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Casinos in MA inch closer

Somerville Pol: 'It won't work'



State lawmakers are gambling that casino revenues will help to jump-start a sluggish economy, but certain cautionary voices are publicly expressing their concerns that the numbers just don't add up.

By Andrew Firestone

Sometimes if you double-down hard enough, you can beat the house, or so says the blackjack code. So goes the casino bill on Beacon Hill, which, after passing the house last Wednesday 123-32, will authorize three casinos, one slot parlor and one casino for the Wampanoag tribe in Massachusetts. While members of the Somerville delegation Rep. Carl Sciortino and Rep. Denise Provost voted against the measure, the bill now goes to the Senate, which approved the bill last year.

"What we've done is set up a system where we are going to benefit in theory through state revenue by setting up shop to get people addicted," said Sciortino. "I think that is a really flawed way to raise revenue, that is a flawed way to create jobs. There are better alternatives for economic development and this is not a good option."

Sciortino's worries were echoed by Somerville Chamber of Commerce member George Donnelly, who is also editor of the Boston Business Journal.

"I think it's a short-term strategy, but not a good long term economic

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Mayor to DOT: 'We will exhaust every legal option'

GLX lawsuit redux as delay announcement looms

By Andrew Firestone

Mayor Joseph Curtatone threw down the gauntlet last Tuesday, September 13, when he called upon the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to hold the Green Line Extension plan to deadline, and not accept a delay of the opening in 2020.

"Further delays are just unacceptable and we are absolutely intent to pursue every available legal option and listen to me carefully: we will exhaust every legal option beyond until this obligation is met," he said, hammering his fingers against the podium.

The Mayor made his comments at a hearing downtown at DEP headquarters. Members of the DEP, along with representatives from the Green Line Extension (GLX) project were in attendance, along with over two dozen members of the community. The meeting came a few days before Governor Deval Patrick discussed the possible solu-

tion of phasing development in order to kick-start the flagging project.

The Commonwealth has yet to officially submit their delay, as they need to display a plan for pollution mitigation to the DEP in order to obey federal guidelines.

"Let's remove the fact that transit development is a powerful and a cost-effective stimulus that will unlock over 300 acres of underutilized land that would become over 18 million sq. ft. of commercial, residential development creating more than 25,000 construction jobs followed by 30,000 permanent jobs," said Curtatone.

"Let's remove the fact that the Green Line project will lighten traffic by over 25,000 vehicle miles averting on our neighborhoods and local roadways today and decrease damage caused by thousands of communities cutting through our borders each day as the state has helped Somerville evolve into an on-and-off ramp from and to Boston. Let's remove the fact that bringing the rail transit

through the most densely populated city in New England is an essential element of providing our citizens with the livability, sustainability, and quality of life they deserve."

"At the core is their legal obligation," he said, reminding the DEP that MassDOT must build the GLX under the legally binding decision won by the Conservation Law Foundation. "The delay in the project, which is pending, which is imminent, perpetuates the negative health effects on our residents and the region."

The DEP must give its blessing to any plan proposed by the MassDOT in their mitigation of environmental damages due to increased traffic in over populated areas. Without approval by the DEP, MassDOT cannot meet the "control measure obligation," or their ability to show progress on the project. This places the Commonwealth in danger of losing even more federal funds.

The state legislature has already approved \$600,000 in bonds for

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NEWSTALK

Somerville High Adult Evening School Registration for the fall semester starts this week at the High School main entrance on Highland Avenue. Sophia Garafotes, the principal of the evening school, has worked hard to put together some very interesting classes this semester. New courses like a "do it yourself" mini law course and all their Virtual Classrooms are on-line for the academics. Most courses run from 6 to 9 p.m. They start September 27 and end in December. Call the school evenings at 617 625-5500 x 6100. Some other courses being offered include CPR, RE licensing, money management, introduction to computers, graphic arts, Spanish for beginners, furniture making, Zumba classes, Celtic music, plus much more.

The celebration of the wedding of Alison M. Koty to Mark J. Fernandez will take place this coming Saturday in Falmouth. A lot of Somerville residents, family, and friends will be there to wish them well and a long life. We here at The News wish them as well a long and happy life together.

Also getting married this Saturday is our good friend David Mata to Carla Bonlla. We wish them a long and happy life together. David is new here in Somerville from out of state and he and Carla have come to love living here in the 'Ville.

The Ward 4 open seat race for Alderman is heating up, and some interesting observations of late have been made. Several people were on the Facebook page of Christine Barber and there was an interesting post on her attending the Somerville Remembers 9/11 ceremony with procession and moment of silence. The comment indicated that she was there and how nice of an event it was (see dated 9/15).

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Lights out on Medford St.



Somerville Police Lieutenant Jim Polito is shown here directing traffic at the intersection of Medford and Sycamore Streets while Officer Rick Gilberti controls the flow to traffic from the other intersection. The traffic lights stopped working and caused safety concerns at the intersections of Medford and Sycamore Streets early Tuesday morning. The Somerville Department of Public Works crews worked to repair the problem as Somerville Police controlled the flow of motor vehicles during the morning drive traffic time.

- William Tauro

TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to City to begin writing parking tickets for expired registrations and inspections

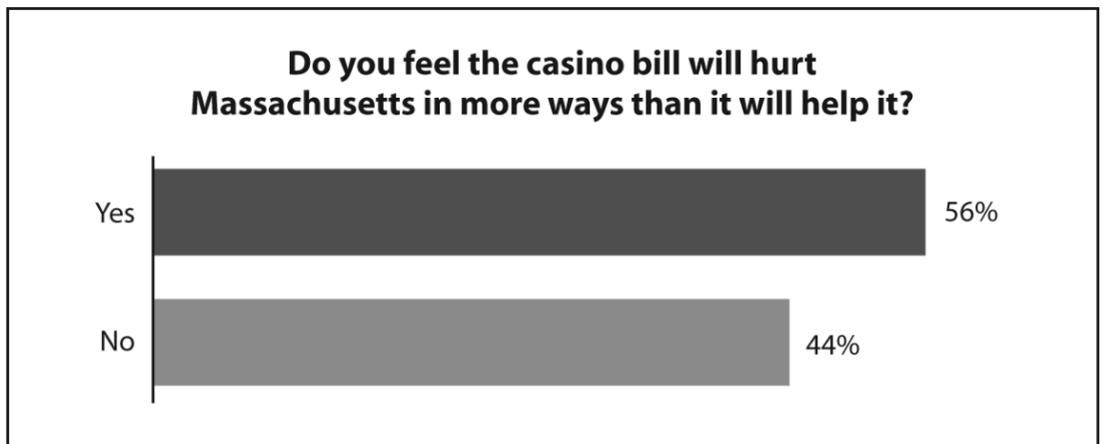
Billy Walters says:

Owning isn't the bargain it used to be. That's why I rent. It's cheaper.

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TheSomervilleNews.com poll of the week

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The Blueback Herring River Route

By Harry Kane

Conceptual stages of planning remain ongoing for The Blueback Herring River Route.

The pathway connects Foss Park to the Blessing of the Bay Boathouse. The grant was written by Steve Winslow and is now overseen by Green Infrastructure Planner and Conservation Agent, Rachael F. Kelly.

The distance from Foss Park is one sixth of a mile. If you are strolling, it takes approximately 10-15 minutes to make it from point A to point B on the pathway. The route begins on the western side of Foss Park, and travels north to I-93 ending at the Mystic River.

The Boathouse at Blessings Bay received funding from the MET, a total sum of \$200,000. The grant money goes towards improved light-

ing, a renovated parking lot, floating docks, and the development of the new pathway. Twenty-four metal signs will be placed on pre-existing poles. Murals of kids will hang on the overpass at the gateway of the new river route. Transit authority plans to install the murals soon.

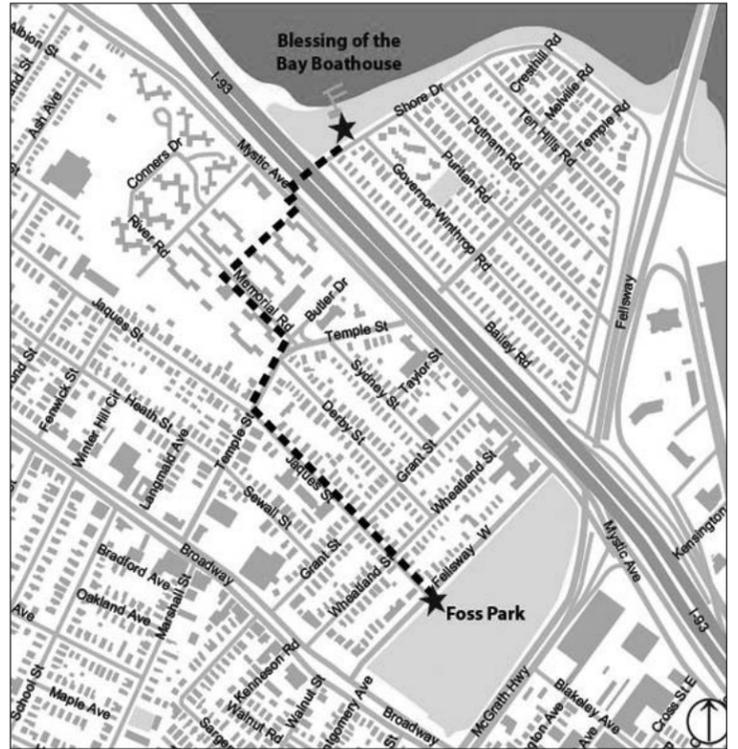
At the Thursday meeting representatives from around the city met at The Mystic Activity Center to discuss plans to expand this "pathway program" to other areas of Boston. Joan Blavstein, an area planner at the Land Resources Center, emphasized their intent to expand. "Take that as a model to help other communities to implement additional walking routes to the river."

The city is looking to create pathways to and from the Blessing of The Bay Boathouse to the

Ten Hills Neighborhood, the Healey School, and other communal locations. "To take all of our collective efforts in one room is a really exciting thing," said Lisa Brukilacchio of Cambridge Health Alliance.

MyRWA took control of the logo design for the signage. "We tried to get a uniformed logo," said Blavstein. "This would be the First Route with signs." An information kiosk will designate the pathways and the signs would be uniformed to increase connect-ability to the river. "The meeting was fun and interactive," said Beth (Meserve) MacBlane, the Outreach Coordinator of MyRWA.

When asked about the I-93 overpass, Arn Franzen, Director of Parks and Open Space, spoke bluntly, "It's clearly an obstacle. You're going to need additional signage and pedestrian safety



The Blueback Herring River Route development project progresses as scheduled.

signs to get people under 93."

As the redevelopment continues the main focus remains the

utilization of the Mystic River. Pedestrian access to the river grows one pathway at a time.

Mayor to DOT: 'We will exhaust every legal option'

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the GLX project, of which only a fraction has been used. "We have the money that we need to do the work that we are doing today. I think that is a very important point to make," said Project Manager Kate Fichter of the MassDOT.

However, the project cost has ballooned to over \$1.2 billion in the last delay, necessitating hundreds of millions of dollars more. "Obviously it's no secret that the construction of the Green Line Extension will be very expensive, which is part of why we are continuing to pursue federal funding to try to build the project," she said.

Barring that, Fichter said that she would defer to the legislature for more bonds, an option that new Secretary of Transportation Richard Davey has said he will not do.

