA Book Club goes 'Grey'



Somerville Council on Aging Book Club meets the third Friday of every month. This month we are meeting September 21 at 10:00 a.m. at the Holland Street Center, 167 Holland Street. All new members are welcome. This month's selection is *50 Shades of Grey* by E. L. James. Next month's selection is *Paris Wife* by Paula McLain on October 19. Pictured here, Maria Carrocino and Flo Papagno enjoying a few excerpts from *50 Shades of Grey*.

Surprise party



Dan Spinoso's family and friends held a surprise birthday party for him last Sunday at the Ralph & Jenny Center. Born in 1922, Dan turned 90 on March 17. Top picture: Richard Spinoso, Kim Mulligan, and Dan; Middle picture: Four generations; Bottom picture: Two familiar faces.

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Ms. Cam's *Answers from page 14*

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Answers

1. Love Story	7. Libra
2. Green	8. 13th and 15th
3. Bob Woodward	9. Colorado
4. Phoenix, Arizona	10. Kojak
5. Richard Nixon	11. Ireland
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Unveiling the genius of Ray Charles

By Max Sullivan

Since Somerville native Matt Glaser's younger days in Upper East Manhattan, the world renowned violinist and Berklee Professor has worshipped, like many, at the feet of "The Genius."

"A lot of the music I've tried to make has been inspired by Ray Charles" Glaser said. "Its like a flame in the background for me."

With such a flame as an inspiration, it seemed a no brainer to hold a symposium on the history of American roots music in Charles's honor. A man who so effectively and eloquently tied the different forms of rural American music together.

The three day symposium, *Inspired by Ray*, to be held Sept 21-23 at Berklee College of Music, will be a mix of presentations

and performances, from discussions on Charles's involvement in both the black and blind community, to performances by many world renowned musicians who have crossed paths with Charles or his music in some form or another.

One performance will include a landmark onstage meeting of two greats, bluegrass giant Ricky Skaggs and renowned jazz guitarist John Scofield.

"They've never played with each other, but they're fans of each other," Glaser said, "So I'm really looking forward to the collaborations that will take place in this concert."

Since being named the Artistic Director of the American Roots Music program at Berklee, Glaser has had it in mind to put on a symposium which focuses



"The Genius" of Ray Charles will be explored and celebrated at Berklee College of Music's *Inspired by Ray* symposium.



Berklee Professor Matt Glaser.

on the different forms of American rural music. The trick was, how do you fit blues, jazz, gospel and country music into a three day event and do rural music history any justice?

Being a Ray Charles fanatic, it dawned on him to make "The Genius" the focus.

"It occurred to me, Ray Charles really functioned as a great prism through which to look at all these things," Glaser said.

Charles, of course, is recognized for not only creating some of the most soulful music to date, but for also simultaneously drawing from more areas of American music than any other artist of his time.

Glaser admitted that many of the kids he teaches day in and day out at the college have very little idea of what an impact

Charles had on music.

"No, they don't at all," Glaser said. "Somebody once said that kids today, they don't know anything. As a matter of fact, they don't suspect anything."

Surrounded by these young musicians who carry their iPhones and Apple laptops around the Berklee campus, engulfed in today's easy access technology, Glaser sees so many students submerging themselves into a variety of musical styles yet understanding very little of the historical significance they hold.

"They've gone deeply into a wide range of things that interest them, but they don't have a good historical sense," Glaser said. "As a cranky old man now, this is my goal, to yell at these young kids and tell them everything they don't know about American music."

The tribute concert *inspired by Ray* is set for Saturday, September 22, at the Berklee Performance Center. Along with Skaggs and Scofield, performers will include singer-songwriter Raul Midón, former Raeletts Tonette McKinney, Renee Georges, and Katrina Harper, Grammy-nominated vocalist Donna McElroy, Charles' former music director Victor Vanacore, Tracy Bonham and Margaret Glaspy with the Wayfaring Strangers, and guitarist/songwriter Doug Wamble.

