

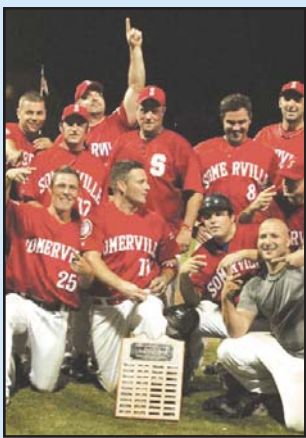


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Ward 7 unofficial preliminary election results



538 Votes



Alderman Robert Trane

Precinct 1	127
Precinct 2	222
Precinct 3	189



531 Votes



Katjana Ballantyne

Precinct 1	227
Precinct 2	135
Precinct 3	169



187 Votes



Joan Whitney Puglia

Precinct 1	53
Precinct 2	36
Precinct 3	98

Memorial at Davis Square

By Harry Kane

On Sunday afternoon Somerville paused to grieve the victims of 9/11. The remembrance ceremony brought people of all races and creeds together to mourn those who lost their lives ten years ago. Police, firefighters, and residents made their way into Davis Square about ten minutes before the hour. Those who had congregated around the circular memorial waited in anticipation of the Mayor's speech. "At one o'clock exactly, around the country sirens and bells will chime, ring, and declare in memorializing those we've lost on that day," stated Mayor Curtatone.

When the moment of silence ended several Somerville residents and city officials approached the podium and shared their own feelings for the tragic losses.

"To this day there is a decal on my window with a flag and below it, it says never forget, and I will never forget. I will always remember that day." - Maryann Heuston, Ward Two Alderman.

"I was very proud to be from

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Mayor Curtatone speaks at the remembrance ceremony in Davis Square on Sunday.

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Federal Realty Investment Trust, with the City of Somerville, is celebrating the future of Assembly Row with the fourth annual Riverfest event on Saturday, September 17th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The event will feature music, performers, family activities, and food. Riverfest will conclude with a fireworks display along the Mystic River. All Riverfest food sales will benefit Not Just Lego, a new after school program launching at Somerville's Arthur D. Healey School.

Happy Birthday to some 'Villens here - A big Happy Birthday to School Committeewomen from Ward 1 Maureen Cuff-Bastardi this week. She is very popular down in East Somerville. We wish her well and hope she is having a great day. Also, Matt Ferreira. Ward 7 Alderman Bob Trane turns 50 this week. Wow! We thought he was older - LOL. Finally, this week HB to Vivian Quinlin and Gary DeCicco, and to everyone who is celebrating this week. We wish you a great day for yourself.

Our good friend Bob Publicover is recovering over at Beth Israel from some very serious surgery. Send your regards to him by email bobpublicover@aol.com. He's a great Somerville guy with a lot of history here and many friends. Another good friend and well known individual is Richard (Dick) Hart who fell recently and has been spending the better part of the last three weeks in the hospital. He is fine now and heading home to rest and get some good home medicine, thanks to his wife and nurse Mary who works down at the clinic here on Somerville Avenue.

On the mend and driving already is (we even hear he bought another motorcycle) is Steve Dalrymple

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Trane, Ballantyne carry Ward 7 primary

By Andrew Firestone

The Ward 7 primary came in with a close call this last Tuesday, September 13, when Katjana Ballantyne narrowly lost to the incumbent Robert Trane, 531 votes to 538. The two will meet again at the polls in November for the general election for alderperson.

"I'm proud that I topped the ticket," said Trane in a statement, "I believe that tonight's vote is an endorsement of my record. I look forward to discussing issues as I walk the streets of Ward 7."

Joan Puglia only managed to carry 187 votes across the three precincts, ending her election bid. "I respect the decision of the voters and I wish Katjana and Bob well," she said.

Ballantyne thanked her family and the members of her volun-



Elections committee member Tony Alibrandi verifies the ballot votes while Captain Paul Trant qualifies them late Tuesday for the Ward 7 Alderman primary.

teer campaign and expressed hope in unseating the incumbent Trane. "Clearly the people of Ward 7 are looking for a new representation tonight because almost 60 percent of them voted

that they wanted a new alderman. That's definitely a mandate for change," she said.

"I'm really looking forward to meeting more residents in the coming weeks."

TheSomervilleNews.com Comment of the Week

Response to *Another summer becomes a memory*

Joseph Keller says:

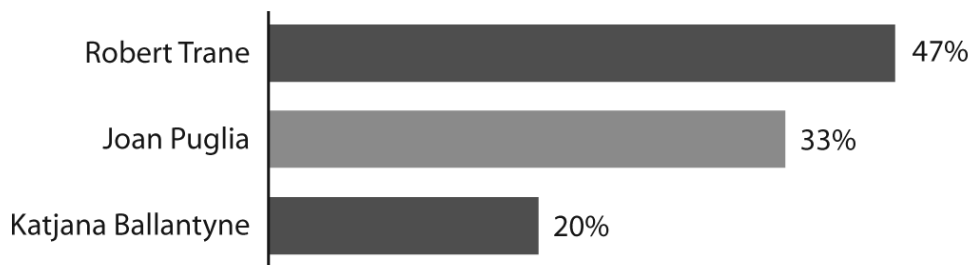
There was a summer? That's the thing about MA, the summer is so quick and it gets so hot that it's always anticlimatic. And it's gone before you can even begin to enjoy it. You can say all you want, but it kinda sucks!

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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 which candidate would you like to see as Ward 7 Alderman. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

Which candidate would you like to see as Ward 7 Alderman?



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English language learners get help from SPS

Welcome Center the 'envy' of other systems

By Andrew Firestone

Somerville is a city celebrated for its diversity, a fact that has been translated at times to ill effect among usual statistics in education ranking systems. A total of 52 percent of all students in the public schools come from families where English is not the first language spoken at home, while a total of 18 percent are classified as having limited proficiency.

Under question two, all students in public schools must learn English as quickly as possible. The fourteenth amendment also provides protection for all children and says that those of school age must be educated.

One team of educators in the Somerville public school system devoted to this task to prepare a specific group of students for tomorrow is located at the Welcome Center of Somerville High School. Here, educators make their headquarters to help over 900 students across the system with limited English proficiency, and move them forward into a brighter tomorrow.

"We created the Welcome Center sistered with the guidance department because we know that students entering the high school who are limited English proficient or are international students have specific needs," said Sarah Davila, Administrator of Programs for English Learner Education/Family and Community Partnership.

"The Welcome Center is a place where we help, support, welcome, communicate

with new families and students but particularly those who come to us another language other than English as their primary language," said Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi.

"One of the things we do is we try to make it as easy as possible for the incoming families and students, so when you walk into our high school, right in the front door, our main office is on the right, on the left is the Welcome Center," he said.

...it's not only about learning English, it's also about the general education

The Welcome Center offers two separate paths for students, one only using English to teach Math, Science, History and Health called the Sheltered English Immersion program, and another, for those who speak Portuguese, Spanish, Creole and French, which allows for some use of the home language to help facilitate learning, said Guidance Counselor Anne Herzberg. The students pass through four levels of English proficiency according to state guidelines.

The students there face challenges in overcoming the language barrier, said Davila, but the Somerville program supports and allows them a safe and produc-



Sarah Davila and Anne Herzberg work with English Language Learners at the Welcome Center of SHS.

tive environment to keep up and eventually join their comrades.

Pierantozzi was candid in discussing the issues at hand, and said that his dedicated team of educators, numbering almost 60 across the district, were not shrinking from the challenge. "The core challenge is how do students learn as well, as fast, and as deep if English isn't their first language?"

"There's the ESL component," said Davila, "but then it's not only about learning English, it's also about the general education. It's all the course work. It's all the content areas. It's math, science, social studies, etc. We're also very committed to making sure that our students are integrated into specialists and arts and have the same advantages and access to what school life is about. So ESL is its own discipline, its own field."

One point Davila was keen on was to make sure that the level of education was not dumbed down. "What we know about language acquisition is that it is connected to thinking processes, so we want our subjects to be rigorous and to emphasize critical thinking as well, so that students are actually thinking in another language in order to learn another language."

"Just learning a list of words, memorizing a list of words that aren't connected to problem solving isn't going to be successful. But if you connect words to something that you're doing for some reason to make it meaningful and making it more authentic, it's going to be more effective in making the transition," she said.

Pierantozzi made clear that the large number of students was not a single type, that the program allowed for students from all walks of life.

"When a student enters our school district we have students who are classified as English Language Learners who run the gamut from students whose parents who are both post-doctorate students at Harvard, but come with English learning needs, to students who have come from an island who are third-generation illiterate, whose families have been agrarian and who have literally never been in a school, and everything in between," he said.

For immigrants who come into the program, the Welcome Center and the programs available allow for students to

really get a supportive network of friends with similar backgrounds who may face similar insecurities.

"A lot of the students haven't seen their parents for eight, ten years while their parents have been working here, trying to save money to bring them here. Or the opposite, they're here and their parents are still at home, they are living with their aunts or uncles or older siblings," said Hertzberg.

"Then we have the economic issues that are behind it," said Pierantozzi. "A large percentage of immigrant families face economic challenges particularly in these times. We've lost really top students who have had to begin to earn money for their families. Many of them come from cultures where children have to begin working at a much earlier age than in the United States."

Since last year, the Somerville schools have also offered classes for parents three times a year so that they too can come and learn to overcome the everyday struggles of living in a land where it may be difficult to overcome the language barrier. "We're a family learning organization," said Pierantozzi.

The East Somerville Community School also offers the two-way learning program called the "Unidos" program for students from kindergarten to eighth grade, and is only one of four in the state of its kind.

"It starts heavily in Spanish, 70/30, and then shifts over time as kids engage to 50/50, so that the ultimate result is that by eighth grade we have bilingual students in Spanish and English who have learned the content in both languages," said Pierantozzi.

The Welcome Center, and the other ELL programs in Somerville, have earned the admiration of education systems across the state, including the Massachusetts School Counselor's Association, who expressed wonder deftness with which the City of Somerville is able to muster the organization and resources to so successfully combat the English immersion problem, said Herzberg.

"It's met with, frankly, envy," said Pierantozzi. "A lot school districts wish they had it."

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Four arrested for alleged drug violations

Undercover officers from the Somerville Police Department Narcotics/Vice Unit became suspicious of certain activities in the Morrison Avenue and Willow Avenue area last week and took steps to investigate further.