"The MassDOT board has voted to give us the funds that we need to complete the planning process, the environmental review process and the design process, which is everything we need to do right now," said Fichter. "There's no money issue at the moment." She did note that these were not necessarily tangible or visible things, but that they were productive, and showed those in the DEP and federal government that the state was still behind the project.

"I think this may be an error, an oversight. I understand that there are very real fiscal problems with MassDOT, with the DEP, with the state, with the nation, with the world," said Rep. Denise Provost (Somerville-D) at the DEP hearing.

"But this is a project which

must not be allowed to lose any more time. I think that the DEP needs to require some acceleration of this program, require more transparency, particularly a very clear schedule, with start-dates and end-dates and intermediate dates, and where the funding is coming from, and not coming from along that path," she said. She expressed worry that the state might fail on its commitment.

"The work that we're doing now is critical to that next step as far as securing money for the actual construction," said MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo. "This is how we demonstrate to those decision-makers that this project is real, here's the design everyone's on board and we're ready to go."

Curtatone did not share Pesaturo's outlook. "This is not just a Somerville project, this project has great benefits to the region. We've waited patiently for the promise of six new stops under the Green Line Extension. To continue to extend the project deadline is not an option. We cannot deal with soft deadlines anymore. Broken promises will just not be accepted," he said.

Curtatone said that the heart disease and respiratory illness felt by many surrounding I-93 was reason enough to give the residents of Somerville their GLX, including himself in the latter category. "Think about the environmental injustice that you've helped create, that the state has helped create, as you knew what was going on when you poisoned our air. Think about those three commuter rails that come

through our city, and not one of them stops," he said.

"Earlier this year, the water quality of the Mystic was downgraded, downgraded to a 'D minus,' as a result of where the state has led," he said.

"We cannot pay lip service to a cleaner environment here and expect it to happen."

"Until we implement a cleaner mode of transportation to this section of our urban core, we are fighting an uphill battle in trying to improve our quality of life, our air, and our water quality."

"We will be at every public meeting and we will drive this conversation. You will build this project, because we are not going to stop fighting until the trains start running and our residents get to breathe cleaner air and a more livable community," he said.

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THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

Police: Would-be thieves denied their 'empties'

Somerville police responded to a report of suspicious activity at Trina's Starlite Lounge on Beacon Street in the early hours of last Wednesday.

Upon arrival, police reportedly spotted three men preparing to put empty beer kegs and cases of empty beer bottles in-

to a car. The car was approximately ten feet from the curb, and on the sidewalk there were four empty beer kegs and approximately 23 cases of empty beer bottles according to police. A shopping cart full of boxes containing empty beer bottles was also found nearby,

police said.

One of the men, the driver of the car, reportedly explained that the others flagged him down while he was on the way to the bakery. He also reportedly said that they asked him to help them transport the property. He said that he casually

knew the defendants and agreed to transport the property, according to police.

A neighbor reportedly told police that he had heard voices in the building. Investigating officers reportedly found that the locked hasp on the door to the building behind Trina's had been

ripped away from the door jam, and that the door was open. The light inside the building was alight, police said.

Nilson Veloza, 44, and Richard Dapedra, 34, both of Cambridge, were arrested and charged with night time breaking and entering for a felony.

Drug store shoplifter brings own drugs

Loss prevention personnel at the Rite-Aid drug store at McGrath Highway reportedly spotted and detained a female shoplifter last week.

According to their report to police, the woman placed several items from the store into

her handbag and then attempted to leave without paying. It was then that store employees stopped the woman and asked her to come with them to the loss prevention office.

When police officers arrived they reportedly searched the

bag, as the suspect yelled obscenities at them, and subsequently found three knives, a prescription bottle containing seven white Klonopins, two green Klonopins, six pink Klonodines, drug paraphernalia, and three baggies contain-

ing a brown substance which the officers judged to be heroin, police said.

The responding officers report that the suspect, Taylor Campbell, 24, of Cambridge, was in a highly agitated state and behaved in an aggressive and ver-

bally abusive manner.

She was arrested and charged with violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, possession of a class A drug, possession of a class C drug, and shoplifting by asportation.

Robber caught with his pants down

A Somerville patrol unit officer's suspicions were aroused when he spotted a male running down the middle of McGrath Highway with his pants down at about 2:15 a.m. last Saturday.

The officer reportedly stopped the man and questioned him

about the curious behavior. The man said that he was only jogging, but he looked nervous to the officer and seemed to look over his shoulder often, according to police.

Police say that at one point a motorist stopped at the scene and shouted out, "He stole my

necklace." The alleged victim said that he had been at a nearby Hess service station with some friends and that the man being questioned, Samson Alemayehu, 20, had reached into his car through the driver's side window and snatched a gold chain from his

neck, according to police.

Alemayehu denied knowing anything about the necklace and, while being placed under arrest, reportedly yelled out threats to the alleged victim, stating that he knew where he lived and implying that he would retaliate for his report-

ing the incident, police said.

The gold necklace was reportedly located in the middle of Kensington Street, and police noted that the clasp was damaged.

Alemayehu has been charged with witness intimidation and unarmed robbery.

SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

Arrests:

William Mayes, 42, of 63 Magee St., Cambridge, September 12, 8:24 a.m., arrested at Medford St. on charges of assault and destruction of property over \$250.

Rosario Marino, 23, of 41 Edward St., Medford, September 12, 1:27 p.m., arrested at 107 Moreland St. on charges of trespassing and larceny over \$250.

Taylor Campbell, 24, of 110 Fifth St., Cambridge, September 12, 9:35 p.m., arrested at 14 McGrath Hwy. on charges of violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, possession of a class A drug, possession of a class C drug, and shoplifting by asportation.

Richard Carvalho, 34, of 67 Albion St., September 12, 11:27 p.m., arrested at 499 Broadway on charges of assault and battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct.

Christopher Pousland, 19, of 70 Myrtle St., September 13, 6:46 p.m., arrested at 50 Pinck-

ney St. on a charge of receiving stolen property and warrant charges of breaking and entering for a misdemeanor and trespassing.

Joseph Kovalski, 49, September 13, 8:14 p.m., arrested at 2 Mt. Vernon St. on warrant charges of assault to murder and assault and battery.

Neftali Flores, 42, of 40A Memorial Rd., September 13, 9:42 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery.

Christopher Cameron, 34, of 101 Highland Ave., September 13, 11:39 p.m., arrested at home on charges of assault and battery, assault with a deadly weapon, threat to commit a crime, and warrant charges of abuse prevention order violation and threat to commit a crime.

Robert Silva, 53, of 55 Springfield St., September 14, 6:55 a.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

Jaimir Gilson, 39, of 33 Jackson Rd., September 14, 7:47 a.m., arrested at home on war-

rant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with suspended registration, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, failure to stop or yield, no inspection sticker, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, failure to wear a seat belt, unregistered motor vehicle, and willfully obstructing an emergency vehicle.

Reginaldo Rosso, 42, of 33 Jackson Rd., September 14, 7:47 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, larceny over \$250, and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Danielle Rogovich, 25, of 86 Glenwood Rd., September 14, 9:29 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, trespassing, and possession of a class A drug.

Kevin Fasanelli, 26, September 14, 9:29 a.m., arrested at 86 Glenwood Dr. on warrant charges of disorderly conduct, possession of a class A drug, resisting arrest, defacing property, trespassing, night time breaking and entering of a vehicle or

boat, attempt to commit a crime, possession of a burglarious instrument.

Justin McDonald, 28, of 38 Grant St., September 14, 1:06 p.m., arrested at Jasper St. on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Michael Gangas, 27, of 2 Dana, September 14, 1:06 p.m., arrested at Jasper St. on a charge of receiving stolen property.

Joseph Szulewski, 21, of 14 Deer St., Dorchester, September 15, 12:49 a.m., arrested at 30 River Rd. on a charge of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Nilson Veloza, 44, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, September 15, 5:02 a.m., arrested at 3 Beacon St. on a charge of night time breaking and entering for a felony.

Richard Dapedra, 34, of 211 Elm St., Cambridge, September 15, 5:02 a.m., arrested at 3 Beacon St. on a charge of night time breaking and entering for a felony.

Jake Silveira, 19, of 1366 Broadway, September 15, 9:23

a.m., arrested at home on a charge of trespassing.

William Watson, 22, of 217 Allston St., Cambridge, September 15, 9:15 p.m., arrested at 4 College Ave. on warrant charges of aggravated assault and battery and mayhem.

Mark Gianatasio, 36, of 1325 Warren, September 15, 10:19 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of larceny by check over \$250, receiving stolen property, and forgery of check.

Michael Greene, 45, of 141 Spring St., Cambridge, September 16, 9:30 p.m., arrested at Hawkins St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law and possession of a class B drug.

David Lebrun, 25, of 5 Hawkins St., September 16, 9:30 p.m., arrested at Hawkins St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, possession of a class B drug, and drug violation near a school or park.

Julio Dejesus, 32, September 17, 12:26 a.m., arrested at 273 Broadway on charges of destruction of property over \$250 and assault

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Find your style at 'Found' consignment

By Andrew Firestone

Next time you are in Davis Square, why not head over to the new high-end consignment shop "Found," located next to the Foundry. Meredith Bennett of Newton has set up shop, procuring only the best in consigned clothing and accessories from Florida, New York, and Washington D.C.

"I could have gone anywhere, but there was something about Davis Square that kept on drawing me into the area," said owner Meredith Bennett. "It was the people, it was like a melting pot for all walks of life."

"Found is the type of place where you can fulfill your dreams with finding a piece of

clothing that you could not afford in a retail store," she said. "We have passion in helping the customers when they walk through the door. We try to be respectful to whatever it is they are looking for, whatever price range they are in."

Strolling through the shop will set you up with brands like Gap, J. Crew, Banana Republic, and handbags by Louie Baton and Zena. But don't be too worried about the price tag, Bennett said.

"People get so excited when they know they've found a Prada bag here, or a Louie Baton bag that they've been dying for," she said, adding that the best part was "to see that excitement on their face."



Owner and Operator of Found Meredith Bennett with her mother and co-worker Marjorie Altshuler.



McDonald's gives check to Somerville Youth Services



The King Organization at its grand reopening ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday presented Somerville Mayor Joseph Curtatone and Alderman Maryann Heuston with a one thousand dollar check made payable to the City of Somerville for its Youth Services Program. Boston Radio Station WAAF 97.7/ 107.5 was on hand at the event as well to celebrate the restaurant's new makeover after major renovations took place over this past summer. The fast food restaurant chain also recently announced its more healthy options menu with fewer calories. This particular McDonald's restaurant has been located at the Twin City Plaza Shopping Center in Somerville for the past 27 years and is considered a landmark at the city's gateway. Pictured left to right: New England Patriots mascot Pat Patriot, McDonalds operations manager/ Co-partner Vijay Selhi, Mayor Joseph Curtatone, King Organization McDonalds owner Robert King, Ward Two Alderman Maryann Heuston, Keylla King, Brahim Fadil, and Vipan Khosla.

- William Tauro

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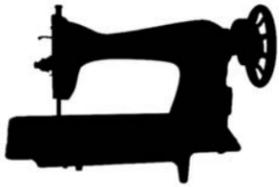


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It's 'What the Fluff?' time again in Somerville

By Cathleen Twardzik

The 6th annual *What the Fluff? A Tribute to Union Square Invention* is coming to Somerville. Specifically, Union Square Plaza in Somerville, where Prospect Street, Washington Street, and Somerville Avenue meet, will be utilized for the event.