Tickets, \$35, \$25, \$15 (reserved seating), are at the Berklee Performance Center box office, at <http://www.berklee.edu/BPC> or by phone at 617 747-2261.

LETTER OF THANKS

Ward 5 businesses and friends come through for Ryan Harrington Foundation

There are so many things I know and love about the City of Somerville, but yet I am always open to new experiences from the place I have called home for 32 years. I recently sent out emails to some businesses owners asking for gift certificates as raffle items for the first annual corn toss tournament benefiting the Ryan Harrington Foundation, hosted by The Pub (682 Broadway/Ball Square). What I got in return was a reminder of how truly generous and thoughtful Somerville business owners are! Within a few minutes of hitting send, my iPhone was buzzing with responses of "absolutely," "I'd love to," and "count me in."

By the following Wednesday I had close to \$300 worth of gifts to drop off at the house of Ryan's Mother and Father and got to hear them explain, with excitement and slight exhaustion, the amount of work they were doing to make this event a success!

In closing, I would like to extend my most heartfelt gratitude to the below mentioned businesses who came through to be a part of, what I hope, will be a longstanding tradition of supporting great Somerville youth organizations and keeping the memory of Ryan Harrington alive and strong!

With Sincerest Regards,
Courtney O'Keefe

The first annual corn toss tournament benefiting the Ryan Harrington Foundation will take place at Trum Field on September 15 starting at 9 a.m. If you would like more information, please visit their website at www.ryanharringtonfoundation.org.

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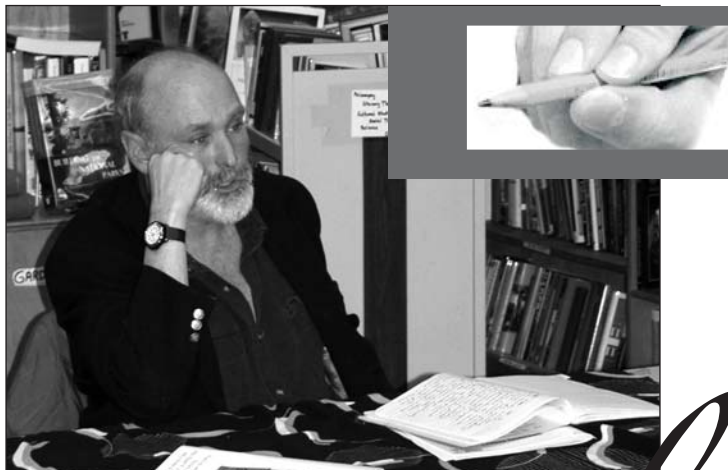
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SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, September 12		6:00	Al Jazeera	2:00	Tele Kreyol	1:00	Ablevision
12:00	Free Speech TV	7:00	Shrink Rap	3:00	Tele Magazine	1:30	Somerville Housing Authority
6:00	Somerville Biking News - Share The Road	7:30 (R)	Greater Somerville w/Joe Lynch	3:30	Physician Focus	2:00	Somerville: Most Interesting Place
7:00	Drug Awareness	8:00 (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	4:00	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	2:30	Somerville Back In The Day
8:00	Democracy Now!	9:30	Tonight's Special	4:30	Back In The Day	3:00	Exercise With Robyn & Max
9:00	Abugida TV	10:00	Somerville Rocks	5:00	Henry Parker Presents...	3:30	Esoteric Science
10:00	PorchFest 2012	10:30	National Wildlife Foundation	6:00	OPENAIR Circus	4:00	The Thom Hartmann
11:00	Somerville News Reading	11:00	Creepy Castle	8:00	David Parkman	5:00	Culture Club
12:00	Democracy Now!	Friday, September 14		9:00	Nossa Gente e Costumes	5:30	Nepali Sakela Festival
1:00	Somerville: Back In The Day	12:00	Free Speech TV	10:00	Sonic Lobotomy	6:00	Al Jazeera TV
1:30	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	6:00	Live Response	11:00	GAY TV	6:30	Perils For Pedestrians
2:00	Culture Club	7:00	Bed Bugs Summit	Sunday, September 16		7:00	Tango Festival
2:30	Life Matters	8:00	Democracy Now	12:00	Free Speech TV	8:00	MDOT McCarthy overpass
3:00 (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	9:00	Truth About Drugs	6:00	Show De Faith	9:00	Dedilhando A Saudade
3:30	Inside Talk	10:00	Somerville Newspaper Reading	7:00	Flipside	10:00	Bate Papo con Shirley
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5:00	Neighborhood Cooking	11:30	Somerville Housing	9:00	Heritage Baptist Church	11:30	Art@SCATV
5:30	Cooking w/Georgia & Dez	12:00	OPENAIR Circus	10:00	International Church of God	Tuesday, September 18	
6:00	Al Jazeera	1:00	Boston Tango Festival	10:30	Eckankar	12:00	Free Speech TV
6:30	Affordable Housing	2:00	Bed Bug Summit	11:00	The Commonwealth Report	6:00	The Road to Recovery
7:00	Tonight's Special	3:00	Brunch w/Senator Sanders	11:30	Somerville Housing	7:00	Perils For Pedestrians
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9:00am: (13/22)	Davis Sq. Streetscapes	12:30am: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:20am: (13/22)	Somerville Fight Night	8:00pm: (15)	New ESCS Walk-Through
9:00am: (15)	Project STAR	1:00am: (15)	Cradles to Crayons	2:00am: (15)	New ESCS Walk-Through	9:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Newton S.
11:30am: (15)	Raising Families	1:30am: (15)	Special Olympics 2012	12:00pm: (13/22)	Senior Circuit	9:25pm: (13/22)	Hubway Launch in Somerville
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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Somerville Poet Cornered by Two Novelist Cops