According to reports, two males were observed hanging out in the area, coming and going from a local variety store, sometimes pacing up and down the street, and frequently making use of a cell phone. On occasion,

one man would duck into a nearby driveway as the other man appeared to be standing as look out, police said.

The men, Steven Merrill, 29, and David Seibel, 27, of Whitman, MA, remained under surveillance as they roamed the area on foot, police said.

Police reports indicate that at one point Seibel entered a motor vehicle as it stopped on Morrison Avenue and then exited the car a mere 10-15 seconds afterwards. Seibel then

rejoined Merrill on Morrison Avenue and they made their way towards College Avenue, while the vehicle in question performed an illegal U-turn, according to police.

Surveillance on Seibel and Merrill was maintained while the car was followed and then stopped at the intersection of Charles Ryan Road and Broadway, police said.

The driver of the car, Mebrahtu Sisay, 26, was confronted by officers and nine

individual glassine baggies of a green, leafy, herbal substance believed to be Marijuana was subsequently confiscated, according to police reports.

A passenger in the car, Danielle Dearmon, 22, was reportedly questioned and subsequently one additional baggie containing what appeared to the officers to be pot was also confiscated, police said.

Police report that Sisay admitted to selling a bag of marijuana to Seibel for \$50. He was arrest-

ed and charged with drug violation near a school or a park, distribution of a class D drug, and conspiracy to violate drug law. Dearmon was arrested and charged with conspiracy to violate drug law.

Seibel and Merrill were picked up at the library on College Avenue. Seibel was arrested and charged with conspiracy to violate drug law. Merrill was arrested and charged with miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.

Backyard bacchanal busted

Somerville Police officers were dispatched to a Broadway residence around midnight last Saturday on a complaint of naked individuals in the rear of the house.

Upon arrival, officers reportedly made their way to the rear of the building, where-

upon two individuals, a man and a woman, were allegedly found to be in a state of undress and engaged in sexual activity, police said.

As the individuals were questioned, it was learned that neither of them lived at the residence and that they chose the

rear of the house randomly so that they could engage in sexual conduct, according to police.

Silvia Ouzounian, 25, of Wattertown and Eddy Pamphile, 29, of Somerville, were placed under arrest and charged with committing a lewd, wanton, and lascivious act.

Slippery trespasser nabbed at last

Somerville police responded to a report of a trespasser last Friday at Clarendon Hill Towers on Broadway.

After a prolonged search the alleged unwanted man was finally spotted sitting in the stairway on

the eighth floor, smoking a cigarette, police said.

Jake Silveira, 19, reportedly asked "For what?" when asked to come forward, according to police.

He was arrested and charged with trespassing.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

Shawn St. Laurent, 32, of 56 Broadway, September 6, 5:14 p.m., arrested at 88 Broadway on warrant charges of attempt to commit a crime, disorderly conduct, trespassing, defacing property, and carrying a dangerous weapon.

Carolina Lopez, 31, of 86 Wheatland St., September 6, 7:00 p.m., arrested at home on charges of threat to commit a crime and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Mebrahtu Sisay, 26, of 5 Tower Ct., September 7, 3:59 p.m., arrested at 540 Broadway on charges of drug violation near a school or a park, distribution of a class D drug, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Danielle Dearmon, 22, of 16 Broadway, September 7, 3:59 p.m., arrested at 540 Broadway on a charge of conspiracy to violate drug law.

Steven Merrill, 29, of 130 Morrison Ave., September 7, 4:02 p.m., arrested at 40 College Ave. on a charge of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation.

David Seibel, 27, of 728 Auburn St., Whitman, September 7, 4:02 p.m., arrested at 40 College Ave. on a charge of con-

spiracy to violate drug law.

Helena Moniz, 42, of 68 Gov. Winthrop Rd., September 8, 8:12 a.m., arrested at 66 Gov. Winthrop Rd. on charges of witness intimidation, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and assault and battery.

Keith Richardson, 25, of 11 Benjamin Rd., Belmont, September 8, 1:50 p.m., arrested at 220 Broadway on warrant charges of destruction of property over \$250 and larceny from a building.

Jake Silveira, 19, of 1366 Broadway, September 9, 9:15 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of trespassing.

Hector Sanchez, 51, of 486 Columbia St., September 9, 10:16 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of possession of alcohol open container in a motor vehicle, failure to stop or yield, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Silvia Ouzounian, 25, of 216 Westminister Ave., Wattertown, September 9, 11:49 p.m., arrested at 94 Broadway on a charge of committing a lewd, wanton, and lascivious act.

Eddy Pamphile, 29, of 7 Remick Ct., September 9, 11:49 p.m., arrested at 94 Broadway on a charge of committing a lewd, wanton,

and lascivious act.

Michelle Freitas, 29, of 22 Melvin St., September 10, 1:14 a.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Lendsy Breneus, 27, of 109 Cherry St., Malden, September 10, 9:13 a.m., arrested at 390 Medford St. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle with registration suspended.

Jonathan Alleyne, 47, September 10, 4:29 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Michael Whalen, 45, of 204 Washington St., September 10, 6:30 p.m., arrested at Aldrich St. on warrant charges of failure to wear a seat belt, possession of a class E drug, operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked license, and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Elmer Aguilar, 31, of 17 Cross St., September 10, 10:13 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Manuel Farias, 38, of 152 Glen St., September 11, 4:24 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Incidents:

Theft:

September 6, 12:58 p.m., police reported a theft at West Adams St.

September 7, 6:23 p.m., police reported a theft at Tennyson St.

September 8, 9:54 a.m., police reported a theft at 124 College Ave.

September 8, 5:21 p.m., police reported a theft at Mason St.

September 9, 8:17 a.m., police reported a theft at Sunset Rd.

September 9, 1:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Lake St.

September 9, 2:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Bay State Ave.

September 9, 6:52 p.m., police reported a theft at College Ave.

September 10, 4:29 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

September 10, 5:30 p.m., police reported a theft at Central St.

Robbery:

September 7, 10:26 p.m., police reported a robbery at Summer St.

September 11, 3:06 a.m., police reported a robbery at 50 Webster Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

September 6, 4:43 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Bay State Ave.

September 7, 3:06 p.m., police

reported a breaking & entering at Hathorn St.

September 8, 3:10 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Dartmouth St.

September 8, 3:19 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Boston St.

September 8, 5:47 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Warren Ave.

September 9, 7:57 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Wesley St.

September 11, 12:14 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

Vehicle Theft:

September 8, 5:19 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

September 10, 4:07 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Central St.

Assault:

September 8, 8:12 a.m., police reported an assault at Gov. Winthrop Rd.

September 10, 1:14 a.m., police reported an assault at Melvin St.

September 10, 10:13 p.m., police reported an assault at Cross St.

September 11, 4:24 p.m., police reported an assault at Glen St.

Ice timing: Curtatone, aldermen break ground on new rink

By Andrew Firestone

Conway park saw a the inklings of a new era this last Friday, September 9, when Mayor Joseph Curtatone, flanked by aldermen and representative Tim Toomey broke ground on the new rink adjacent to the Veteran's Memorial Rink.

"This is a great occasion," said Curtatone, who spent most of his oration thanking the designers, architects, and others who had a hand in the building of the rink. "We're excited in Somerville that we've been able to invest in the expansion and building of new open recreation spaces, creating opportunities for young and old and all different backgrounds to get out and play hard."

Curtatone said the rink supported boys and girls desire to explore "the great sport of hockey."

The Mayor also took time to commend the BOA for their work in approving funds for the project, including an appropriation for \$120,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for a new Zamboni. "I would like to thank the board of alderman for their cooperation and their hard work," said Curtatone.

Alderwoman Maryann Heuston, Ward 2, was excited for the prospect of windfalls for the city arising from the new rink. "As chair of the finance committee, I know we did our due diligence here in

terms of the funding for this, in terms of the return on investment for the city."

"While it's wonderful that this is an additional recreational facility, don't underestimate the impact of the economic development of the city of a facility such as this. This brings people outside the city to this city," she said. "They spend their money here. That's good for the city."

Bruce Desmond, Alderman-at-Large, said that the Mayor's continued ability to find funding for projects like these was what kept the city on the up-and-up. "I want to thank him. Joe Curtatone's vision, his ingenuity and his courage not to sit idly by, but he has the courage to actually make a decision and go forward with it, and that's why Somerville is what it is today," he said.

"Great things are happening here."

Funding for the project comes from a "complex, innovative plan," including \$100,000 from the Federal Realty Investment Trust, city funds and a partnership with Clear Channel, involving maintenance and the digitalizing of billboards in certain neighborhoods. SomerVision's Tara Acker said the project cost a total of \$3.2 million.

"I think we have to be creative. Sometimes crisis spurs creativity. Whether it's Assembly, [where] we had a creative partnership between the city, state,



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the federal government, the community, and the developer, or more isolated projects like this,

that's sometimes the only way it's going to get done," said Curtatone.

"Fortunately, we're in the situation to have those opportunities," he said.

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Fuseideas keeps cutting edge marketing in Somerville

By Andrew Firestone

There is a saying that those who cannot adapt fall by the wayside, and in this tumultuous age of global marketing, Fuseideas of Davis Square in Somerville has taken that ball and ran with it. Founded in 2006 by Dennis Franczak of Medford, Fuseideas has quickly grown into a social-media powerhouse, representing clients as luminary as ESPN, Adidas, the Boston Bruins, and HBO Latino.

Combining sophisticated social-media and Internet marketing with a hip post-modern sense of consumer demand, Fuseideas stands poised to capitalize on the increasing viability of corporate marketing, even in an age where that sector has become harder to pin down.

"What you are finding today is you are finding a whole generation of people today, worldwide who are becoming increasingly distracted by different things," said Franczak. "They watch TV on their iPads. They use their mobile phones to read on the Internet."

"So now that you have all these different ways of reaching audiences, it becomes increasingly important that what you do is you offer a client choices and you put together a smart plan that recognizes how consumer behavior works," he said. "It could include social media, it will still include television and print, possibly, it will certainly include online."

One such campaign included the "Bruins fan rules" which appeared in television commercials created by Mullen ad agency. Approached to do an online component, Fuseideas created a

tournament where fans could create their own rules and vote on their favorites. One such one was, "never tuck in your Bruins jersey, unless you're going to church." At the end of a huge tournament the winner received season tickets and a slew of prizes.

"What we try to do is give clients a holistic set of solutions that let them do all of these different things," said Franczak.

When asked how the company was able to keep ahead of the competition, Franczak said that it was always important to remember that servicing your existing clientele was the best way of keeping up steam.