On September 24, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., local artists, musicians, theatrical performers, inventors, and humorists will pay tribute to the creation of this great American foodstuff. A rain date of September 25 has been set.

The festival honors Fluff creator, Archibald Query, who invented the sticky spread in Union Square in 1917.

The expected 10,000 festival attendees will consume fluffernutter sandwiches, whoopie pies, and other fluff-filled treats from local vendors, view performances by local groups, and play fluff games. Traffic will be re-routed around Union Square to accommodate the festival's activities.

Along with a performance and games stage, there will be free activities for all ages, as well as a plethora of fluff food to try.

The performance stage will feature a headline musical performance by Booty Vortex with funk by the band Columbus.

If cooking piques your interest, then whip up an original recipe that uses Fluff, or present your best interpretation of a classic. The judges include Astronaut Rick Linnehan, who brought a fluffernutter along when he served at the International Space

Station, and State Representative Kathi-Anne Reinstein (D-Revere), who sponsored the bill which made the fluffernutter the state sandwich.

The cooking contest grand prize winner will get a tour of the Durkee Mower Fluff factory, as well as a one-of-a-kind trophy and gift certificates to local businesses.

A contest to select the new Pharaoh of Fluff will be held. Candidates will be called upon to perform their Fluff-inspired rewriting of the song *September*. The winner will be crowned by last year's Pharaoh, with a special creation by CostumeWorks, which is the Union Square business that provides wacky outfits for the Hasty Pudding Theatricals.

The theme for this year's festival is the 1970's, the time at which many individuals feel that Fluff may have reached new heights. So wear your finest '70s clothing to be picked as best dressed. Allee Willis will be the fashion judge.

Willis is a Grammy, Emmy, Tony, and Webby award-winning and nominated songwriter. Her hit songs include *Earth, Wind & Fire's September*, and her first musical, the Oprah Winfrey-produced *The Color Purple* was a Broadway hit. Marshmallow Fluff is held in special regard at The Allee Willis Museum of Kitsch.

Fluff games have their own stage. Games include: Fluff Lick-Off, Blind Man's Fluff, Fluffer or Nutter Relay and Fluff Hair Dos.

"Everyone has their personal fa-

vorites [different festival activities]. The cooking contest is popular. Games on the Shenanigans stage like the Fluff Hair Dos and Lick-Off always get a lot of attention. I've got a particular fondness for the Fluff Bowling and Fortune Fishing," said Mimi Graney, Executive Director of Union Square Main Streets.

"We've got The Donkey Show performing, and for the first time will have a fluffernutter relay. The Boston Derby Dames will do the relay on roller skates and festival participants can give it a try on hippity-hops. Over on the Shenanigans Stage, for the first time ever, we're doing Fluff Jousting," she said.

Additionally, there will be Fluff-inspired cocktails at local bars, throughout Union Square. A range of musical and theatrical performers will entertain the fluff-infused crowd.

On September 16, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., a Fluff shopping night at Great Eastern Trading Company in Central Square, Cambridge whetted people's Fluff appetite just in time for the upcoming festival.

Wicked Good Travel & Activities, which is a local blog that celebrates fun happenings, is holding its first giveaway contest in partnership with Union Square Main Street's Fluff Festival. Leave a comment on the blog that explains why you love Fluff. Make sure to be creative.

The individuals who are in charge of the event are looking for unique recipes, short prose (five sentences or fewer), poems

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Susan "Cindy Brady" Olsen's Fluff-y creations can be seen at Bloc 11.

and vlogs, which are short videos five minutes or fewer that are uploaded on YouTube, such as making a recipe or a video montage, all of which should proclaim your love for Fluff.

Each winner will be featured on Wicked Good Travel & Activities, Somerville Patch, and Union Square Main Streets. One winner will receive a free tote bag.

The night prior to the festival, on September 23, a special VIP

reception at Bloc 11 will occur where you can see the Fluff-themed exhibit of work by Susan Olsen (the actress who played Cindy Brady on *The Brady Bunch*) and local artists Maris Wicks, Liz Prince, Joe Quinones and Suzanne Lubeck.

Refreshments will be served by Smuttynose Brewery and Bloc 11, and DJ Roy Van will spin vintage vinyl. The night will be sponsored

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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



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The View From Prospect Hill

A parking meter is nothing like a gumball machine. When you put a quarter into a gumball machine you get back - well, a gumball. A clear cut, uncomplicated transaction. These days, though, a stop at a metered parking spot can become quite an adventure in uncertainty. Is our registration

current? Is the inspection sticker in order? Did that check for the insurance premium clear OK and on time? And what is to come next on the to-do list for the harried motorist?

Naturally, we encourage everyone to obey all laws and to pay all of the fees associated with the privilege of

operating a motor vehicle in this great land of ours. However, we cannot help but question why it should be mandated that parking control officers take it upon themselves to enforce certain obliquely related ordinances.

Yes, the law is the law and, theoretically at least, any uniformed

representative of our community constabulary ought to respond appropriately to an obvious infraction. But there is a perception by many in our community that we are being over-policed, and subsequently over-charged in the process.

A lot of resentment seems to

be in the air lately. Many of our fellow citizens are vowing not to park at any metered spaces at all, which in turn implies less patronage for local businesses, among other things.

We wonder how this trend will play out in the long term. Most of all, we just want our gumball.

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We could have sworn that she was not there. Oh, her buddies Rebecca and Carl were there as well as her opponent Tony Lafaunte was there, but if Christine was there we are trying to find at least two people who say they saw her, because we can't. Again, we asked a lot of our Newstalkers out there that did attend and no one saw her. Maybe it's the person she hired in Stoneham to do her Facebook page that was there?

Condolences to the Lynch Family here in Somerville as long time resident and very well known lady Anna (Ryan) Lynch passed away this week. She was 98 years old. She left a large family, not to mention a devoted son, Joe Lynch. She joins her husband Joseph P. Sr. who passed on not too long ago. Our sincere sympathies go out to the entire Lynch family for their loss.

Somerville Rotary is having their annual fundraiser for this year on Wednesday, October 5, at the Prince House of Pizza in Saugus. Lots of fun every year and a huge success. This year the cost is \$25 and includes unlimited pizza and salad, plus the show. They are also selling the ad

book space for local businesses. If you'd like to go or place and ad notify the President Jeannie Scarpa at Century bank here in Somerville, or email her: JS-carpa@centurybank.com. Somerville Rotary raises money all year long and contributes to all sorts of local charities and organizations.

Also passing this week was Diane Chamberlain, formerly of Somerville. She was waked at Doherty's FH this past Tuesday. Our sympathy to the family. The Chamberlains were a huge fixture here in Somerville for many generations and are still well known.

Very nice enjoyable evening last Saturday along the Mystic River with the fireworks. A good crowd and great fireworks. Congratulations to Federal Realty for the show.

Great news: our good friend Bob Publicover is home and is fighting to get back on his feet after the serious and major surgery he had. He's feeling better, been on Facebook, and he's been sending out emails to his friends and well wishers. If

you'd like to say hi and wish him well through these tough times contact him at bobpublicover@aol.com

A huge Happy Birthday to Ida Assolino of West Somerville who turned 99 years old this week. Ida is unbelievable. She makes the best cakes and brownies and can be seen every week at the Elderly Center on Holland Street, not to mention she still is seen weekly down at Market Basket on Somerville Avenue getting her exercise up and down those isles (all those that shop there will know what we mean). We wish her well and a great day. We're looking for a big bash next year on her 100th.

Joey Lacey of Jenny's Pizza in Charlestown (great Pizza and best Hamburgers around) was sworn into office this past Saturday night at the Masonic Lodge here in Somerville (King Solomon's Lodge). It was standing room only to a packed hall. He and his line of officers were installed and a beautiful catered dinner followed. He's asked us to let everyone know he's planning on an open house for the building and lodge on Saturday, October 15. All

the Paul Revere jewels as well as other artifacts of the lodge will be on display for the public.

Don't forget the Fluff festival coming up this Saturday in Union Square. Every year this event has attracted a larger crowd. This year shouldn't be any different. The organizers are planning a fun filled event this year, so don't miss it.

Although not a resident of Somerville, Sue Welch of Medford, who has been so very active here in the city both with volunteering her time every week at the Little Sisters on Highland and works as a Real Estate agent at the Norton Group, just recently came back from an awesome 3-week trip to Alaska with her family. She loved it, enjoyed the cruise up and down the coast, and came back energized. This was her first vacation in a long time and was paid for by her son as a present to his mother and family.

Happy Birthday to our good friend Martin Poligone, who is a great guy and devotes most of his

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The business of liquor licensing



By Joseph A. Curtatone

I often brag about Somerville's restaurant scene. In some of our city squares, a walk around the block is like taking a culinary trip around the world. Somerville has become known for its eclectic, authentic eateries. In fact, Somerville has a more

than \$1.2 billion annual restaurant industry. All those small, local businesses add up to something big.

Yet an artificial restraint has been placed around this thriving, largely owner-operated business sector. Simply put, new restaurants are finding it hard to locate in Somerville because they cannot get the liquor licenses they need for their establishments. The sale of wine, beer and liquor is an important component of turning a profit in the restaurant industry.

Right now Somerville is authorized by the Commonwealth to issue 84 all-alcoholic beverages serving licenses, with 10 of those licenses reserved for development in Assembly Square, and 16 beer and wine licenses.

Meanwhile, the City of Cambridge is authorized to issue unlimited all-alcoholic beverage licenses and unlimited beer and wine licenses. The Town of Arlington is authorized to issue unlimited beer and wine licenses.

It is time for Somerville to be given the same sort of discretion. We are literally turning business away from our community under the current system. You can have a great restaurant concept that would be a perfect fit in one of our city squares, but you may have to locate elsewhere because you cannot assume you will be able to get the liquor license that is essential to your business plan.

In some cases, a restaurant may only want a beer and wine license, but it has to consider paying an extra \$3,000 per year

for an all-alcoholic beverages license because that is the only type of license that is available. The current system makes no sense; not for the small businesses trying to get the right licenses, not for a city looking to support its small businesses.

Our Licensing Commission has the policies and procedures in place to make a thoughtful determination of when to award a liquor license. We know our community better than the State. We understand our city squares and we see where business opportunity best presents itself in our city. We do not need an arbitrary cap on liquor licenses confusing matters.

Just as the City does a better job of running local recreational facilities than the State, it is bet-

ter positioned to serve its local business community.

Somerville needs and deserves the freedom to grow its thriving local restaurant scene. That is why I have submitted a proposal to the Board of Aldermen to send a Home Rule Petition to the State, seeking the same liquor licensing flexibility granted to our neighbors.

This is both common sense and good business. Ultimately it means jobs and increased economic activity in our city. I hope to see swift passage of this petition by the Aldermen and the Statehouse. It is far better that our community be given the right to rule itself on this matter than remain beholden to this counterproductive leftover of Prohibition Era thinking.

On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

Collect-a-Villes



If you pass by the offices of Wedgwood-Crane & Connolly at 19 College Ave and glance into the window, you will see part of my Somerville artifacts collection.

Jack Connolly has been entertaining us for years by always having an interesting window display for all to enjoy. I have been collecting things from Somerville for about 10 years now. I think it started

when I noticed that a tin of Kiwi shoe polish that we still have had a Bradlees price sticker on it. Bradlees was a department store where Target is now.