Yes. I was cornered by two cops. One was Kevin F. Branley of the Cambridge Special Investigation Unit, and the other Bill Chipman, from the Harvard University police. What was my crime you ask? Have the skeletons jumped out my closet? No. I met both men of the law at the Bloc 11 Café on Bow St. Union Square, Somerville, where they cornered me for an interrogation at my usual window seat. However in this case the interrogation...I mean interview, was conducted by yours truly.

Bill Chipman, the Ivy league cop lives on the border of Somerville and Medford. He said "I sleep in Somerville." Chipman has written a novel *Sucker's Dance*, a crime story about an insurance scam and murder, and is currently working on another book: *Last Seen in the Caribbean*.

Kevin Branley is a native of Medford, Mass and the child of Irish immigrants. He told me: "I grew up in a large Irish family. At 17, you were out of the house and on your own." His novel *Mourning Twilight* deals with a disgruntled spirit that wreaks horror through the tunnel system of a psychiatric hospital, modeled after the old Metropolitan State in Waltham. Branley, like yours truly, worked on the locked wards, while earning undergraduate and graduate degrees from Northeastern University and U Mass Lowell respectively.

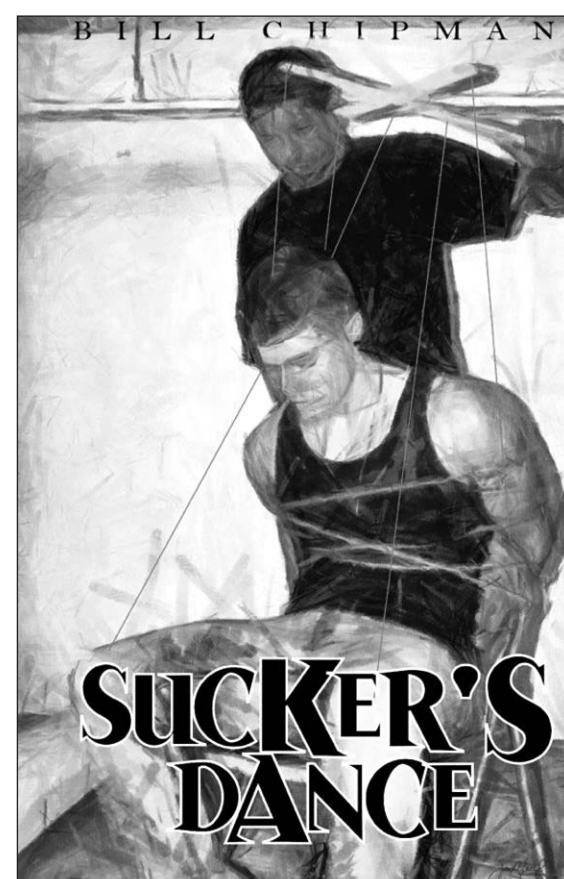
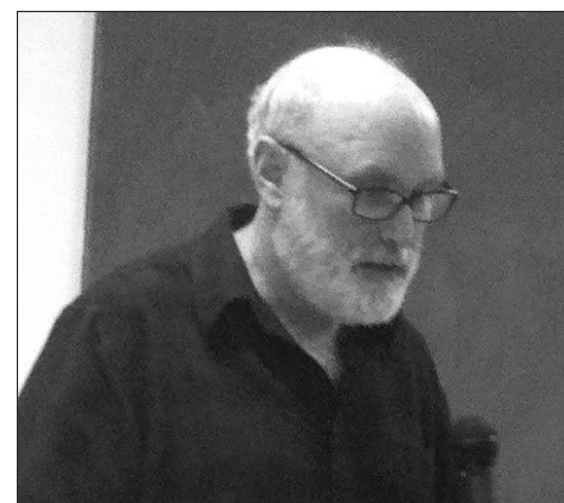
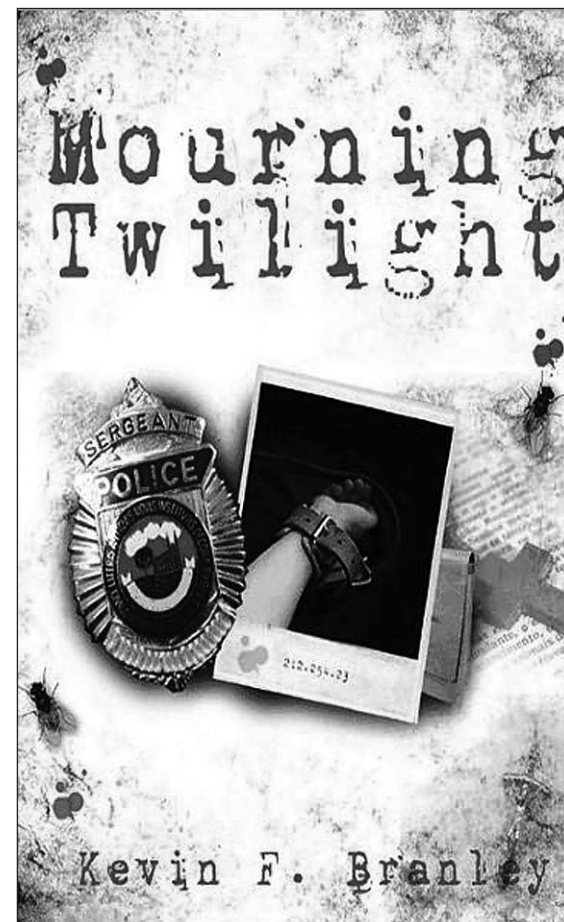
Although both men are not graduates of tony MFA mills, they have had real life experience that most graduates of the said institutions don't have. Both men have taken courses in Creative Writing however. Branley, at UMASS Boston with Pancho Savory, while Chipman has studied at the Harvard Extension School.