"A lot of business owners will tell you that your best customer base is through your current customers," he said. "Our client list is world-renowned."

Franczak was also proud of another aspect of his corporate headquarters, mainly that it sat right in Somerville's own Davis Square.

"Why is Fuseideas in Somerville? It's a great question, right? I just think Davis Square fits Fuseideas as an agency. Clients like to come here. They like to go to Red-bones, they love going to the Foundry. Somerville and Davis Square is kind of a hip place, and we're kind of a hip agency. It allows us to convey that atmosphere and that brand that we like."

"I don't feel any need to have a Boston zip code. Most of our clients aren't even from around here so it doesn't matter. We love Somerville and we're going to be here for a while."

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Photos by Andrew Firestone

Fuseideas' Dennis Franczak has his finger on the pulse of modern media.

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TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



School is back in session so don't speed - the kids are everywhere.

The View From Prospect Hill



Once again it is time to shift gears and power down a bit as we roll out of the high-octane frenzy of summer time and into the laid back breezy days of autumn and on into the winter months ahead. We all need to become a bit more aware of what lies ahead of us on the road, and to be especially alert to activities near our schools and playgrounds as the kids are now back to their normal schedules. Naturally, we hope that everyone drives responsibly at all times, but we also like to put out a reminder at this time of year, just to try to help everyone to become a little more conscious of the fact that the kids are out there and that we should be looking out for them, rather than being a hazard for them to look out for. Please observe and obey all traffic signals, stop signs, and especially the crossing guards who are out there providing an essential service in helping to protect our little ones. Many of you have kids of your own and would wish for this, too, no doubt. Let us all take a little time to spread the word whenever we can. Just a bit of friendly persuasion can make a large impact and help to make the streets a bit safer for everyone.

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of Steve's and Sons. He's driving around the city in his little pickup. Also on the mend is Bill Chambers from Oxford Street. He's out and about. Both of these guys had some severe injuries in accidents earlier this year.

There was some criticism after last week's Newstalk mentioned that candidate Christine Barber didn't use a Somerville Bank. We guess that means we were wrong if you count Eastern Bank that took the place in Davis Square of Wainwright Bank. Funny how there is no comment from her campaign defending why she raised so much money outside of the city and a lot outside of Massachusetts, considering she's running for the first time for a Ward Alderman's seat. We continue to ask who is this person Christine Barber who is new here, who rents an apartment and raises money, thousands of dollars outside of Massachusetts, mostly from San Francisco, and works for a nonprofit and probably never had a private sector job since high school, if ever. We don't think she would represent Winter Hill like the present incumbent or other candidate for the seat. We do know that Alderman Ward 6 Rebecca Gerwitz has endorsed her through Rebecca's Web site.

Monday, September 19, at Twin Cities Mall the NEW unveiling of the McDonald's will see a re-opening and a ribbon cutting ceremony at 9a.m. Everyone is welcomed.

The Italian Feast of St. Cosmos and Damian on Warren Street in East Cambridge were very successful. Each year the parade for the feast runs through the streets in Somerville. A great time with a concert by Aylla Brown, daughter of Senator Scott Brown. Also, famous 50's singer Bobby Rydell made it a perfect event, and our own Senator Sal DiDominico, through good planning, made it a successful weekend event that many Somerville and Cambridge residents enjoyed.

Don't forget about Fluff Weekend coming up on the 24th down in Union Square. For more information go online to unionsquaremain.org

Thanks for all the support to those who both contributed and participated in the "John T. Forcellese Memorial Fund" golf outing down in Falmouth recently. A nice crowd from Somerville joined the Forcellese family for the day at the Falmouth County Club this past Saturday.

Next Tuesday, September 20, at the High School on Highland Avenue, an informational meeting on the Grounding McGrath Study determining the future of Rte 28 corridor will take place. For more information go online to www.mass-dot.state.ma.us/planning/GroundingMcgrath.aspx

Congratulations to our good friend Joey Lacey of Jenny's Pizza in Charlestown (best pizza in Charlestown, but could also be best hamburger). He is being installed as Master of King Solomon's Lodge on Highland Avenue this Saturday, September 17, at an open installation. This is open to the public. We wish him well. He's a real nice guy and his entire line of officers is young and eager to be involved in various local charities.

The Westin Copley Place in Boston, together with FOX25, are giving one de-

serving member of the United States Armed Forces an all-expense paid wedding to take place on Veteran's Day (11-11-11) in Boston. Somerville natives Keith O'Donnell and his girlfriend Rebecca have been chosen as one of the three finalist to win a military wedding of a lifetime. Keith is now serving in Afghanistan, he is due to be home the end of this month. To vote, go to www.militaryweddingtoremember.com and check of Keith and Rebecca. You are able to vote once a day through the 24th of this month. You are able to vote once a day through the 24th of September. It will only except 1 vote per internet server.

Join the Somerville Museum Thursday, September 15th at 7:30PM for a rousing lecture on the Siege of Boston and the role of our City in the first victory of the Continental Army during the Revolutionay War. The lecture is part of the annual local history lecture series of Historic Somerville, Inc. Admission to members is free, all others \$5. The Somerville Museum is located at One Westwood Road in Somerville, Mass. RSVP to admin@historicsomerville.org or 617-666- 9810

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Somerville's immigrant professionals - Part 1



By William C. Shelton

Over the last two decades, the in-migration of people who make their living as professionals has changed Somerville. In some ways this continues an immigration pattern that goes back to the mid 19th Century.

Between 1850 and 1900, the city's emerging industrial economy drew thousands of Irish immigrants. When Italians came here between 1900 and 1930, many of the incumbent Irish greeted them with suspicion and, often, discrimination.

But to the next generation, members of the opposite ethnicity and opposite sex were exotically attractive. Forming relationships with them was

both exciting and a way to distinguish yourself from your parents. By the 1950s, babies were being born with names like Salvatore O'Hanrahan, or Moira Mancini.

There had always been a small population of Portuguese here. They were joined by many more after a 1965 immigration act increased their quota. They experienced some of the suspicion and hazing that the Italians had, although not to the same degree. And they too were eventually assimilated.

Each of these groups shared the same class, religion, and immigrant experience. These similarities do not exist between the New Somerville professionals and the Old Somerville natives.

As professionals began arriving in the late 1980s, there was resentment from many in Old Somerville. Some of it was justified. New arrivals would bid up the cost of housing, make little contribution to the community, leave when their kids

reached school age, and sell out at the highest possible price. Many of them were unaware of, or indifferent to the fact that any real community has its own culture, with mutual rights and obligations.

The stream of newcomers accelerated after 1996, when Massachusetts voters abolished rent control in Boston, Cambridge and Brookline. It continues to grow, as does the number of native Somervillians who cannot afford to live here.

But increasingly, newcomer professionals are intending to spend their lives here. They are getting involved in community affairs, coaching youth sports, working to improve the schools, and contributing to the life of their neighborhoods.

Lifelong Somervillians are beginning to form relationships with them. Their motivation isn't one of "Let's all get along," but "Let's get this done" - "this," being some shared objective or concern.

The process can be an uneasy one. It obligates New and Old Somerville to confront their differences. But it also makes clearer that what they share is more important than their differences.

In the past I've written about the assimilation or non-assimilation of the nonwhite immigrant groups. In this series, I want to tell you about some New Somerville professionals who are making a life here and making a difference. But to put their stories in a meaningful context, I must first tell you about the roots of Old Somerville.

In the 1950s, Somerville was the most densely populated city in the U.S. Recent newcomers may be surprised to learn that it was also one of the best places in the U.S. to live and raise a family.

An industrial economy driven by over 160 manufacturing businesses provided full employment. Modest taxes paid for decent city services. Trolleys provided clean, convenient,

and efficient transportation. Each neighborhood's square was a center of commercial and social activity.

If you were a kid, there were at any time twenty or thirty playmates within a block or two. But you couldn't go anywhere in the neighborhood and smoke or cuss, or someone would tell your parents. Volunteers organized dozens of youth activities. If a kid got out of hand, any adult who was nearby might provide avuncular guidance.

Rich networks of extended families, neighborhoods, churches, unions, fraternal organizations, youth sports leagues, benevolent associations, political party clubs, and civic organizations intertwined to weave a strong and resilient fabric of community. Each provided a different way for people to know each other.

These networks fulfilled functions that, in their absence, now burden government and increase its costs.

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

When we were 'Yutes'



"What is a Yute?" This question was asked by the judge in the movie *My Cousin Vinny*. "Yutes" is how Joe Pesci pronounced the word youths. Sometimes my "Somerville accent" makes me say "troat" instead of throat, so I can relate.

Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950) once said that it's too bad that "youth is wasted on the young." I believe that if we try to think young, and take pretty good care of ourselves, we can perhaps stave off old age, or at least old thoughts.

Through my work with the city, I am lucky enough to have met quite a few seniors and they are vibrant, interesting, and bursting with life. Most will also tell you how fast this ride we call life has gone by. Weren't we all kids just a few years ago? When we were young we wanted to be older. We couldn't wait to drive, and now driving is a game of survival. We have to fight tailgaters, texters, and cell phone gabbers. Then we have to deal with those "music lovers" with the huge bass speakers that rattle your fillings if you are any place near them. It does seem like just yesterday that we were kids with a clean slate to work with. What would life bring us? When I was young I wanted to be the next Paul McCartney. We all know how

that turned out.

I remember the train rumbling through Davis Square and wishing I could just get on and go on an adventure. Little did I know it would have brought me to the adventurous city of Fitchburg! But still, I wanted to be older. I cut myself several times trying to encourage my "beard" to grow in thicker. Now I hate shaving.

As always I tapped into the minds of a few of my friends and peers for their thoughts on growing older in the 'Ville.

Let me preface my findings by saying that my friends and I are perfectly happy, enjoying every minute of leisure we get. We work hard and play harder. The only thing that is different is that 30 or 40 years seemed to literally fly by. So what would we change and what do we miss? What did we carry from our youth? One of my more spirited friends now has four sons to raise and I have two.

That old adage "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree," has never rung truer. Our boys don't stop testing their dads as to how much they can get away with. My dad used to tell me how he and his friends would hop streetcars, and sneak into the movies. However, if I had tried that when I was a kid, I would have been grounded with a size 10 and 1/2 work issued, black steel toed shoe print on my butt! What if we catch them smoking? We all tried smoking at one time or an-

other so how do we handle it? We flip out, that's how we handle it. But we have to remember back when and give them a little break.