I began searching eBay for all things Somerville. I went through some of my stuff that would be good for a display and carefully put them in two boxes to bring down to Jack's window.

Here are some of the things that will be on display: I have several old and very thick milk bottles from various dairies

that used to be in Somerville. They are embossed with raised lettering and quite heavy. They come from Seven Oaks Dairy, Acton Dairy, Francis S. Cummings Dairy, and National Creamery Company of Boston and Somerville. I have a matchbook cover from Broadway Chevrolet that used to be at 139 Broadway. The phone number is Somerset 6- 3700. There is a full page advertisement for McLean's Asylum from a Boston newspaper dated 1853. I have a large wine bottle

with the label still on it. It is from the Goduti Wineries of Somerville Mass. Also in the collection is a book of S&H Green Stamps which many old Somerville stores gave out. One very cool item is a song book from a Somerville High School performance in 1924. You will love the "Greetings from Somerville" postcard with the one cent stamp dated 1907. I also have a very old graduation announcement from the old Morse Grammar School. Included is *Continued on page 17*

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time as a volunteer mediator for the Attorney General's hot line helping our elderly. Also Happy Birthday to Peter Acres and Ken Weber as well. A big Happy Birthday to our very good friend David Lebhan of Somerville. Even though he's from Scranton PA, he's picked Somerville as his new home. We wish him and all our birthday 'Villens this week a Happy Birthday.

Time flies fast, not just here but everywhere. Congratulations to Stephen Post and Ginny Post, long time and well known Somerville residents. They became Grandparents for the first time this past week. A beautiful 8.2 lbs. baby girl named Madeleine Maeve. We can't forget about their Great Grandmother now, Kay Post. The parents of baby, Madeleine Katie and Nick Repucci, are doing great and are getting ready to take shifts getting up at 4 a.m.

Our good friends Larry and his wife Susan Callahan Post are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this week here in the 'Ville. We wish them another 25 years of happiness and more.

Sad news to hear that our friends at the Mount Vernon Restaurant recently had to close down their two North Shore locations because of the economy. It's hitting everyone. We wish the entire Henry Family the best in the old Somerville location. Closing down and cutting costs is what businesses have to do when there is no income. Maybe if the government did the same we might be in a different situation. We hope and pray for all those that recently lost their jobs. We hear that over 60 individuals lost them due to lack of business. We hope everyone here in Somerville supports the Mount Vernon Restaurant. Probably the largest private restaurant employer here in Somerville. They have great food and

you can't beat the prices.

Congratulations to Somerville's own Ed Ciampa who received the Lifetime Membership award for his achievements and dedication to the City of Somerville from Somerville Lions Club and Lions Club International last week. Ed has always been the backbone and the driving force of the club and he's always doing good deeds for others. We here at The News salute you as well for your dedication and service to the club and the city as a whole.

Welcome back from a great trip to England these past few weeks to the entire Johansen family of School Street. They went to visit merry old England and Irving, who is 88 years old, told us he and his lovely wife Peggy enjoyed every day. Rumor has it that they had tea and crumpets with the Queen. Irving decided to retire recently and enjoy himself. So, after many years of crossing guard up at

Powerhouse Blvd., he's decided to retire. He sends his best to all those morning honkers and wavers fans. He's doing good, just retiring. We think, knowing Irving, that he will get deeply involved in something local...stay tuned.

Also back from a trip abroad, our good friend Peter Mee, a recent Law graduate who passed the bar not too long ago. He visited with one of his friends Ireland. He had a great time and he reported back to us that yes, the Giant Causeway up in Northern Ireland was awesome as well as all the other counties and cities they visited.

A follow-up on Richard Hart, well known lifelong resident (10 kids and 20 grandkids with Mary) is home and doing fine after his three weeks in and out of the hospital. If you're visiting him don't bring chocolate donuts. He isn't a big fan. Some of us here at Newstalk found out the hard way.

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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records local representatives' votes on four roll calls and local senators' votes on three roll calls from the week of September 12-16.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middle-

sex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: SECOND 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.

CASINO GAMBLING (H 3702)

House 123-32, approved and sent to the Senate the controversial bill that would allow three casinos and one slot parlor in the Bay State. The measure divides the state into three regions and allows one casino in each. Region A includes the counties of Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Worcester; Region B, the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hamden and Hampshire; and Region C, the counties of Bristol, Dukes, Plymouth, Barnstable and Nantucket.

All the venues would be competitively bid, a major change from the measure approved last year that allowed competitive bidding on the casinos but only permitted the state's four racetracks to bid on the slots.

Last year's bill, approved by the House and Senate 115-36, would have authorized three resort casinos and two slot parlors in the state. Gov. Deval Patrick would only agree to one casino and wanted the slot parlors to be competitively bid. He amended the bill and sent it back to the Legislature, which never acted on it.

Supporters said the 2011 proposal would create up to 15,000 new jobs, \$270 million in one-time licensing fees and up to \$500 million in annual tax revenue, some of which would go to cities and towns as local aid. They noted gambling is voluntary and the state already sanctions it via the Lottery and bingo games, and argued Massachusetts is losing billions of dollars from its citizens, who now go to neighboring states to gamble.

Opponents said casinos attract mostly low-income people who cannot afford it and lead to crime, gambling addictions, domestic violence and even suicide. They questioned proponents' rosy projections and noted some of the revenue from casinos would come at the expense of current Lottery revenue. Some noted casinos across the nation are downsizing, firing employees and losing business.

Opponents are also considering mounting a campaign to gather signatures for a ballot question that would attempt to repeal any law that passes.

The bill now goes to the Senate, which is expected to approve its own version. A House-Senate conference committee will likely hammer out a compromise version that will go to Gov. Patrick for his signature.

While the two branches and Patrick may disagree on some of the finer points, all three have agreed to the basics of two casinos and one slot parlor. (A "Yes" vote is for

the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

\$20 MILLION FOR POLICE AND FIRE (H 3702)

House 39-114, rejected an amendment requiring \$20 million annually from casino revenues be transferred to a newly established Public Safety Building Assistance Fund that would provide grants to cities and towns for the construction, expansion and rehabilitation of police, fire and emergency medical service buildings. The state treasurer would administer the fund and similar to the School Building Assistance Fund model, it would award grants of up to 50 percent of the project cost.

Amendment supporters said some new police and fire stations are needed and many others are in great need of repair. They argued the \$20 million annually is in essence new local aid and would help struggling cities and towns.

Amendment opponents offered no arguments. (A "Yes" vote is for the \$20 million annually. A "No" vote is against the \$20 million.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

DEFINE "SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES" (H 3702)

House 51-101, rejected an amendment to a section of the bill that allows the gaming commission to unilaterally decide which communities can be considered a "surrounding community" to the site of a casino or slot parlor. The amendment would still allow the commission to do so but would also specifically define a "surrounding community" as one that is located within two miles of the site of a gaming facility.

The definition is important because the bill provides surrounding communities with mitigation funds and several rights to protect them from any negative impact of a nearby casino.

Amendment supporters said the amendment would simply protect obviously surrounding communities by ensuring they get a seat at the table. They argued giving the commission sole power to determine which communities are surrounding ones is dangerous and places too much power in its hands.

Amendment opponents said the House should not micromanage this process by tying the hands of the commission. They said a cookie cutter two-mile radius reduces flexibility. (A "Yes" vote is for the two-mile definition. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

LOCAL AID REVENUE (H 3702)

House 153-0, approved an amendment requiring that the portion of the casino revenue money earmarked for local aid be distributed according to the current local aid formula for distributing unrestricted local aid.

Amendment supporters said without this clarification, there is no method specified in the bill for the

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distribution of this revenue to cities and towns. They argued the amendment would guarantee each community gets some of this revenue. (A "Yes" vote is for using the current local aid formula.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Didn't Vote
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

APPROVE CHANGES IN PENSION SYSTEM (S 2010)

Senate 24-10, approved and sent to the House a bill making changes in the pension and retirement system for future employees of the state and cities and towns. The proposal reduces pensions by raising the minimum retirement age for most public employees by five years, from 55 to 60, and changing the formula on which they are based.

Other provisions increase from three years to five years, the period for averaging earnings to calculate a member's retirement allowance to more accurately reflect his or her career earnings; give retirees who married a person of the same sex, within the first year after it became legal, the option to change their retirement option in order to provide a benefit to their spouse; create an anti-salary spiking rule that would limit the allowable annual increase in most pension earnings to no more than 7 percent plus inflation of the average pension earnings over the previous two years; and mandate that retirement boards require retirees convicted of a criminal offense to repay all benefits received since the date of the offense, not just the date of conviction.

Supporters said the state and local pension systems are in dire shape and must be reformed. They argued the reforms would save the Commonwealth \$5 billion over 30 years.

Opponents said the package is an anti-worker one that would reduce the pensions of future employees. They argued it would push the burden of existing pension system debt onto future generations of public employees. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill making changes in the pension system. A "No" vote is against the bill.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	No

PAY OFF UNFUNDED LIABILITY AT CURRENT RATE (S 2010)

Senate 12-22, rejected an amendment that would require the state and municipalities to continue to pay off their unfunded pension liabilities at the same rate they are currently doing so.

Amendment supporters said without this requirement, the state and cities and towns would be free, based on the savings in this legislation, to pay off the liability at a slower rate, thus defeating one of the chief purposes of the legislation.

Amendment opponents said the calculations would be close to impossible to make. They argued the amendment is well-intentioned but misguided and difficult to implement. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring payment at the same rate. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	No
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

RETIREMENT AGE AND PENSION (S 2010)

Senate 14-20, rejected an amendment to the section of the bill that raises the minimum retirement age for most public employees by five years, from 55 to 60 and reduces

pensions by changing the formula on which pensions are based. The amendment would raise the age to only 57, still two years above the current age, but would leave the formula the same.

Amendment supporters said this compromise is a fair one that will still save money but ensure that people can still retire at a reasonable age with a decent pension.

Amendment opponents said the amendment would reduce the savings in the bill from \$5 billion to \$3 billion and fail to truly reform the pension system. (A "Yes" vote is for making the minimum retirement age 57. A "No" vote is against age 57 and favors age 60.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	Yes
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

DIMASI PENSION - The State Retirement Board voted to suspend the \$60,000 annual pension of convicted former House Speaker Sal DiMasi while he is imprisoned. DiMasi was recently sentenced to an eight-year prison sentence following his conviction on charges he received \$57,000 in payments from Cognos, a Canadian software company that he helped land nearly \$20 million in state contracts.

The board will eventually vote whether to permanently strip DiMasi of his pension even after he is released from prison.

NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL IN HOMELESS SHELTERS (H 2314) - The Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse will hold a hearing on October 11 to hear testimony on several bills including one that would prohibit the use of alcohol or drugs in homeless shelters. The measure also requires all shelters to offer their residents an alcohol and drug abuse treatment program.

METHADONE CLINICS - The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Committee's hearing agenda also includes a proposal that would prohibit methadone clinics from being located within 1,000 feet of any public or private school or within 100 feet of a public park (H 2877). Methadone is a drug given to addicts to help them get off heroin and other opiates.

The committee is also considering a measure that would prohibit a methadone clinic from being operated in any city or town unless approved by the municipality (S 985).

COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS (H 1245) - The Higher Education Committee will hold an October 5 hearing on legislation that would create a 15-member special commission to investigate and study the college textbook industry and look at ways to lower the cost of books for students.