Chipman's protagonist in his novel *Sucker's Dance* is Cole Pierce. He told me his mother once considered naming him Cole or Pierce, thus the name. Pierce is persistent and like all of us flawed. Chipman told me: "We don't start out evil, it sort of creeps up on you one step at a time." Chipman's Pierce starts out as an idealistic cop, but he gets into a car accident, gets addicted to pills, and goes down hill. But as Chipman said: "We all struggle with good and evil – it is the human condition."

Branley's main character in *Mourning Twilight* is named Tommy Nevefka. The novel takes place in Medford, Mass. I asked Branley how he got the name. He smiled; "In Medford it is almost like you are either Italian or Irish. Thus Tommy Nevefka." So an Irish first name and Italian last name is in order. And given that Branley is Irish we know why Tommy comes first. Branley's character struggles with the duality of good and evil. And Branley like Chipman acknowledges the fact that each dwells in the other.

Both men are busy with their professional careers. Chipman, who holds an advanced degree from Harvard University's Kennedy School, has to deal with the recent rapes that have taken place on the Harvard campus, and Branley has to deal with illegal drug trade in the Central Square section of Cambridge, Mass. and other areas. But beware, like any writers worth their salt, they use fodder from all walks of their lives. And as it was once said on a famous crime TV Show:

"There are a million stories in the Naked City...." And in this case my friends you could be in one of them.



Both Branley and Chipman will read from their work at The Book Shop at Ball Square in Somerville...Sept 22...check website for details. <http://www.bookshop-somerville.com/>

We all have our public and private faces. *Spare Change News* Poetry Editor examines this split.

The Split Man

I am the happy married man
the junkie in the street begging
the house-owner sitting at my computer
in the bathroom sticking a needle in my arm

loving my wife wearing new clothes
no shower in weeks, dirty underwear crying
taking psychiatric meds so I don't shoot dope
waiting on the corner for the dope man to fix me

writing in the house while waiting for my hard-working wife
smoking a cigarette down till it burns my fingers
watching a movie in bed with my wife
alone in bed, cigarette burns on the sheets

I have everything I need, car, motorcycle, bicycle,
there is a knapsack I carry with all my belongings in it
my wife and I eat at a very nice Chinese restaurant
the coffee house on the corner has a bathroom I shoot dope in

I walk through my house, so many rooms, so many riches,
the holes in my shoes leak water when it rains
I pray to a god that keeps me safe
I believe in a packet of powder that takes my troubles away

my hearing aids help me to hear what I could not before
I see the birds in the trees where I beg but I cannot hear them
making supper for my wife pleases me and she smiles
in my little room there is a small empty refrigerator

my wife and I go the the cape, to the country, we pray and play
I unwrap my needle from the handkerchief, I am a prisoner
my daughter, my granddaughter, my wife, all the loves in my life,
I shake the powder into the spoon, I am alone in a dirty bathroom

I sit at my new laptop writing this poem thinking of everything
I close my eyes, smoke a cigarette, I have trouble urinating
my wife and I are surrounded by our dreams and we touch
I shudder awake, sweat on my skin, life is a nightmare

I am a split man, this half of me dances with joy
I am a split man, this half of me is dying day by day
I can choose, I can stand by a lake holding the hand of my wife
or my choices are gone, I probe my arm looking for a vein

I am a split man, a split man, a split man,
There is a medicine that knits me into one man
but in my mind lurks a demon that wants to shoot heroin
if I stick the medicine under my tongue my wife and I will laugh.

if I shoot heroin my wife will cry and I will go to the street
a split man like me has all the choices in the world
unless I take the powder road that takes my choice away
a life, a wife, warmth and comfort, living and loving

a split man, a split man, I work to make myself whole
yet the abyss looks into my soul and I must not gaze back
all my laughter will cease, my breath will become fetid
if I split, if I split, my own life shall cease

I'll fall apart and become a beast, the sun will go down
but my wife lights me up and I become whole, no more
will I split man, I'll treasure my life, keeping my wife
the simplicity of domesticity is the true wealth that heals

the crack, I'd rather have clam chowder with my wife
than that awful powder that splits up my life.

— Marc D. Goldfinger

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