A friend chimes in with this, "Remember when we had the energy to work a full and a part time job, went out every night with our friends and still managed to go to work on 4 hours sleep? Now if I am up until 2 a.m. and it takes me a week to recover."

The Circle of Life that they talk about in *The Lion King* can be understood a bit clearer with this next example. A friend of mine from way back in the day, who kept right up with all the wild fashions and trends of the 60's and 70's, recently wrote the following, "One of my daughters went to a Katy Perry concert wearing a dress made of poker chips, dice and money. The other daughter accepted a bid from the sorority, Sigma Kappa. Where did I go wrong???? HA HA." What goes around! The character "Lou" from the Rodney Dangerfield movie *Back to School*, had these words of wisdom. "One son I put through College, the other son I put through a wall." A little rough but you get the picture.

How can I tell my kid not to get his ear pierced when I had both mine pierced, and one of them twice? As I get older I feel I have the right to be a bit cranky when I am tired, or when my hip acts up,

or when I have to get up and go "downstairs" twice a night, or when I am cleaning and no one moves a finger to help. Often I feel justified in yelling at the kids as they sit at the computer and pretend they don't see me putting the dog's leash on him for a walk. I have, however, been trying harder to remember that they are kids, and being a kid doesn't last. Who knows that better than us?

I also realize that there is going to come a time when my two sons won't be able to spend as much time with the old man as they do now. I am not looking forward to that day. I want them to be my sidekicks forever.

I am still a kid at heart, as I find most Somerville people are. We still have that inner child that recalls the wonderful times we had growing up in the 'Ville. We still just want to have fun, laugh, and be healthy and happy. I feel like that same silly kid until I look in the mirror. I see a Dad, an employee, a bill burdened adult, an aging hippie, and a responsibility laden citizen. Damn it! But if I look deeper, I can still see that carefree, optimistic, thrill seeking, youngster full of wide-eyed excitement and hope.

I am now determined to let my kids enjoy being "yutes" as long as possible.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* examines the salaries and other benefits currently received by the Commonwealth's 40 state senators and 160 state representatives in 2011.

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.

BASE SALARY - In 2010, each legislator received a minimum base salary of \$61,439. However, Gov. Deval Patrick announced in January that the 200 members of the Legislature would receive a 0.5 percent pay cut for the 2011-2012 legislative session that began that month. The cut reduced the base salary of each senator and representative by \$307, to \$61,132.

The total savings to the Commonwealth from this cut is \$61,400 per year, \$122,800 over the 2011-2012 legislative session.

All Massachusetts governors are obligated to increase or decrease legislative salaries biennially under the terms of a constitutional amendment approved by voters in 1998. The amendment, approved by a better than two-to-one margin, requires legislative salaries to be "increased or decreased at the same rate as increases or decreases in the median household income for the Commonwealth for the preceding two-year period, as ascertained by the governor."

Until this year, legislators' salaries have been raised every two years, an increase of \$14,722, or 31 percent, since the mandated salary adjustment became part of the state constitution.

BONUS PAY FOR ALL 102 LEGISLATORS - Over the past few years, the Legislature has increased the total number of legislators who receive annual bonus stipends of \$7,500 to \$35,000 beyond their annual base salary. The latest figures show that 101, or more than half, of the state's 200 legislators receive a stipend. All 40 senators and 62, or more than 40 percent, of the representatives receive bonus pay for their service in Democratic or Republican leadership positions, as committee chairs or vice chairs and as the ranking Republican on some committees.

Supporters say legislators in these important positions should be appropriately compensated for their many added responsibilities and hard work. Critics say the base salary is sufficient and is almost always automatically increased every two years.

PER DIEMS - Legislators are entitled to collect "per diems" to reimburse them for mileage, meals and lodging expenses for travel from their "place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the perform-

ance of their official duties." The amount of the per diem varies based on the city or town in which a legislator resides and its distance from the Statehouse. These reimbursements are not taxable income and range from \$10 per day for legislators who reside in the greater Boston area to \$82 for Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 for those in Nantucket. Bay State legislators in 2011 so far have received a total of \$218,321 in per diems that range from \$144 to \$7,300 for individual members.

The Legislature in 2000 doubled these per diems to the current levels. Supporters of the per diems say they are a reasonable reimbursement for legitimate expenses. Opponents say the idea of paying a per diem is outrageous. They note that other state workers and most private workers are not paid additional money for commuting.

\$7,200 FOR GENERAL EXPENSES - Each legislator receives a \$7,200 annual general expense allowance. The Legislature in 2000 doubled this allowance from \$3,600 to \$7,200. This separate, flat rate expense allowance is not based on a lawmaker's geographical distance from the Statehouse. It is designed to pay for some of the costs of legislators' Statehouse and district offices and to pay for other expenses including contributions to local civic groups and the printing and mailing of newsletters. Legislators are issued a 1099 from the state and are required to report the \$7,200 as income but are not required to submit an accounting of how they spend it.

PARKING SPACE - Lawmakers are entitled to a parking space inside the Statehouse garage or at the nearby McCormack State Office Building. The first \$230 in monthly value of the space is a tax-free benefit under federal and state guidelines that apply to all public and private employees, not just state legislators. Any value of the space above this amount is treated as taxable income. The value of the parking spaces in 2011 was determined by the Bureau of State Buildings to be \$394 per month. Based on that figure, legislators would be taxed on the excess \$164 monthly by the Internal Revenue Service and the state.

HEALTH INSURANCE - Legislators are eligible to choose from 11 health insurance plans offered by the state's Group Insurance Commission that manages the plans for over 350,000 individuals--almost 190,000 current and retired state and municipal workers, and their families and dependents. Total monthly premium costs for family plans range from \$1,062 to \$2,020, while individual plans are available from \$441 to \$868. Lawmakers elected on or before June 30, 1993 pay 20 percent of the premium and the state pays 80 percent. Those elected to their first term after June 30, 2003 pay 25 percent while the state picks up only 75 percent. State and federal privacy regulations protect this information; it is not possible to obtain records about which plans individual legislators have purchased.

LIFE INSURANCE - Legislators who purchase a health insurance policy from the state are also required to buy the state's basic \$5,000 life insurance policy. The policy costs \$6.30 per month. Lawmakers elected after June 30, 2003 pay 25 percent of the premium and the state pays 75 percent. Those elected to their first term on or before June 30, 2003 pay 20 percent while the state

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picks up 80 percent. Legislators also have the option to buy additional life insurance with a value of up to eight times their salary. The entire premium for the optional insurance is paid by legislators.

LONG-TERM DISABILITY AND HEALTH CARE SPENDING ACCOUNT - Legislators also have the option to open a Health Care Spending Account (HCSA) and Dependent Care Assistance Program (DCAP), and to buy long-term disability insurance. The HCSA allows legislators to set aside funds to pay for out-of-pocket health care expenses with before-tax dollars while the DCAP allows them to set aside funds to pay for certain dependent care expenses with before-tax dollars. This participation reduces their federal and state income taxes. The entire premium for long-term disability is paid by legislators.

DENTAL AND VISION INSURANCE - Legislators are eligible to choose one of two dental/vision insurance plans. Total monthly premium costs for family plans range from \$90 to \$124, while individual plans range from \$29 to \$40. Lawmakers pay 15 percent of the premium and the state pays 85 percent.

SOME LEGISLATORS DO NOT PAY FEDERAL TAX ON THEIR LEGISLATIVE SALARY - Legislators who live more than 50 miles from the Statehouse are eligible for a special tax break. A 1981 federal law allows these state legislators to write off a daily expense allowance when filing their federal income tax return. The complicated system determines a daily amount, ostensibly for meals, lodging and other expenses incurred in the course of their jobs, which can be deducted for every “legislative day.”

Under the Massachusetts Legislature’s system and schedule, every day of the year qualifies as a legislative day. The Legislature does not formally “prorogue” or end an annual session until the next annual session begins. This allows legislators to take the deduction for all 365 days regardless of whether the Legislature is actually meeting. Legislators do not even have to travel to the Statehouse to qualify for the daily deduction.

The amount of the deduction is based on the federal per diem for Massachusetts. It varies from year to year and changes on October 1 of each year. The daily per diem for legislators from October 2010 through September 2011 is seasonal and ranges from \$267 to \$320 per day or between \$87,455 and \$116,800 annually. It is estimated that more than one-third of the state’s 200 legislators qualify for this deduction and are eligible to pay little or no federal income tax on their legislative salaries.

LOCAL LEGISLATORS’ ANNUAL SALARIES FOR THE 2011-2012 SESSION

Here are the annual salaries local legislators will receive in 2011 and 2012.

The dollar figure includes the base salary of \$61,132 plus any stipend the legislator receives for his or her service in Democratic or Republican leadership positions, as committee chairs or vice chairs and as the ranking Republican on some committees.

It does not include the \$7,200 general expense allowance or any per diems.

Rep. Denise Provost	\$61,132
Rep. Carl Sciortino	\$61,132
Rep. Timothy Toomey	\$68,632
Sen. Sal DiDomenico	\$68,632
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	\$68,632

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

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

23 BALLOT QUESTIONS CLEAR HURDLE - Only 23 of the 31 proposed ballot questions that were filed with Attorney General Martha Coakley’s office were certified as meeting all legal requirements. These measures include proposed laws giving new and used car buyers three days to cancel their purchase; repealing the mandate requiring Massachusetts residents to obtain health insurance; limiting the amount by which water and sewer rates may be raised; allowing medical use of marijuana; allowing terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain medication they can self-administer to commit suicide; requiring auto manufacturers to sell to non-dealer repair shops the complete repair information and diagnostic tools currently only provided to franchised dealer service centers; establishing a 15-member citizen’s commission to investigate the September 11 attacks; allowing local cities and towns to permit grocery stores to sell beer and wine; allowing three casinos to be built in the Bay State; prohibiting insurance companies from using a person’s credit score, occupation or level of education as factors in how much the insured is charged; and expanding the state’s existing bottle bill law, which requires a deposit on beer and soda containers. The measure would also require deposits on bottles of water, tea, juice and sports drinks.

Proposals that did not meet legal standards and were not certified include repealing the current restraining order law and requiring all voters to show identification at their polling places in order to be allowed to vote.

Sponsors of each proposal now have to gather 68,911 voter signatures by December 7, 2011. Those measures would then be sent to the Legislature and if not approved by May 2012, proponents must gather another 11,485 signatures by July 2012 in order for the question to appear on the November 2012 ballot.