NO SURCHARGE WHEN PAYING BY CREDIT CARD (H 1243) - The Higher Education Committee's agenda also includes a proposed law that would prohibit colleges from levying a surcharge when a tuition or other payment is made using a credit card.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE (H 1914) - On October 4, the Education Committee will hold a hearing on a bill giving local school committees the option of establishing dress codes for their public schools. The measure re-

quires that any adopted dress codes be published in student handbooks or handed out to each student and parent. Current law prohibits schools from dictating students' dress and appearance unless school officials determine they violate reasonable standards of health, safety and cleanliness.

Other provisions in the proposal include requiring schools to help low-income students purchase clothing that meets the code and giving parents the option to exempt their children from the code.

SENATE TO TAKE UP CASINO BILL ON SEPTEMBER 26 - The Senate Ways and Means Committee unveiled a new version of a bill that would allow three casinos and one slot parlor in the Bay State. The bill is similar to the one already approved by the House. Debate on the Senate floor is scheduled to begin on Monday, September 26.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"The biggest thing on people's minds right now is employment and I don't know of any better place, or any other way, we can talk about creating a minimum of 15,000 jobs as we're doing with this legislation." - *House Speaker Robert DeLeo on House approval of the bill allowing three casinos and one slot machine venue in Massachusetts.*

"The Massachusetts House, led by Speaker DeLeo, approved a bill that will forever change the moral fabric and cultural history of our great Commonwealth." - *Massachusetts Family Institute President and casino opponent Kris Mineau on passage of the casino bill.*

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 12-16, the House met for a total of 10 hours and 30 minutes while the Senate met for a total of eight hours and 43 minutes.

Mon. September 12	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:07 a.m. to 4:08 p.m.
Tues. September 13	No House session Senate 11:04 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.
Wed. September 14	House 11:00 a.m. to 9:03 p.m. No Senate session
Thurs. September 15	House 11:03 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 4:36 p.m.
Fri. September 16	No House session Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:04 a.m.

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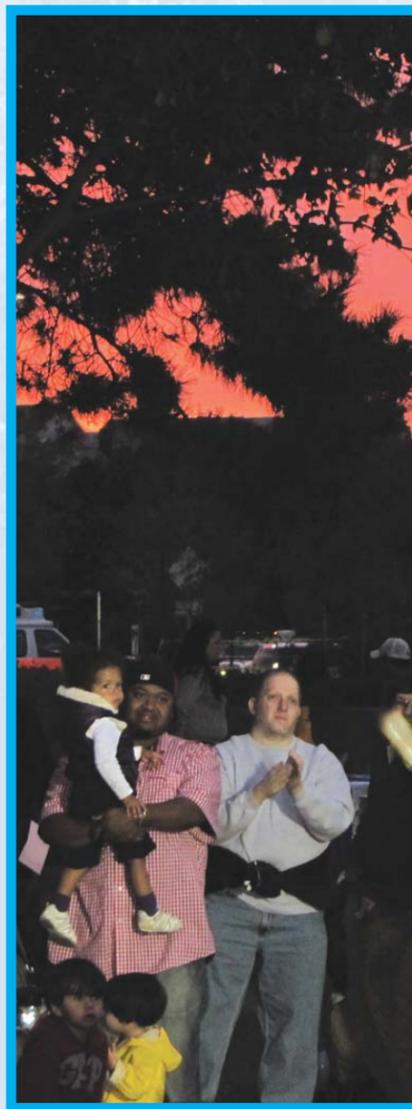
Fourth Annual 'Riverfest'

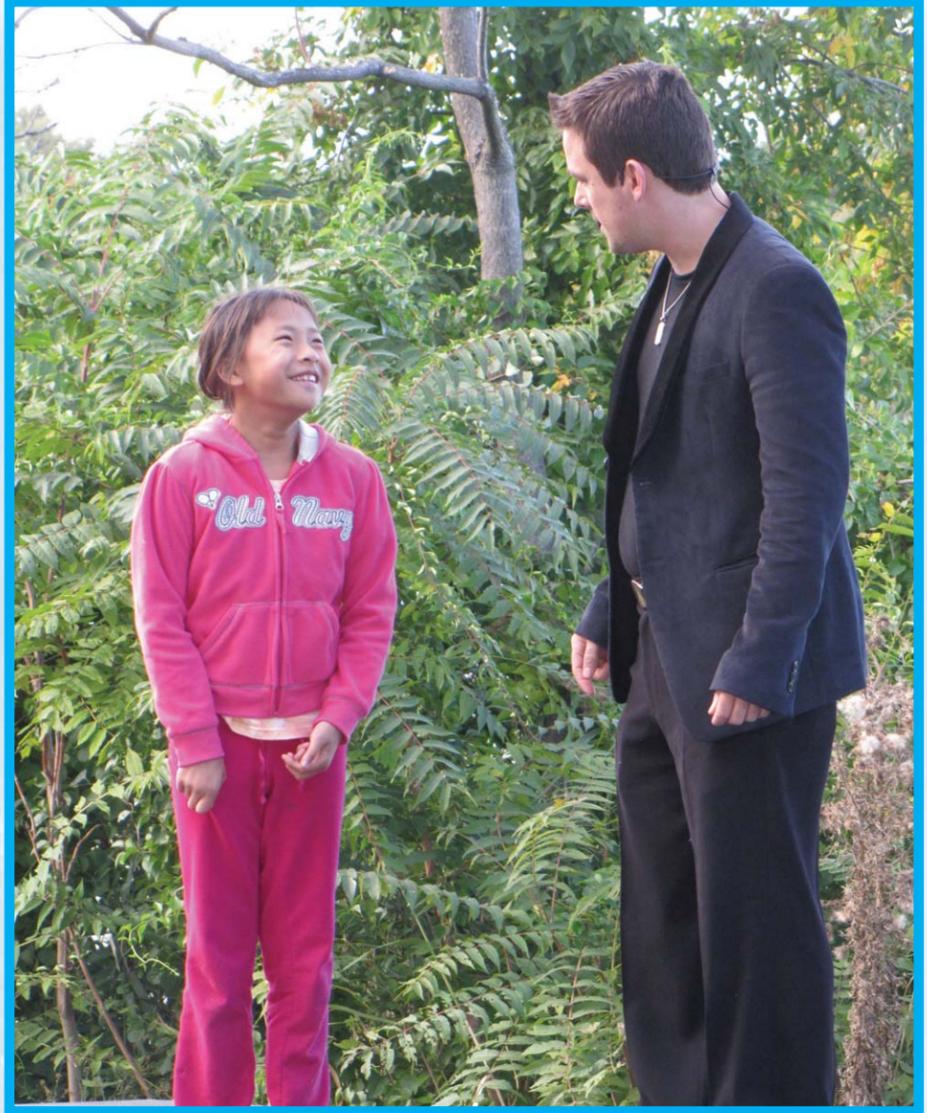
The fourth annual Riverfest sponsored by Federal Realty Investment Trust and the City of Somerville was held last Saturday along the Mystic River waterfront across from the active development of the new Assembly Row neighborhood. It featured music, street performers, local food favorites such as Red Bones and a host of activities and games for children and families. It concluded with a spectacular fireworks display along the Mystic River.

"Each year as members of the community return to enjoy this annual event they see the transformation of the Assembly Row neighborhood and feel the excitement building. Just since last year Assembly Square Drive, which will run through the heart of the 50 acre urban center, has nearly been completed. The MBTA is preparing to break ground soon on the new Orange Line T Station, the park design is well underway and Avalon Bay will begin construction in the fall on 450 housing units," said Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Riverfest has become an event our City looks forward to every year, and I thank Federal Realty and our nonprofit partners for making it such a success."

"We look forward to Riverfest every year because it gives us an opportunity to showcase the progress we've made towards creating the largest new neighborhood since the Back Bay. What better way to do that than while benefiting local charities," said Don Briggs, president, Federal Realty Investment Trust - Boston, "When complete, Assembly Row will have something for everyone to enjoy and truly complement the community it serves."

Proceeds from food sales will benefit Not Just Lego, a new after school program at the Arthur D. Healey School in Somerville.





SOMERVILLE SPORTS

St. Clement High School Sports

Football: St. Clement Anchormen dominate Old Colony in home opener

St. Clement improved to 2-0 after the Anchormen toppled the Old Colony Crusaders 35-6 this past Saturday at Dilboy Stadium. Both teams came out with strong defenses to start the game resulting in two turnovers in just the first three plays of the game.

After a tough first quarter the Anchormen took control of the ball and clock and marched down field 80 yards in nine plays behind the running of Senior co-captain Michael Julce.

On fourth down from the 16 yard line Junior QB Jamey Thompson hit junior tight end John Posada on a play action pass in the corner of the end zone to start the scoring at 6-0.

On the next possession Thompson hit sophomore receiver Junior Oyaronbi for a 15 yard TD pass. Julce added the conversion run and St. Clement would go into half time 14-0.

"We played sloppy to start the game and we really did not hit our stride in either quarter. I told them we needed to start playing up to our talent level and the score would take care of itself," said head coach Colin Walsh.

The Anchormen listened and respond accordingly. After taking the second half kick back 30 yards St. Clement pounded the Cougar defense with eight con-

secutive run plays capped off with a 10 yard run by Julce for the TD. Junior kicker Andrew Carvahlo (Somerville) added the extra point and the Anchormen were in control 21-0.

Junior Alberto Lopez intercepted a bad pass from Old Colony and after a few big plays would add himself to the scoring as Lopez pounded in the fourth score. Carvahlo added the kick and the lead was 28-0.

With time running out the Anchormen stifled the Cougars on every possible play. Sophomore Casey Baptiste (Medford) finished off the St. Clement scoring in the fourth quarter, and after Carvahlo added the kick the game was out of reach at 35-0. Old Colony added a late scoring run by Matthew Cannetto but it was too little too late.

Julce led all rushers with 120 yards on ten carries, a TD and a two point conversion. Senior co-captain Matthew Pereira (Somerville) led the defense with his second ten tackle game.

Last week St. Clement topped Keefe Tech 35-18 to open the season. The Anchormen travel to play Mystic Valley this Saturday 4pm at Malden Catholic.

Volleyball: Lady Anchors best start in 11 years

The St. Clement Lady Anchors haven't been known for their volleyball team in recent times. Year

after year, they've dealt with tough 4-16 seasons, but that isn't the case this for the team this year. The volleyball team ends their week with a 5-1 record overall and a league record of 2-1. They are currently tied for second with the Lady Tigers of Pope John.

The Lady Anchors started out their season with a loss to Marian, 3-1, but they answered back in their second game with a sweep over Saint Mary's of Lynn 3-0. Freshman Jessica Popken (Medford) had a total of twelve aces. Also adding to the victory was Junior Captain Allison Caloggero (Medford) with eight aces and twelve digs, while Junior Co-Captain Kristina Ofoedu (Somerville) contributed with five kills.

When Trinity Catholic traveled to the Anchordome on Thursday, September 15, they didn't know what to expect from the new and improved Lady Anchors. To the Trinity Catholic Falcons surprise, the Lady Anchors swept them 3-0. Caloggero added seven assists, while Ofoedu had a career high of thirteen kills. Popken and sophomore Kayla Morello (Medford) added to the victory with five kills each. Sophomore Megan Berg (Medford) had key serves contributing to the win, along with Junior Captain Judy D'Haiti (Cambridge) who added significant



The Anchormen prevailed over Old Colony last Saturday.