A complete list and summary of each of the petitions can be found online by clicking on “Current Petitions Filed” at www.mass.gov/ago/ballotquestions.

COLLEGE BOOKS FOR BLIND (S 561) - The Education Committee will hold a hearing on September 30 on a bill requiring that college textbooks be made available in both Braille and electronic versions to legally blind students who request them.

ALL-BOY AND ALL-GIRL SCHOOLS (H 137) - The Education Committee has scheduled a hearing on October 4 on legislation that would allow the establishment of single-sex schools and programs to the extent that such programs are consistent with the state and federal constitution.

Current law prohibits any student from being denied admission to a public school based on his or her race, color, sex, religion, national origin or sexual orientation.

PSYCHIATRISTS MUST OFFER CARE (S 975) - The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee’s September 27 agenda includes a measure that would prohibit any psychiatrist who has received state or federal aid for their education or to establish their practice from turning away any new patient unless accepting them would “cause an undue hardship on their workload.”

Any psychiatrist who illegally turns away new patients would be banned for one year from applying to accept MassHealth, the state’s Medicaid program that provides health insurance for nearly one million low-income and disabled persons.

POST LEVEL 3 SEX OFFENDERS (S 632) - A September 27 Judiciary Committee hearing will be held on a bill that would require cities and towns to post a photo and information about any resident level 3 (high-risk) sex offender on their local cable channel and the city or town’s website.

ABOLISH RAPE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS (H 3291) - The Judiciary Committee’s September 27 hearing will also include a bill that would abolish the current law prohibiting rape charges from being filed more than 15 years after the alleged rape. The measure would abolish the statute of limitations and allow the charges to be brought indefinitely.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“I understand the personal challenge that lies ahead. I also understand that the millions of Americans who are affected by this disease, either directly or indirectly, meet this same challenge with courage, dignity and a lot of help from their friends. I am confident that with the expertise of my doctors, and the support of my family and friends and my partner Bryon, that I will make a rapid and complete recovery.” - *Sen. Stanley Rosenberg (D-Amherst) on his recent diagnosis of cancer.*

“The Massachusetts Death with Dignity Act would create a legally sanctioned process for dying patients whose suffering cannot be adequately controlled to receive a prescription from a licensed physician to bring about a peaceful and dignified death.” - *Marcia Angell, former Editor-in-Chief of the “New England Journal of Medicine” and supporter of a proposed initiative petition that would allow terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain medication they can self-administer to commit suicide.*

“The Roman Catholic Bishops in Massachusetts are strongly opposed to the legalization of assisted suicide because it is contrary to the good of persons and contrary to the common good of this State. For once a society allows one individual to take the life of another based on their private standards of what constitutes a life worth living, even when there is mutual agreement, there can be no safe or sure way to contain its possible consequences.” - *Statement from the Massachusetts Catholic Conference.*

“I am doing everything I can to stay busy which really isn’t very hard to do. I work two jobs, exercise regularly, read and write. Luckily, there is a rec room where I spend most of my other time watching sports. I was very concerned about that given I am pretty much a sports fanatic.” - *Former Sen. Dianne Wilkerson in a letter from the low-security women’s prison in*

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Rolling on the Mystic

By Harry Kane

The festivities along Shore Drive began around noon on Sunday. "This is the fourth out of five events in the Somerstreet series," said Carlene Cambell, the Director of Community Relations. "This is our second year in existence. The whole theory behind this is shutting down separate parts of the city and exploring it."

Knucklebones provided athletic equipment and toys for the kids to play with during the event. "Our goal is to inspire play and inspire the love of play," said Karen Manikowski. "We are opening a store in Davis Square at 196 Elm Street. We want to hold programming in our store, including mothers groups, consultations, the training. But mainly we want to focus on children." The store will focus on children from 8 months to 6 years of age and will allow the kids to play with the equipment before it's purchased.

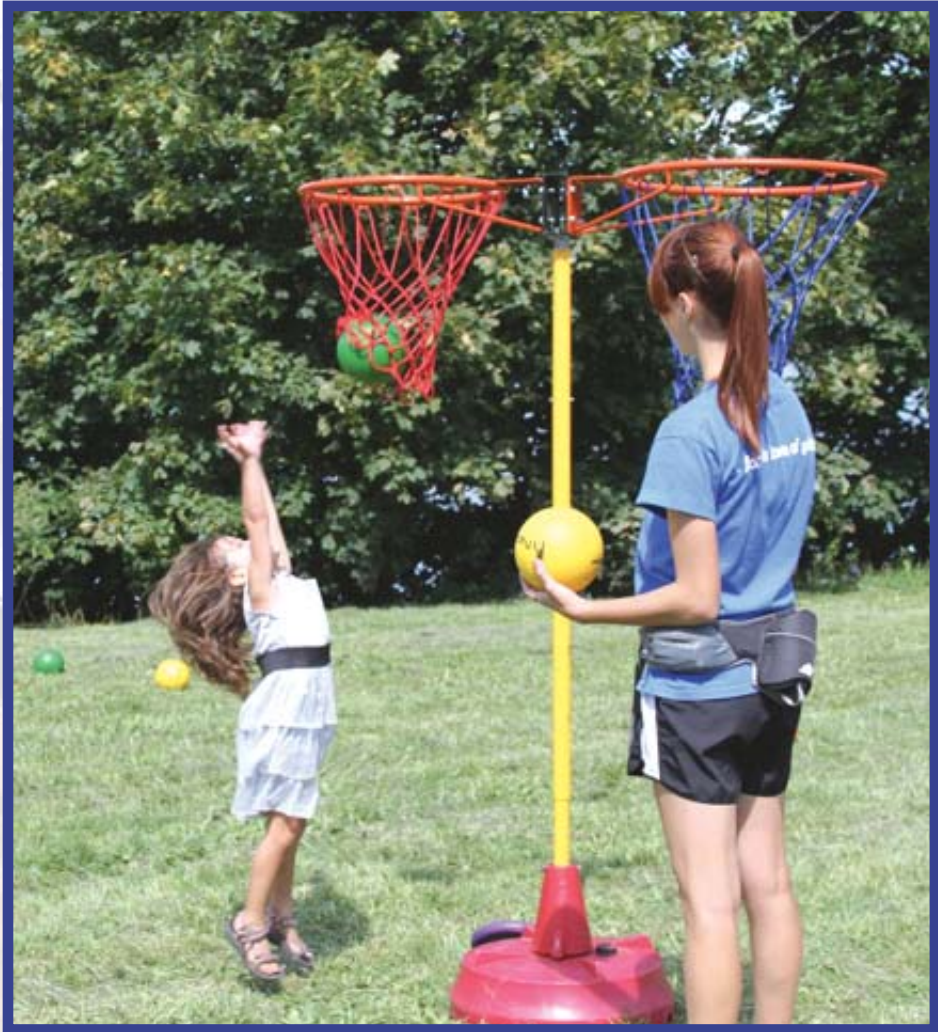
"We're kind of going in line with Michelle Obama's 'Let's Move' ... she's starting to do this National movement for kids to eat healthy, get children active, and addressing some of the issues that we have, such as, child obesity, diabetes, heart disease and chronic lung cancer," explained Manikowski.

Jimmy Del Ponte entertained in between music sets. The Somerville Sunsetters performed a bunch of their classic show tunes. At 2 p.m. the kids tried some yoga and worked on balance and coordination with hula-hoops. Then at 2:30 a Marionette puppet show featured a pirate searching for love.

It is also worth noting that the Gentle Giant Rowing Club is based at 32 Shore Drive in Somerville at the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse. "We sponsor programs for high schools to get kids rowing here and to interest people in rowing, noted Hillary Abbey, a Board Member for Gentle Rowing.

Whatever your interests may be, it is always fun to explore new areas of Somerville and meet new people. Somerstreet events such as Rolling on the Mystic have been a successful means to this end.





Photos by Harry Kane

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

Alibrandis win 2011 League Championship

By Harry Kane

The Somerville Alibrandis won the Yawkey League Championship in the playoff series against the Malden Bulldogs. This is the twelfth year in fifteen years that the Alibrandis have won the championship and the second year in a row. Ted Dzuiba and Chris Foundas received co MVP's. Dzuiba finished the post season with a .529 AVG. Chris Foundas had a 1.00 ERA in his 4 winning games of the post season.

In the first inning Ted Dzuiba knocked in a two run RBI triple bringing Bernie Driscoll and David Scioli. In the fourth inning Matt Deeb and Andrew Babb scored the third and forth runs. In the fifth, Dzuiba hit a line drive single but was left stranded. Ace pitcher, Sean Sullivan walked a batter in the fifth and after a sacrifice bunt the Malden runner made it to second base. With one down in the fifth Malden's lineup was back at the top of the order. The next

Bulldog batter lined a double and knocked in the first and only Malden run of the game. Sullivan got out of the inning with a strikeout and pop out.

In the sixth, Matt Deeb bunted and made it to first. Deeb stole second and ran to third on a ground out. With two out Mike Maguire hit an RBI single making it 5-1. Maguire stole third base, making it his sixth stolen base of the series. Maguire had 16 stolen bases on the regular season and nine steals on the post season. Maguire had 102 at bats in 32 games in the regular season with a .373 AVG.

David Scioli launched one to left field with a lead of double in the seventh. The Bulldogs walked Dzuiba. Babb reached first on an infield hit to load the bases. Justin Crisafulli walked, forcing in a run and making it 6-1. Next, Marc DesRoches smacked the ball bringing in another insurance run. The last Somerville run would come in on a sacrifice fly to make it a final score of 8-1.



The Yawkey League Champion Alibrandis fought hard their well earned victory over the Malden Bulldogs.



Ms. Cam's Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- Who was the civil rights leader that Dorothy Parker left the bulk of her estate to?
- What European country does Aruba maintain the closest ties to?
- What is "Wiccaphobia" the fear of?
- What is the only U.S. state that grows cocoa trees to make chocolate?
- What single name is more commonly applied to Holy Roman Emperor Charles the Great?
- What family of birds does the Jay belong to?
- When asked what size hat he wore, who was the catcher that said "I don't know, I'm not in shape yet"?
- What U.S. city's name would you find in "astronomer"?
- What is the name of the most recently discovered planet in our solar system?
- What are the names, Emperor, Jackass, and Rock Hopper all types of?
- What State's quarter has a schooner and lighthouse on the back of it?
- When you want to give up, what name would you call out (hint: it's a relative)?

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Memorial at Davis Square

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Somerville that day and I was proud to be an American that day, as I am today. And, I just want to say, God Bless to all those that lost their lives, and God Bless their families.” - Bruce M. Desmond, Alderman At Large.

“I will always remember that day”

“We re-live it again and again. We will never forget those who gave their lives, but also never forget the bravery and the sacrifices of those that saved literally hundreds and thousands of people, taking them out of the towers, out of the streets, and taking them into the boats that pulled people off the island and into safety.” - Jack Connolly, Alderman At Large.

“Today I’m gonna remember them, and

I’m also gonna remember those people on that plane in Pennsylvania who fought. And the words they said, 'Let's Roll,' so let's keep rolling America.” - Bob Trane, Ward 7 Alderman.

“How will I explain this to my children? What will I say to my little children, my little one is so young. How can she understand? And, I described what had happened in general terms without too many of the horrifying details and I said, 'there are people who do bad things in this world, but there are many more people who do good things and the important thing is that we should be those who always try to do good things.” - Denise Provost, State Representative.

Each person identified differently with 9/11, and as the ceremony drew to a close a sigh of relief permeated throughout the crowd. A giant weight had been lifted and the milestone ten-year anniversary was over.



Somerville’s immigrant professionals

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Through them, citizens guided the young, swiftly helped neighbors in need, resolved conflicts, and maintained security without being aware that they were doing anything special.

Somerville's strong sense of community was rare in American society; its benefits, many. It provided real security. When neighbors knew and trusted each other, residential streets were not so much anonymous public spaces belonging to no one, but familiar personal territory. Neighbors

inquired when someone whom they didn't recognize attempted to enter a neighbor's home. They intervened when someone was being harassed on their street, because the street belonged to them.

Old Somerville provided rites of passage for youth. If you treated others with respect, demonstrated loyalty, and fulfilled your responsibilities, you would gain living-wage employment, a decent home, a place in the community, and the respect of your

neighbors. Every adult played a part in making this social contract work.

Closure of the Ford assembly plant in 1958 signaled a coming wave of change. Over the next three decades, the number of Somerville's factories dropped to a few dozen.

The push of job loss and the pull of suburbia's lure reduced Somerville's population by a net 36,000 between 1950 and 1970. The rich organizational fabric that provided the framework for community unraveled.

Today, Somerville's level of volunteerism and sense of community remain somewhat higher than most towns. And strong ties remain among many Old Somerville neighbors. But so much has changed.

Somerville kids on a 1960s playground had no reason to think, or frame of reference to reflect on, how rich and rare their community was. Or that forces were already at work that would unravel it.

I think of these lines from Dylan Thomas:

*Nothing I cared, at my sky blue trades, that time allows
In all his tuneful turning so few and such morning songs
Before the children green and golden
Follow him out of grace.*

And if you are of Old Somerville, these lines by two other Brits, Lennon and McCartney, may resonate:
*There are places I remember all my life
And some have changed
Some forever, not for better
Some are gone and some remain.*

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

Burglar Alarm Maintenance and Monitoring

An Invitation for Bid (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Wednesday, September 14, 2011**. Sealed Proposals will be received at the above office until: **Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 11:00 A.M.** at which time sealed proposals 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 will be for a period of one (1) year from 10/01/2011 through 09/30/2012. Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract. A 5% Bid Deposit will be required.

Please contact Orazio DeLuca, Contract Manager, at odeluca@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 19, 2011** at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at **6:00PM** on the application of New Asia, 324-328 Somerville Ave., to transfer its All Forms Alcoholic Beverages 7 Day Restaurant License to Slow Train Coming LLC dba Redbonita's and for an Entertainment license for entertainment by performers (roaming musicians) and entertainment by devices (1 audio systems, 4 TVs) on the premises situated at 49 Day St., Somerville, MA

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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Brasileiro lights up Union Sq.

By Harry Kane

On Saturday the Brasileiro Festival at Union Square brought Brazilians from around the area to meet the local community and highlight their music and food. "It's part of our arts union series," said Rachel Strutt, Program Manager at the Somerville Arts Council. "This series is about promoting cultural and economical development at Union Square. So, that means we want to celebrate culture and contribute to stimulate the local economy."

Brazilians make up the largest immigrant group in Somerville. "There's so many Brazilians, so it just made sense for us to include a Brazilian festival within this series," said Strut. A mixture of Samba, soccer, barbeque, theater, and face painting made for some fun in the sun.

Brasileiro music performed by



Photo by Harry Kane

Brazilian culture was celebrated in style last Saturday in Union Square.

Grooversity, a world-drumming project started by Marcus Santos, infused the festival with good vibes. Grooversity promotes drumming for social change. "We basically give an opportunity to the youth to learn any kind of in-

strument so that they can get off the streets, off of drugs and have an opportunity to succeed in life through music because we believe that music can change the world," said Karolina Nunes, Coordinator for Grooversity.

Italian officials visit Somerville



Photo by William Tauro

On Monday, September 12, Mayor Joseph Curtatone hosted a luncheon honoring Somerville's sister city Mayor Antonio Raimondi of Gaeta Italy and Italian Consul General Giuseppe Pastorelli at Pescatore Italian Restaurant in Ball Square. Mayor Antonio Raimondi was born and raised in a home on Somerville Avenue in Somerville before becoming the Mayor of Gaeta Italy. Pictured from left to right: Somerville Superintendent of Schools Tony Pierantozzi, Somerville High School Headmaster Tony Ciccariello, Italian Consul General Giuseppe Pastorelli, Mayor of Gaeta Italy Antonio Raimondi, and Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone.

- William Tauro

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Danbury, Connecticut, where she is serving a 3.5-year prison sentence for taking \$23,500 in cash bribes to influence legislation in the State Senate and to obtain a liquor license for a proposed nightclub in her district.

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 5-9, the House both met

for a total of two hours and 38 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 3 hours and 49 minutes.

Mon. September 5	No House session No Senate session.
Tues. September 6	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:34 a.m. Senate 11:00 a.m. to 2:26 p.m.
Wed. September 7	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. September 8	House 11:01 a.m. to 1:06 p.m. Senate 11:05 a.m. to 11:28 a.m.
Fri. September 9	No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com



This week's Beacon Hill Roll Call is dedicated to my late mother Millie Katzen Alpert who passed away at the age of 92 on August 28. She was my inspiration and will always hold a special place in my heart. She was an elegant "mensch," loved by everyone. A mensch means "a person of integrity and honor. According to Leo Rosten, author of "The Joys of Yiddish," a mensch is "someone to admire and emulate, someone of noble character. The key to being a real mensch" is nothing less than character, dignity and a sense of what is right." Donations in memory of Millie may be made to the Millie Katzen Alpert Fund, P.O. Box 683, Pepperell, MA 01463. The fund will perpetuate Millie's values of kindness and altruism; among the recipients will be students who receive an annual Millie Katzen Alpert Mensch of the Year Award. Millie will be sorely missed. RIP, Mom.

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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Wednesday|September 14

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

Thursday|September 15

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

Friday|September 16

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

Saturday|September 17

Central Library
Saturday Afternoon Family Film:
The Miracle Worker
2 p.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|September 20

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

Wednesday|September 21

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

MUSIC
Wednesday|September 14

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

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

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

PA'S Lounge
The Broken Lights|Eight
Page|SEXCoffee|Sarah Borello
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
The Maple Jazz Quartet|Choose
to Find|Roving Soul
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

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

Thursday|September 15

Johnny D's
Rajko Orchestra
17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Flatt Rabbitt| 6 p.m.
Birds of Play with special guests
|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

PA'S Lounge
The Underscore
Orkestra|Somerville Symphony
Orkestra
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
Christie Prince|Jetset|The
Titanics|The Darlings|Cai Calis
New Experience
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
The New England Pop Music
Festival
381 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory
Zumba
7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191
Highland Ave.

Friday|September 16

Johnny D's
HEAR NOW LIVE! Aunt
Martha|Tall Heights|Megan
Lui|Sam Reid
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Larry Flint & The Road Scholars
|6 p.m.
Dublin Free Press, The Whiskey
Rebellion|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren
Spike The Punch
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents|Persian
Blue|The Marshtones|Philip
Bell|The Bargains
70 Union Sq|617 -623-9211

PA'S Lounge
L'Eclisse|The Morning On
Fire|EOLUNE|The Homespun
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
The New England Pop Music
Festival
381 Summer St

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

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

Arts at the Armory
Richard Cambridge's Poet
Theatre Presents: Tara Hardy
7:30 p.m.|Cafel|191 Highland
Ave.

Saturday|September 17

Johnny D's
The Young & The Old|Hot

Molasses|Waves|Self Proclaimed
Rock Stars|17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Les Sampou|5:30 p.m.
Kevin Connolly Band 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents|The
Bridgebuilders|The Minor
Three|Powerhouse|Boston
Road|Huckleberry Binge
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

PA'S Lounge
A Bit Much|TonyBear|Y/Y
(NY)|Radio Astronomer
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

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

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

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

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

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The New England Pop Music
Festival
381 Summer St

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

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

Arts at the Armory
For the Sake of the Song: A
Tribute to Steve Earle
7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland
Ave.

Sunday|September 18

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

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

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

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

Precinct Bar
Jayme|Grimis|Basement
Band|Elijah Ocean Band
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

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

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

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

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

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

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

Samba Bar & Grille
Live Music

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Monday|September 19

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

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

The Burren
Bur-Run|6:30 p.m.
Set Dancing|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

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499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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Stump Team Trivia
8 p.m.|366A Somerville Ave|617-
440-6045

Tuesday|September 20

Johnny D's
Electric Heaters|The Big
Wipeout|Tsunami of Sound
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
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Tasting|9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-
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Open Mic w/ Hugh
McGowan|6:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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345 Somerville Ave|617-776-
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Presidents|Whiskey
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of the month
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Arts at the Armory
The First and Last Word Poetry
Series
6:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland
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Above|Pity Whores|Orly & Yagel
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Karaoke
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Wednesdays|Karaoke
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DJ
9 p.m.|608 Somerville Ave|617-
718-9177

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

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11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|September 14

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

Thursday|September 15

West 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.)
40 College Ave

Central Library
Roving Raconteurs
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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33 Union Sq|
drumzatlibana@gmail.com

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problems with money and debt.
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Saturday|September 17

Third Life Studio
Monthly Open Voice Movement
Therapy Workshops
11:30 -2:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|
978-952-2798
Yoga Flow
1 p.m.-2 p.m.|33 Union Sq
|maria.taesil@gmail.com

Sunday|September 18

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

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

Monday|September 19

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

Central Library
Monday Night Movie - The
Purple Rose of Cairo
7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland
Ave

West Branch Library
Books Into Movies Discussion
Group
7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|40 College
Ave

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

Tuesday|September 20

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

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

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

Wednesday|September 21

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

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

Shakespeare in the Park

By Harry Kane

From September 8-11, the Shakespearean masterpiece *As You Like It* intrigued audiences. The two-hour play was performed in Davis Square. The performance drew a big audience on its opening night.