The Lady Anchors' Kayla Morello goes in for the kill.

sets and saves.

"I cannot believe how well we are playing. It's an awesome feeling and the team gets along well." Coach Lisa Regione says proudly, "The improvement over the past eleven years is there and it's our time to put volleyball back

on the map."

The Lady Anchors will face Cristo Rey on Sunday, September 25, at 1:45 in the Anchordome. The team will also host their league rivals Pope John on Thursday, September 29, at 4:45.

Girls Varsity Volleyball results for the Somerville Highlanders for the week ending 9/16:

9/12 L 3-0 @ Haverhill
9/14 W 3-2 vs Matignon
9/16 W 3-2 vs Mt. Alvernia
Overall Record 3-1
GBL record 0-0

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Lady Highlanders victory

The Somerville High School Freshman Girl's Volleyball team had a big win on Monday, September 19, vs. Cambridge in three sets.

The Lady Highlanders lost the first set with a score of 22-25. "They were flat after the weekend. They just weren't moving in that first set and their serves were off," said Coach Invernizzi.

Somerville rebounded in the second set, coming back from a

six point deficit to take the set 25-19. Alba Haxhimali had a string of six service points and Midardley Joseph had five service points. "Freshman volleyball is about the serves. If you get it over the net, then you make the other team have to return it. Serving is a big part of the game at this level."

The Highlanders took the third set with a score of 25-21 in a come from behind victory. The girls were down 15-11,

but came back with serves from Haxhimali, Cassandra Paiva, and Midardley Joseph. Nichole Lewis, Nitacha Lewis, Cheyenna Grant-Johnson, and Brenda Bedaro all combined for great defense. Deidre Matthews, Jennifer Leone, and Bianca Desert also contributed to the win.

The Freshman Highlanders have a 2-1 record with wins against Haverhill and Cambridge.

SHS girls soccer defeats Malden

There was only one game last week, a 4-1 win at Malden. Highlights of the game included strong performances by sophomore Rachael Berry (one goal, three assists) and junior Natalie Henrique (two goals, one assist). Somerville

went up 2-0 early and could have had a few more goals before halftime, when the score was 2-1. Malden scored on a fantastic shot from about 30 yards out that found the top corner of the net.

A pair of goals in the second

half sealed the victory. The last goal was a great header by Rachael Berry coming off a corner kick by Natalie.

Coming up this week is Cambridge at home on Wednesday night and Everett away on Friday night.

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4th Annual Half Way to St. Patrick's Day Road Race

The 4th Annual Half Way to St. Patrick's Day Road Race was held on Sunday, September 18, with proceeds benefitting the Brian Higgins Foundation.

Hosted by The Pub, Ball Square, Somerville, the race drew in some 89 local participants and made for a fun and uplifting event.

First place finisher Jacob Lerhoff clocked an impressive time of 21:28.5. He was followed at the finish line by Allan Gehant, who took second place with a time of 23:37.1. Coming in third was Jonathan Abrams who clocked in at 24:21.0.

Susan Weidman led the field in the women's division, finishing first with a time of 29:44.3. Katie Pugsley followed in at 30:12.9, and Lucinda Stratton took the third spot recording a time of 30:31.9.

A Kids Fun Run followed the main event, and a post race party with food, beverages, and awards ceremony was enjoyed by all participants. Each participant also received a goodie bag from Marathon Sports.

The Brian Higgins Foundation was established as a memorial to Brian and as a means of helping other children with special needs and their families. Events like this one help families in various ways, including scholarships, and paying for medical equipment that insurance will not cover.

To learn more about the foundation visit www.brianhiggins-foundation.org.



Above: The Higgins family (left to right) Steve, Shannon, Klye and Debbie.



Ms. Cam's

Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| 1. What country was the first to serve "baloney?" | 7. Who was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as the nation's first female Secretary of State in 1997? |
| 2. What was the name of the movie in which Glen Ford portrayed the golfer Ben Hogan? | 8. What city has the oldest subway station in the world? |
| 3. Who was the first host of the TV show <i>Jeopardy</i> ? | 9. Is the olive a fruit or a vegetable? |
| 4. Who was the only U.S. President born in the state of Illinois - "The Land of Lincoln"? | 10. What is the only food known to us that does not spoil? |
| 5. Is the walnut a fruit or a vegetable? | 11. What is the capital of South Dakota? |
| 6. What was Ponce de Leon searching for when he found Florida? | 12. Where was the coldest temperature ever recorded in the U.S.? |

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with a deadly weapon.

Samson Alemayehu, 20, of 35 Glenwood Rd., September 17, 2:23 a.m., arrested at 709 McGrath Hwy. on charges of witness intimidation and unarmed robbery.

Isaac Flowers, 23, of 117 Albion St., September 18, 2:06 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on charges of resisting arrest and shoplifting by asportation.

Incidents:

Theft:

September 13, 11:09 a.m., police reported a theft at Gov. Winthrop Rd.

September 13, 6:46 a.m., police reported a theft at Pinckney St.

September 13, 1:14 p.m., police reported a theft at Derby St.

September 13, 10:07 p.m., police reported a theft at 230 Holland St.

September 14, 1:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Jasper St.

September 14, 9:26 p.m., police reported a theft at Cottage Ave.

September 14, 10:40 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

September 14, 10:47 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

September 15, 1:28 p.m., police reported a theft at Henson St.

September 16, 1:54 p.m., police reported a theft at 133 Middlesex Ave.

September 16, 5:57 p.m., police reported a theft at Davis Sq.

September 16, 7:02 p.m., police reported a theft at Packard Ave.

September 17, 7:37 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

September 18, 2:06 p.m., po-

lice reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

September 18, 5:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Dimick St.

September 18, 11:45 p.m., police reported a theft at Washington St.

Robbery:

September 17, 2:23 a.m., police reported a robbery at 709 McGrath Hwy.

Breaking & Entering:

September 13, 9:17 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Austin St.

September 14, 10:50 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 284 Broadway.

September 14, 4:14 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Wesley St.

September 15, 5:02 a.m., police reported a breaking & en-

tering at 3 Beacon St.

September 16, 12:19 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Hall Ave.

September 16, 9:39 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Simpson Ave.

September 17, 1:31 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Putnam Rd.

September 18, 9:53 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Perkins St.

Vehicle Theft:

September 14, 11:42 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Washington St.

Assault:

September 13, 7:32 p.m., police reported an assault at Fairview Terr.

September 13, 4:24 p.m., police reported an assault at Gorham St.

September 13, 7:42 p.m., police reported an assault at Memorial Rd.

September 13, 9:21 p.m., police reported an assault at Kent St.

September 13, 11:39 p.m., police reported an assault at 101 Highland Ave.

September 15, 12:49 a.m., police reported an assault at River Rd.

September 16, 1:09 a.m., police reported an assault at 247 Elm St.

September 16, 2:38 p.m., police reported an assault at Moreland St.

September 17, 8:48 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

Drug Violation:

September 16, 7:30 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Hawkins St.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

PLANNING DIVISION

**LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Somerville Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **October 6, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

Assembly Square, "A" Street, Block 1, Parcel 85-A-1 (74-100 Foley Street) and 86-A-1 (133 Middlesex Ave) (Case # PB 2011-14);

Applicant, AvalonBay Assembly Row TRS, Inc., & Owner, Street Retail Inc., FR Assembly Square, LLC and others, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of a planned unit development under the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 for Block 1. Applicant and owner also seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct a 5-story, approx 437,840 gsf project including approx 195 residential units, approx 67,530 gsf of a mix of retail, restaurant and other commercial uses as approved in the PUD-PMP, along with approx 367 parking spaces, three loading bays, and associated service areas. The residential development is subject to inclusionary housing requirements under §13.2. The Applicant and Owner also seek a special permit for signage under §5.1 and §6.4.14 to install signs that are over 35 feet from finished grade. A waiver is required under SZO §6.4.12 and §16.5.5 for fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and §9.7.

Assembly Square Mixed Use District (ASMD); Planned Unit Development Overlay District - A (PUD-A); Waterfront Overlay District (WOD) / Ward 1

Assembly Square, "C" Street, Block 4, Parcels 85-A-4 (74-100 Foley Street) and 85-A-5 (Case # PB 2011-15);

Applicant, AvalonBay Assembly Row TRS, Inc., & Owner, Street Retail Inc., Commonwealth of Massachusetts and others, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review-A, final level approval of a planned unit development under the Planned Unit Development Preliminary Master Plan (PUD-PMP) approved by the Planning Board on December 14, 2006 and as revised on August 5, 2010 for Block 4. Applicant and owner also seek approval under SZO Article §16.8.3 and §5.2, to construct a 5-story, approx 439,660 gsf project including approx 253 residential units, approx 43,975 gsf of a mix of retail, restaurant and other commercial uses as approved in the PUD-PMP, along with approx 505 parking spaces, two loading bays, and associated service areas. The residential development is subject to inclusionary housing requirements under §13.2. The Applicant and Owner also seek a special permit for signage under §5.1 and §6.4.14 to install signs that are over 35 feet from finished grade. A waiver is required under SZO §6.4.12 and §16.5.5 for fewer loading spaces than required under §9.16.3 and §9.7.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman

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PLANNING DIVISION

**LEGAL NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, October 5, 2011**, Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd floor at Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, at **7:00 p.m.** to continue the following public hearing:

343, 345, 349, and 351 Summer St (Case #ZBA 2011-54):

This application was opened by the Zoning Board of Appeals on 8/3. Testimony was taken on the following dates: 8/17, 8/24 and 9/6. The ZBA continued the hearing until 10/5/11.

Therefore, the Board will continue discussion of the case at their meeting on 10/5/11:

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

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant
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THE TRAFFIC COMMISSION BY THE POWER VESTED IN IT THROUGH A SPECIAL ACT OF THE LEGISLATURE, CHAPTER 397 OF THE ACTS OF 1978, HEREBY AMENDS THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCES WITH THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

2011-31 Article V Section 5-15 "Handicapped Parking" is amended with following additions: 9 Eliot St, 58 Mount Vernon St

2011-32 Article V Section 5-5 "Parking Locations & Prohibitions" is amended with the addition of the following: No Parking Anytime - Properzi Way, west side northerly from Beacon St to first curb cut for a distance of approximately 150 ft.

2011-33 Article VII Section 7-19 "Stops Signs, Yield Signs, Through Ways" is amended with the addition of the Following: Stop Signs on Concord St at Springfield St, both directions of travel

2011-34 Article V Section 5-10 "Parking Prohibitions at Safety Zones" is amended as follows: Fire Lane west of Billingham St for a distance of 20 ft north from William St

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

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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP # 12-19**

The City of Somerville, through the Purchasing Department invites sealed proposals for:
GIC Consultant Services

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The contract shall be for a period of one year, from October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012.

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

**Angela M. Allen
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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
RFP # 12-21**

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MIDDLESEX PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
The Trial Court
208 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA. 02141**

Docket No. MI 11P4207GD

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G. L.c. 190B, ss5-304

**In the matter of: Eugene Corbin RESPONDENT
formerly of SOMERVILLE Alleged Incapacitated Person
Of: Hyde Park, MA**

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

The Arc of Bristol County of Attleboro, MA

In the above captioned matter alleging that **Eugene Corbin** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that

The Arc of Bristol County of Attleboro, MA

(or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian

To serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

You have a right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return day **10/11/2011**. This day is **NOT** a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

Witness: Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court.
Date: September 12, 2011

**Tara E. De Cristofaro
Register of Probate**

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Casinos in MA inch closer CONT. FROM PG 1

policy," he said.

The casino bill, championed by Speaker Robert DeLeo (D-Winthrop), is touted as a job-creator for the working class. Donnelly says that this simply does not work out in practice. He called the plan "short-sighted and driven by the union control of the legislature."

"I think the politicians focus on the benefit that it will have for the union builders to build the different casinos and the jobs that will generate, and that certainly is a valid short-term stimulus. But in the long run, I don't that is very smart economic policy, largely because casinos have a way of sucking money out of the economy, money that often does go as discretionary spending to small businesses," he said.

There seems little chance that the bill will be vetoed again by Governor Deval Patrick as was the case last year.

"It seems more likely considering we started earlier in the session that if there are any disagreements with the house, senate, governor,

that there probably is enough time to have that worked out in the session," said Sciortino.

"I think we can do far better. I don't think casinos make sense at all as an economic development tool. We have invited an industry to the state that gets the vast majority of its profits from a very small percent of the players, and those are the addicts," he said.

Rep. Provost has been a vocal opponent of the casino bill, and demanded more thorough case-study analysis. In the house debate, she was refuted by Rep. Kathi-Anne Reinstein (D-Revere), who held up a decade-old study in support of her perspective.

The casino bill currently forces casino licensees to pay at least \$585 million in investment, as well as give a full quarter of their earnings to the state in taxes.

"The myth about casinos is that they generate a lot of the money in the economy. In fact, what they really do is siphon off money in the economy. A lot of it goes to the gambling interests, in their pockets. It just makes the amount spent

in the economy a lot smaller," said Donnelly.

"I think there's going to be a short-term boost to state revenues and also for the construction trades. Once all that settles down, and all that money is spent, you'll be left with these big magnets that suck money out of peoples' pockets," added Donnelly.

Donnelly said those effected the most will be small businesses, especially ones "that benefit from the extra dollars in the working man's pocket," such as "diners, convenience stores, small retailers, and larger retailers as well."

Sciortino was similarly bleak about the economic development prospects of such a state plan. "There is a huge amount of money that will be ripped out of peoples' pockets sucked down a machine in the form of a slot machine and will go right to Vegas developers," he said. "It will not stay in our communities it will not benefit our small businesses. It will actually destroy businesses and destroy families."

Collect-a-Villes CONT. FROM PG 9

an invoice from the White and Leahy Company. They specialized in "sawdust and baled shavings" used in meat smoking and fur preservation. They were located at 51 Allen Street and the slip is dated 1916. Be sure to check out a small glass bottle with the inscription, French Imperial Bluing, Terrio Brothers, Somerville Mass. I also have a small jar from First National Stores also in Somerville. I bet a lot of you know someone who worked at the old First National plant.

I am sure a lot of you have artifacts from Somerville around your house. I was amazed at how many things from Somerville are out there. One personal item that I have kept is my family's old private phonebook. This will not be on display but every page is historic. There are many, many old family friends' numbers who are now departed. Just looking at the names brings back so many memo-

ries. It is also very nostalgic to see the handwriting of each of my family members as they jotted a number down. There are also a lot of stores and businesses in that book that are things of the past. One is the phone number of BoBo's Chinese Restaurant and Surabian Drug Store, both formerly in Ball Square. You can see a lot of the old Somerville phone exchanges in the family phonebook like MO6-(Monument), SO6-(Somerset) PR6-(Prospect). I remember when we moved into our new house in 1961 and we got one of the new exchanges....623 ! I love collecting these old relics from the city I grew up in and love.

My friend Jeanette from Ciampa Manor lent me a scrapbook full of newspaper clippings from the glory days of Somerville High School sports, Ronnie and Walter Perry etc. I will do a separate article on that collection.

I will leave you with two that are particularly special to me. One is a plastic coat check from "The New Jumbo Lounge" in Teele Square, and the other is an old Massachusetts license plate from 1953. Imagine that plate attached to a big old 1950 Mercury driven by dad, tooling around the streets of old Somerville.

I hope you enjoy looking at the artifacts that will be on display in the window of Wedgwood-Crane & Connolly at 19 College Ave. If you would like to start your own Somerville artifacts collection go to eBay and put "Somerville Mass" in the search window. You can get a head start by looking in your cellar, attic, old drawers, and closets for anything from Somerville's "olden days!"

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

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Answers from page 15

Ms. Cam's *Olio* **Answers**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bologna , Italy 2. <i>Follow the Sun</i> 3. Art Fleming (1964) 4. Ronald Reagan 5. It is a fruit that falls under category of Drupes (i.e., peaches, plums, cherries, etc.) 6. The Fountain of Youth 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Madeleine Albright (vote 99-0) 8. London 9. It is a fruit that grows on the olive tree 10. Honey 11. Pierre 12. -80°F in Prospect Creek Camp, Alaska
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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday|September 21

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

West Branch Library
Babygarten
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. | 40 College Avenue

Thursday|September 22

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

East Branch Library
Juicepouch Notebooks with Kristy Medina
115 Broadway | 3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.

Friday|September 23

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

Sunday|September 26

Central Library
Big Joe the Storyteller
3 p.m.-4 p.m. | 79 Highland Avenue

Tuesday|September 27

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

Wednesday|September 28

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

West Branch Library
Babygarten
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. | 40 College Avenue

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Wednesday|September 21

Johnny D's
Lucky Tubb
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
Dead Cats Dead Rats | Stars Above | Pity Whores | Orly & Yagel
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
Klezwoods | Choose to Find | Lowman
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

Bull McCabe's Pub
Full Tang
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 22

Johnny D's
Scott Henderson | Jeff Berlin | Mike Clark
17 Holland St. | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Red Hot & Blue with The Rhythm Rockers | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren

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

PA'S Lounge
Cell Phones (chicago) | Kave Kraft
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
A Kurt Vonnegut jr tribute
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
11 Bow St. | 617-623-0000

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St.

Friday|September 23

Johnny D's
Rakiya | Sun Jones | Gary Backstrom
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's
Kevin Byrne, Paddy Saul, Dryden Brothers | 6 p.m.
Tan Vampires CD Release with special guests | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
The Friday's
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 | Breaking Laces | Sugar Snow | Sweet Ride | Lauren Guadagnini
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

PA'S Lounge
Larcenist | Have Gun Will Travel (FL) | M. Holland | Mount Peru
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
Jess Tardy
Paddy Saul with Full Band
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
Joan Jett Birthday Tribute Show
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
Walk Into Fire: Sidestepping Fear, Writing Your Heart Out, an Letting Your Story Tell Itself
7p.m. | Performance Hall | 191

Highland Ave.

Saturday|September 24

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

Sally O'Brien's
Tom Hagerty Band | 5:30 p.m.
Jeremy Lyons | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

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

Precinct Bar
Hear Now Live Presents | Sour d | Big Trees | Andrew Eckel & The Undertones
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

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

PA'S Lounge
Hadoken | Signal Hill (L.A.) | Parachuter | Vanzetti
345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

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

Bull McCabe's Pub
Mike Murray cd release party
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-6045

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

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
The Organ Beats, Herra Terra, Zombie Radio, Minor Stars
381 Summer St

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

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

Sunday|September 25

Johnny D's
Open Blues Jam 4:30 p.m. | Boston Blues Challenge 10 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
Ludovico Technique LD Anniversary Show
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 26

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
Andrew Clark presents comedy night | One Happy Island | Tunabunny
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

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

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

Tuesday|September 27

Johnny D's
Lloyd Thayer | Samuel James
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar
Chris Sarcasmatic's, Sonic Mind Tasting | 9 p.m.
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-3589

The Burren
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan | 6:30 p.m.
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

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

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

Precinct Bar
Yo Ticonderoga | Death Pesos | Whiskey
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

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

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

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

Wednesday|September 28

Johnny D's
Klezwoods | Elephant Wrecking Ball
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

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345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-1557

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Sports Trivia
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

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

Precinct Bar
The Mark Zaleski Band | Choose to Find | The Invisible Rays
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

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

Highland Kitchen
TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke

10 p.m. | 150 Highland Ave | 617-625-1131

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

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

Rosebud Bar
381 Summer St

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

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday|September 21

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

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

Thursday|September 22

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

Third Life Studio
Roots and Rhythm
33 Union Sq |
drumzatlibana@gmail.com
First Church Somerville
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | 89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).
For more info call: 781-762-6629

Saturday|September 24

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 25

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 26

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

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

Tuesday|September 27

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 28

Central Library
National Recovery Month
10 a.m.-4p.m. | Susan Lamphier | 617-623-5000
79 Highland Ave

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

'What the Fluff?'

CONT. FROM PG 7

by Smuttynose Brewery. The only way to get tickets for this VIP event is via the Fluff Festival Kickstarter page.

Mid-month at Sherman Café, the Museum of Bad Art presents selections from their collection.

The Somerville Arts Council's ArtsUnion Project is an initiative which was designed to boost the cultural and economic development of Union Square. Arts Union presents numerous events and markets and also leads cultural tours.

What the Fluff? is being presented by Union Square Main



Photo by Andrew Firestone

Streets and is being sponsored by The Somerville Arts Council's ArtsUnion, along with funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the City of

Somerville, among others. If you live in Somerville or will be visiting the area, get ready to get your fill of Fluff at a festival in its honor.

Squeezably soft



Photo by Harry Kane

The Squeezebox Slam tore Union Square a new eardrum last Saturday as delighted crowds were amused and amazed by a virtual plethora of accordion and concertina virtuosos who took to the air with their the unique musical stylings.

Beacon Hill Roll Call

Special report on casino gambling legislation



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HOUSE TAKES A CHANCE ON CASINO GAMBLING BILL

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, September 14, 2011 - The Massachusetts House on a 123-32 vote at 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday night, approved the controversial bill that would allow three casinos and one slot parlor in the Bay State. The measure divides the state into three regions and allows one casino in each region. Region A includes the counties of Essex, Middlesex, Norfolk, Suffolk and Worcester; Region B the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hamden and Hampshire; and Region C the counties of Bristol, Dukes, Plymouth, Barnstable and Nantucket.

All the venues would be competitively bid, a major change from the measure approved last year that allowed competitive bidding on the casinos but only permitted the state's four racetracks to bid on the slots.

Last year's bill, approved by the House and Senate 115-36, would have authorized three resort casinos and two slot parlors in the state. Gov. Deval Patrick would only agree to one casino and wanted the slot parlors to be competitively bid. He amended the bill and sent it back to the Legislature, which never acted on it.

Supporters said the 2011 proposal would create up to 15,000 new jobs, \$270 million in one-time licensing fees

and up to \$500 million in annual tax revenue, some of which would go to cities and towns as local aid. They noted gambling is voluntary, the state already sanctions it via the Lottery and bingo games and argued Massachusetts is losing billions of dollars from its citizens, who now go to neighboring states to gamble.

Opponents said casinos attract mostly low-income people who cannot afford it, and lead to crime, gambling addictions, domestic violence and even suicide. They questioned proponents' rosy projections and noted some of the revenue from casinos would come at the expense of current Lottery revenue. Some noted casinos across the nation are downsizing, firing employees and losing business.

In a written statement following the vote, House Speaker Robert DeLeo said, "With people in our Commonwealth hurting, this expanded gaming legislation will bring immediate jobs, local aid and economic growth. While not a panacea, this bill will stimulate our economy and provide local aid for the cities and towns across Massachusetts."