This love story is directed by Kamela Dulonova. She says, "I felt the performance was a triumph, and I was thrilled to reach so many people who might not ordinarily walk into a theatre. I certainly plan on doing more plays in the future, and Theatre@First is an ongoing community theatre project that will be producing an adaptation of *Pride and Prejudice* early next year."

To learn more about Theatre@First visit their Web site at theatreatfirst.org.



As You Like It thrilled audiences during its successful run in Davis Square.

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| 1. Martin Luther King Jr. | 7. Yogi Berra |
| 2. The Netherlands | 8. Nome, Alaska |
| 3. The fear of witches and witchcraft | 9. Quaoar |
| 4. Hawaii | 10. Penguins |
| 5. Charlemagne | 11. Maine |
| 6. The crow | 12. "uncle" |

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41 Wisconsin Avenue	32 Fellsway West	138 Orchard Street	420 Medford Street
17 Gilman Terrace	9 Garfield Avenue	38 Robinson Street	

'Sewn Identity' at the Washington St. Art Center

By Tiffani Westbrook

Small town girl Danielle Festa, of Melrose, is making a name for herself in Somerville. The UMASS Amherst graduate revealed her *Sewn Identity* art collection on September 9 at the Washington Street Art Center. It was not her first show but it was her largest attended show to date and she could not be happier about the support that she has been receiving.

Her newest collection is an eclectic mix of oil painted portraits with fabric worked throughout in different ways. She is a traditional artist in many of her methods but her use of fabric makes these portraits fresh and unique.

She hopes that her audience asks, "What does fabric really mean to people?" One portrait, named *School Uniform*, has captured the attitude of the average

high school girl wearing Uggs and blue jeans. Festa points out that, "The girl in the painting *School Uniform* is someone almost anyone can relate to seeing. There have always been social pressures around attire in schools, the haves and the have-nots, but lately there has been a more obvious distinction. You either have a Northface and Uggs or you do not. In this instance dress is used to conform and to feel accepted by peers." She also says, "I try to capture a variety of different dress, not just the extremes, so I can call attention to the way clothing decides our character before we even speak."

Festa is inspired by the works of Cindy Sherman and can identify with her creative process. Some portraits can take months to complete and do not always make it into her collection. Her favorites do, however, such as the portrait of her grandmother, ti-

tled *Nana*, that reveals her skill with weaved ribbon, creating the stunning hat that is the focal point of this piece.

"I try to capture a variety of different dress, not just the extremes, so I can call attention to the way clothing decides our character before we even speak"

These portraits, as well as the rest of her collection, can be seen during gallery hours on Saturdays in September from 12-4 p.m. On Sunday, September 25 from 4-6 p.m., Festa will be hosting the closing ceremony, which will feature live music from the Steve GütenBand.



Danielle Festa weaves visual magic with her mixed media creations.

Bring your squeezebox to Union Square

By Cathleen Twardzik

On September 17, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m., get ready for accordion flash mobs, and then be treated to a concert in Union Square from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Squeezebox Slam in Somerville. A rain date of September 18 has been set.

The event will spotlight a myriad of cultures, which use a variation of the squeezebox in their music. All individuals who have a squeezebox are welcome to play it during the first part of the day.

Squeezebox Slam will be the Boston area's first festival dedicated to accordions and concertinas. Players of all musical genres are invited to participate in the Big Stroll in an accordion flash-mob style. The City of Somerville's public spaces and parks will be utilized.

The second part of the day, the concert, will boast six squeezing genres of music, which will be performed by artists, all of whom are from New England.

According to Michael McLaughlin, a professional musician in town who also teaches at Tufts, Squeezebox Slam was the brainchild of Susan Berstler, Director of ARTSomerville and visual artist, who has been a part of various public art projects over the past 15 years.

Interestingly, McLaughlin and Berstler "first met working together on a project in Prague that brought together an eclectic and talented international

group of cross-disciplinary artists, musicians and visual artists," said Berstler.

However, "The seeming randomness is the exciting part. We don't know how many or who or where, but look forward to seeing what takes place, both with the musicians and their interaction with folks in Somerville. You can never predict the end result. That's what makes it interesting," she said.

The outdoor concert in Union Square will feature local squeezebox players, including Klezmer accordionist Michael McLaughlin from Shirim, Klezwoods, and Naf-tule's Dream, who will play Ukaranian and Moldavian-influenced Jewish dance music. Additionally, master Gaita player Joao Cerilo, from the dance band Pilon Batuku, will present a rare duo performance of "batuku" and "funana" music from Cape Verde.

Then, treat your ears to the sounds of Peter Bufano and Cirkestra, the world-renowned composer and circus musician (Ringling Bros./Barnum & Baily, Kinoshita and Big Apple), as they share their magical, death defying, high wire musical act.

From Bulgaria, Plamen Karadonev, who is known for his mastery of Bulgarian folk music as well as for American modern jazz, will fill the air with a striking collage of the old world and the new.

Mariachi Estampa de America,

Union Square's own Mariachi group, who frequently performs at El Potro Restaurant, will take the stage and perform traditional songs, from Huapango to Son Jaliscience. Finally, the fiery and elegant touch of Roberto Cassan from Grand Fatilla will close the event, with the sounds of Italian and tango music.

So, which type of instrument is the concertina? "A concertina is part of a free-standing reed instrument family. This means the reed is built into the instrument, as opposed to a sax or clarinet, where the reed is attached. Like any reed instrument, it needs air to make a sound. There are two types of concertinas, the English and the German," said McLaughlin.

Although, "We couldn't cover every culture [at the concert portion of the event], I like to think that we have next year, where we could present French, Irish, Chinese, Argentinean and Columbian traditions. Even finding jazz or singer/songwriters, who use the accordion or another free-standing reed instrument as their vehicle would be great," he said.

Further, barbecue from Red-bones, which is sponsoring the event, as well as paper folding at craft tables for children, will be available.

The Somerville Arts Council's ArtsUnion Project is an initiative that is designed to boost the cultural economic development of Union Square. It presents nu-



Accordion and circus music maestro Peter Bufano will amuse and amaze at the Squeezebox Slam in Union Square on Saturday.

merous events and markets, develops and leads cultural and historical tours, commissions street furniture and public art, and has revised zoning to provide incentives for arts-related development in the square

Do you want to take an inside look into a participating performer's musical background? "Piano was my first instrument, since I was 5, but I

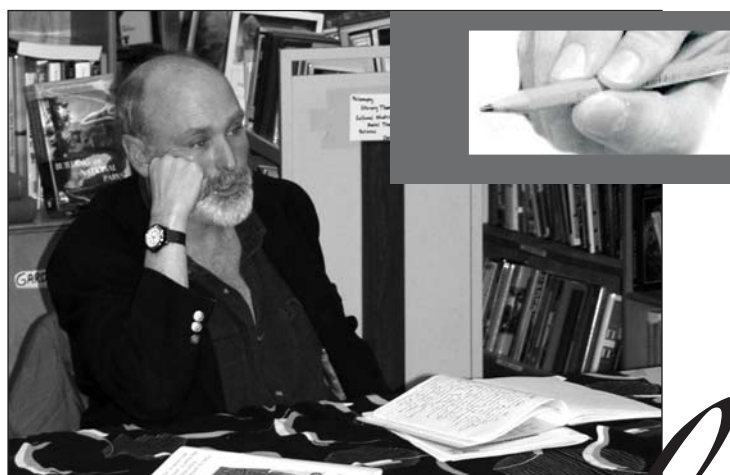
started playing accordion in '94, when I joined the Shirim Klezmer Orchestra. There are many great parts to being a performer, but the most important for me is when I see people dance to the music I'm playing. The interaction between the audience and musician becomes a feedback loop that gets stronger and stronger," said McLaughlin.

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, September 14		4:00pm	Improv Toolkit with Nadira Jamal	8:30am	Animal Agenda	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:00pm	Ablevision	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes
8:00am	Democracy Now!	5:30pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
10:00am	Abugida TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	1:00pm	Ablevision
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	6:30pm	Art @ SCAT	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	2:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Program
1:00pm	Talk About Somerville	7:30pm	Somerville Ward 7 Debates	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
1:30pm	Adventures of Scuba Jack	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	4:00pm	Somerville Ward 7 Debates	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	9:30pm	Jojo's Dreamcart	4:30pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	4:00pm	Art@SCATV
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	10:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
3:30pm	Tribuna Medica	11:00pm	Lowell	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	7:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day
4:00pm	Life Matters	Friday, September 16		7:00pm	Mystic Community Picnic	7:30pm	Somerville Ward 7 Debates
5:00pm	CommonSense	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
5:30pm	Healer in Every House	6:00am	Live Response	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	7:00am	Recovery Roundtable	11:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	8:00am	Democracy Now!	Sunday, September 18		10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	Visual Radio
8:30pm	Talk About Somerville	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	6:00am	Rompendo em Fe	Tuesday, September 20	
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	7:00am	Vida Na TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV
9:30pm (LIVE)	The Freemont Show	1:00pm	The Expert Series	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
10:00pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	1:30pm	Neighborhood Cooking	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	8:00am	Democracy Now!
10:30pm	South of the Mystic	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program	10:00am	Christian Assemble Tab.	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
11:00pm	The Garage	3:00pm	Inside Talk	11:00am	International Church of God	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
11:30pm	Art @ SCAT	3:30pm	Physician Focus	12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.	11:00am	Commonsense
Thursday, September 15		4:00pm	Somerville Ward 7 Debates	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
12:00am	Free Speech TV	4:30pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	2:00pm	The Road to Recovery	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report
6:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	5:00pm	Art @ SCAT	3:00pm	Somerville Ward 7 Debates	1:30pm	Know Your Rights
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10:00am	Active Aging	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	6:00pm	Abugida TV	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
10:30am	Jeff Jams	10:00pm	Culture Club	7:00pm	African TV Network	6:00pm	A Jazeera
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	11:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	7:00pm	Art @ SCAT
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	Saturday, September 17		9:00pm	Watch This	7:30pm	Somerville Ward 7 Debates
1:00pm	African TV Network	12:00am	Free Speech TV	Monday, September 19		8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	6:00am	Arabic Hour	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	Talking About Somerville
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	7:00am	GAY USA	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:30pm	Animal Agenda
3:30pm	Cultural Club	8:00am	The Struggle	8:00am	Democracy Now!		

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, September 14		12:00am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show		"Hearty Meals for All"	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
9:00am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Little Sisters of the Poor"	12:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Malden	7:50pm: (13/16)	Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors	11:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
		12:30am: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Rolling on the Mystic			12:00pm: (13/16)	Well Being of Somerville Report
9:00am: (15)	Project STAR	1:30am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	8:30pm: (13/16)	The Gary Leone Show	12:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff
11:30am: (15)	Kid Stuff	2:00am: (15)	7th Annual SCAP Meeting	8:30pm: (15)	Project STAR	12:30pm: (15)	Project STAR
12:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 9/12/11	9:00am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show	9:00pm: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking	12:35pm: (13/16)	18 Diamonds: Non Profit Row at Art Beat
		9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	Sunday, September 18			
12:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Medford	12:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Rolling on the Mystic	12:00am: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Rolling on the Mystic	7:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - LIVE
1:30pm: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Medford	12:00am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Medford	7:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum
7:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Going Green on Rt. 16	12:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Hearty Meals for All"	12:30am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Hearty Meals for All"	7:30pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Malden
7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City			12:50am: (13/16)	Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors	9:00pm: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2
7:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Little Sisters of the Poor"	12:50pm: (13/16)	Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors			9:15pm: (15)	SHS Sports Rewind: Football Highlights 2010
		1:30pm: (13/16)	The Gary Leone Show	1:30am: (13/16)	The Gary Leone Show	Tuesday, September 20	
7:30pm: (15)	Project STAR	1:30pm: (15)	Project STAR	1:30am: (15)	Project STAR	12:00am: (13/16)	18 Diamonds: Non-Profit Row at Art Beat
7:45pm: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking	2:00pm: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking	2:00am: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking	12:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum
7:55pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Hearty Meals for All"	7:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Rolling on the Mystic	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	12:30am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Malden
8:10pm: (13/16)	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Medford	12:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	2:00am: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2
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9:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update			12:30pm: (15)	SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010	9:00am: (13/16)	Well Being of Somerville Report
10:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Malden	7:50pm: (13/16)	Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors	12:55pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	9:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum
Thursday, September 15		8:30pm: (13/16)	The Gary Leone Show	1:00pm: (13/16)	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	11:30am: (15)	7th Annual SCAP Meeting
12:00am: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Going Green on Rt. 16	8:30pm: (15)	Project STAR	1:25pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Malden	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
12:00am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Malden	9:00pm: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking	1:40pm: (13/16)	Well Being of Somerville Report	12:30pm: (13/16)	Dance Showcase at Art Beat
12:30am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Little Sisters of the Poor"	Saturday, September 17		7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	1:00pm: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show
12:45am: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking	12:00am: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Rolling on the Mystic	7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
12:55am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Hearty Meals for All"	12:00am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Medford	7:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Little Sisters of the Poor"	7:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff
		12:30am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Hearty Meals for All"			7:30pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update
1:10am: (13/16)	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	12:50am: (13/16)	Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors	7:30pm: (15)	SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010	7:30pm: (15)	7th Annual SCAP Meeting
2:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update			7:55pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	8:00pm: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking
9:00am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Hearty Meals for All"	1:30am: (13/16)	The Gary Leone Show	8:00pm: (13/16)	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	8:15pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Hearty Meals for All"
		1:30am: (15)	Project STAR	8:25pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Malden		
9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	2:00am: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking	8:40pm: (13/16)	Well Being of Somerville Report	8:30pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 9/19/11
11:30am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Malden	12:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Rolling on the Mystic	Monday, September 19		9:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Medford	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
12:30pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Rolling on the Mystic	12:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Hearty Meals for All"	12:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff
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				12:30am: (15)	SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010	12:30am: (15)	7th Annual SCAP Meeting
1:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:30pm: (13/16)	The Gary Leone Show	1:00am: (13/16)	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	1:00am: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking
3:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City - LIVE	1:30pm: (15)	Project STAR	1:25am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Malden	1:15am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Hearty Meals for All"
7:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	2:00pm: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking	9:00am: (13/16)	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	2:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
7:00pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Malden	7:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Rolling on the Mystic				
8:30pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Medford				
9:00pm: (15)	7th Annual SCAP Meeting	7:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back				
Friday, September 16							



OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Hugh Fox (1932 - 2011):

Way, way off on his final road

From the introduction of "Way, Way Off the Road: The Memoirs of The Invisible Man" by Hugh Fox (Ibbetson Street Press)

Several years ago the Ibbetson Street Press published a Hugh Fox poetry collection "Angel of Death." I had never actually met Fox in the flesh, but I was aware of his substantial contributions to the small press over the past 40 years. Fox was a founding member of COSMEP, (a seminal small press organization), a founding member of the PUSH CART PRIZE, and edited the groundbreaking anthology "The Living Underground," to name just a few achievements.

One day, in my apartment on Ibbetson Street in Somerville, Mass. I was just about asleep when I heard my doorbell ring. I went to answer it and a man of a certain age, with long gray hair spouting from the sides of his cap and a heavy Bronx accent said: "Hi Doug, what do ya' have in there a Blonde?" I said: "Well my wife is here, she's sort of blondish." I asked him in but I guess he sensed I was in no condition for company. He declined and promptly took a cab back to his hotel.

Since then I have had the opportunity to meet him on a couple of occasions. Fox is full of anecdotes about many of the stumble bums, poets, poseurs, publishers, editors, with all their infinite variety, on the small press scene. I am glad this manuscript has seen the light of day. And when you read it hopefully you will see the light too.

- Doug Holder (2006)

I don't remember when I first became aware of Hugh Fox. He was a prolific writer across all genres. It might have been through one of the many reviews he wrote for the Small Press Review; it might be from the manuscripts he sent me to publish, or through the many poets of the "Invisible Generation" (A term he used to describe his peer group of writers) he befriended over the years. Whatever you say about Fox, he wasn't a cliché of a man—he was a total original. He was a PhD with a big disdain for the academy; his breadth of knowledge left me breathless; he could be incredibly kind and incredibly rude, but I loved him warts and all—hey ain't that what love is, after all?

I asked Fox a few years ago what he would like to be remembered for. He told me: "That I reminded people to take a close look and engage the world around them." Fox took it all in: from sex, the Aztecs, religion, the meaning of being, the meaning of meaning...you name it.

He was a firm believer in the small press—not the New York publishing houses where the buck is the bottom line. It was his religion, his passion, to review the thousands of small press books of all genres for the late Len Fulton's *Small Press Review*,



and other publications. To Hugh, the chap, or the big tome was all high holy. Nothing was too obscure, too raw. He called many a writer a "genius," but what I think what he really was trying to say was that he recognized the genius in all of us.

He took many a writer under his wing. He could be unapologetically flirtatious but more often than not he would charm the pants off you—and in his younger days I am sure he literally did. Hugh had a huge cadre of writers that were the objects of his affection.

He introduced me and countless others to the short form or capsule book review. In one of his short reviews he could really get to the core of the book with an economy of words, and he nixed the deadening academic jargon that could bleed the life out of any writing.

I would get unexpected calls late at night from Fox. He would say: "Hey I miss you pal—why haven't you called?" When I was laid off of my job of many years he offered to put me and my wife up at his home in Lansing, Michigan; he lobbied for me to be included in the important avant-garde poetry anthology *Inside the Outside*. Fox told me he loved me more than once... and you know what?... I truly think he did.

I thought that Fox would never die. He told me for years he was on his last legs with cancer, and his time was short. He even wrote a play that concerned him and the noted small press poet Lo Galluccio, meeting cute while in the throes of ovarian and prostate cancer. To my knowledge Galluccio has never suffered from ovarian cancer, but she was a dear friend of Fox and he included a lot of us in his work.

As Samuel Beckett wrote: "We are born astride the grave," and Fox is gone. He died in a hospice in Michigan at 79, heavily sedated, out of pain finally, drifting up into the ether in a dream—to the cosmos—to that grand poem—infinity.

Lyrical

SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

The Book of Arrows the poetry of Mike Amado as edited by Jack Scully and Nancy Brady Cunningham has been just released from the Cervená Barva Press of Somerville, MA. Mike was a member of Somerville's Bagel Bards and died of kidney failure at age 34. I decided to use a poem from this collection in the *LYRICAL*. Here is a statement from the editors:

"In this book we try to show you a picture of Mike's early life in Plymouth and his family [Beginnings]. How his poetry evolved from the dark to tell us about things which he believed were wrong and should be changed, especially the wrongs done against "Native Americans" and the warehousing of kidney patients into dialysis units [Blooming]. In October of 2008 Mike knew that his time was coming to an end and this book includes seven poems written during the last months before his death [Endings]. Mike had almost 500 unpublished poems. In his final months he put some of them in collections on his computer in what he called books. Most of the poems in this volume were under the heading of *The Book of Arrows*; thus, our title. This collection is fondly dedicated to Michael 'Mike' 'Spokenwarrior' Amado [April 23, 1975-January 2, 2009]."

Test

I had a teacher who was a weekend archeologist.
She brushed the ground for Native leftovers...

a form of human interaction. She affirmed:
"I don't study any Indian under three hundred years old."

I told her I was a poet. Her eyes subdued by inquisition,
her question scraped me slightly...

"You mean like Byron, Shelley or Keats?"
"No, not quite," I said... "I'm alive."

My sole proof of humanness is that I create.
I can't determine what will be smothered, what will erode

or resist burial and rise from the soil protruding
like noncurrent bones forming fingers,

fingers of swimming hands,
swimming in soil-waves.

Can't say if brushes will dust my words
as proof of signs of life and standing the test of time.

Like my Native blood,
poetry is a live fish, un-caught.

The watchers around me are Baudelaire, Blake and Bly;
Shaman and Storyteller. Just to be alive with a found soul

is all the test I have time for.

We are bones swimming in soil-waves,

we emerge with a sunken jewel -

that's all the test we have time for.

- Mike Amado

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