Rep. Ruth Balser (D-Newton), a long time gambling foe, argued the bill takes Massachusetts in the wrong direction and called the move toward casino gambling "a race to the bottom." She said, "If we look at the experience of other states we will see this is a failed experiment."

Tom Larkin, president of United to Stop Slots-Massachusetts noted, "We think there are legal options. We think the judicial system may be more sympathetic to the exploitation of vulnerable people than the executive or the Legislature."

Opponents are also considering mounting a campaign to gather signatures for a ballot question that would attempt to repeal any law that passes.

The bill now goes to the Senate which is expected to approve its own version. A House-Senate conference committee will likely hammer out a compromise version that will go to Gov. Patrick for his signature.

While the two branches and Patrick may disagree on some of the finer points, all three have agreed to the basics of two casinos and one slot parlor.

LOCAL LEGISLATORS' VOTES ON CASINO GAMBLING BILL (H 3702)

Here's how local representatives voted on the bill. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill. A "No" vote is against it.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

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An artistic tribute to Kurt Vonnegut Jr.

'Everything Was Beautiful And Nothing Hurt'

By Jim Clark

The late, great writer Kurt Vonnegut Jr. was famously quoted as once saying, "A purpose of human life, no matter who is controlling it, is to love whoever is around to be loved." This sentiment comes full circle as a well-rounded gathering of artists, poets, and musicians gather this week to pay tribute to and share their love of the iconic author.

Everything Was Beautiful And Nothing Hurt: A Tribute to Kurt Vonnegut Jr. will be presented at Precinct Bar, 70 Union Square, on Thursday, September 22, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Described as a labor of love by the show's producers Meghan Chiampa, of Desert Race Boston, and Jade Sylvan, local poet and songwriter, the event will feature readings and performances by more than a dozen participating groups and individuals including Space Balloons (Michael J. Epstein and Sophia Cacciola), Somerville Symphony Orkestar, touring author Daphne Gottlieb, (Dear Dawn, Soft Skull Press), Boston Poetry Slam-master, Simone Beaubien, and poet James Caroline (*Boston Phoenix* Poll Best Local Author).

Acts will include tribute poems, songs based on stories, and a re-enactment of *Harrison Bergeron* from Vonnegut's *Welcome to the Monkey House*. Poetry, music,

interactive digital visual art, paintings, and even live puppet theater will enliven The Precinct stage, along with a half-time variety show that promises to be a highlight of the evening.

Chiampa and Sylvan came up with the idea for the event after a series of conversations revealed that Vonnegut has been a major influence in both of their artistic styles.

Chiampa says she first read Vonnegut (*Slaughter-House Five*) after dropping out of high school and then "read all the books I should have read if I had stayed in school." Ultimately, she wrote her college thesis on Vonnegut's *Breakfast of Champions*. She is a web designer, painter, poet, promoter, and booker in Cambridge. Her art and style are inspired by colors. Her motto for web design is "anything is possible." Her motto for painting is "more sparkles."

Sylvan, who attended the same grade school as Vonnegut in Indianapolis, sixty-odd years later, says she loves the variety show format. "My great-grandparents were vaudeville performers, so I think this type of show is in my blood. It's a great way to come at one idea from a bunch of different angles. Plus, it's more entertaining." She is a nationally touring author, poet, and songwriter. Her first full-length collection of poetry, *The Spark*



Somerville Symphony Orkestar will bring their unique musical stylings to the Kurt Vonnegut tribute show at Precinct Bar on Thursday, September 22.

Singer (Spuyten Duyvil Press), was published in 2009, and her work has appeared in *Word Riot*, *Decomp*, *The Pedestal*, *Radius*, *the November 3rd Club*, and *OVS magazine*.

Vonnegut is considered to be one of the most highly regarded and influential writers of the 20th century. His humanism and skepticism of authoritarian systems were important components of his writing style, and particularly resonated with younger readers over several generations. The humor and social commentary infused in his writings has been compared to that of Mark Twain, another great American author whom Vonnegut himself held in high esteem. Vonnegut passed away in 2007.

The tribute show at Precinct Bar will present a sweeping celebration of the influence that Vonnegut has made on this largely youngish group of writers and performers. In addition to the above-mentioned artists, readings and performances will be made by Charles Coe, The Duende Project, Woellert & Clark, Scarlett Strawberry, Connor Wood, Army of Mars, and co-producers Jade Sylvan and Meghan Chiampa.

Whether or not one is an avid Vonnegut fan, this one-of-a-kind gathering of local talent should provide an unforgettable evening of art and entertainment. For those who number themselves among the faithful admirers of one of the most original and creative minds in recent history, an especially uplifting and cathartic experience is sure to be in the offing.

So it goes...

Ten memorable quotations by Kurt Vonnegut



"All persons, living and dead, are purely coincidental."

"A sane person to an insane society must appear insane."

"Since Alice had never received any religious instruction, and since she had led a blameless life, she never thought of her awful luck as being anything but accidents in a very busy place. Good for her."

"Any reviewer who expresses rage and loathing for a novel is preposterous. He or she is like a person who has put on full armor and attacked a hot fudge sundae."

"There are plenty of good reasons for fighting, but no good reason ever to hate without reservation, to imagine that God Almighty Himself hates with you, too."

"There is no order in the world around us, we must adapt ourselves to the requirements of chaos instead. It is hard to adapt to chaos, but it can be done. I am living proof of that: It can be done."

"Who is more to be pitied, a writer bound and gagged by policemen or one living in perfect freedom who has nothing more to say?"

"I want to stand as close to the edge as I can without going over. Out on the edge you see all the kinds of things you can't see from the center."

"There's only one me, and I'm stuck with him."

"We are what we pretend to be, so we must be careful about what we pretend to be."



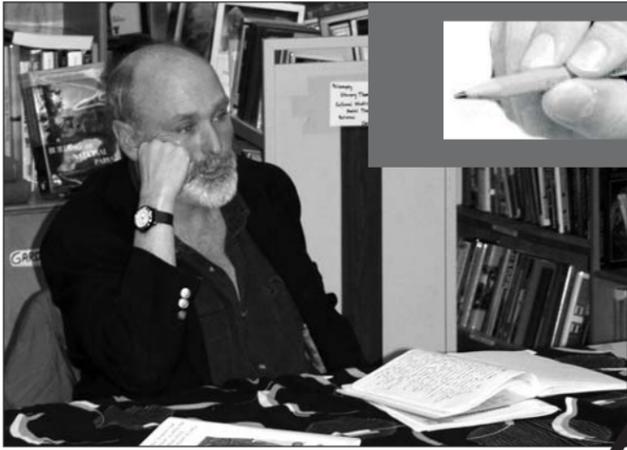
Co-producer and performer Jade Sylvan has variety show sawdust in her bones.

SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, September 21		4:00pm	Improv Toolkit with Nadira Jamal	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	2:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Program
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:00pm	Ablevision	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
7:00am	Dispelling Drug Myth	5:30pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
8:00am	Democracy Now!	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	4:00pm	Art@SCATV
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	4:30pm	A Healer in Every House
10:00am	Abugida TV	7:30pm	Somerville Rocks	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	5:00pm	Cultural Club
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2:00pm	"As You Like It" ASP	5:30pm	Talking About Somerville
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Jojo's Dreamcart	5:00pm	LIVE***FLUFF Festival***	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
1:00pm	The Struggle	10:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	7:00pm	Discovering Justice
1:30pm	Talk About Somerville	11:00pm	Lowell 30th Banjo & Fiddle Competition	7:00pm	Mystic Community Picnic	7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	Friday, September 23		9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
3:30pm	Tribuna Medica	6:00am	Live Response	11:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	9:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade
4:00pm	Life Matters	7:00am	Recovery Roundtable	Sunday, September 25		10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	8:00am	Democracy Now!	12:00am	Free Speech TV	11:00pm	Visual Radio
5:00pm	CommonSense	9:00am	The Truth About Drugs	6:00am	Rompendo em Fe	Tuesday, September 27	
5:30pm	Healer in Every House	9:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00am	Vida Na TV	12:00am	Free Speech TV
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	6:00am	Emerging Drug Trends
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	11:30am	Back In The Day	8:30am	Healer in Every Home	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	7:30am	The Struggle
8:30pm	Talk About Somerville	1:00pm	The Expert Series	10:00am	Christian Assemble Tab.	8:00am	Democracy Now!
9:00pm	Somerville Rocks	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program	11:00am	International Church of God	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
9:30pm (LIVE)	The Freemont Show	3:00pm	Cooking With George	11:30am	The Commonwealth Report	10:00am	Tele Kreyol
10:00pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	3:30pm	Physician Focus	12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.	11:00am	Commonsense
10:30pm	South of the Mystic	4:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking	1:00pm	Waltham Philharmonic Orch.	11:30am	The Nicole Review
11:00pm	The Garage	4:30pm	Money On Your Mind	2:00pm	The Road to Recovery	12:00noon	Democracy Now!
11:30pm	Art @ SCAT	5:00pm	Real Estate Answers Show	3:30pm	Talk About Somerville	1:00pm	The Commonwealth Report
Thursday, September 22		5:30am	Your Money Your Life	4:00pm	Dedilhando A Saudade	1:30pm	Know Your Rights
12:00am	Free Speech TV	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	5:00pm	Ethiopian Satellite TV	2:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show
6:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00pm	Right Here, Right Now	6:00pm	Abugida TV	3:30pm	Active Aging
7:00am	Know Your Rights	7:30pm	Working With Java	7:00pm	African TV Network	5:00pm (LIVE)	Poet to Poet
7:30am	South of the Mystic	8:00pm	Visual Radio	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	5:30pm	Jeff Jam
8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:00pm	The Garage	9:00pm	Watch This	6:00pm	A Jazeera
9:00am	Ingenious Ideas	9:30pm	Bandwidth TV	Monday, September 26		7:00pm	Art @ SCAT
10:00am	Active Aging	10:00pm	Culture Club	12:00am	Free Speech TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Dead Air Live Show
10:30am	Jeff Jams	11:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians	7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	9:00pm	Talking About Somerville
11:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	Saturday, September 24		8:00am	Democracy Now!	9:30pm	Animal Agenda
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	10:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
1:00pm	African TV Network	6:00am	Arabic Hour	11:00am	Nosse Gente e Costumes	10:30pm	The Expert Series
2:00pm	Thom Hartmann	7:00am	GAY USA	12:00noon	Democracy Now!!	11:30pm	The GerryLeone Show
3:00pm	Somerville: Back in the Day	8:00am	The Struggle	1:00pm	Ablevision		
3:30pm	Cultural Club	8:30am	Animal Agenda	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority		

City Cable TV Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, September 21		12:55am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Cambridge	12:00am: (15)	SHS Football vs Lincoln Sudbury RHS	8:50pm: (13/16)	Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors
9:00am: (13/16)	Keys to the City "Traffic & Parking"	2:25am: (15)	Villen TV - VTV	12:30am: (13/16)	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	9:15pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Austin Prep
9:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	9:00am: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show "Cyber Safety"	1:10am: (13/16)	Well Being Report of Somerville	9:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Little Sisters of the Poor"
11:30am: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Malden	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:50am: (13/16)	Mass DEP/DOT Status Update Public Hearing	Tuesday, September 27	
12:00pm: (13/16)	School Committee Meeting - REPLAY OF 9/19/11	12:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	1:50am: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:00am: (13/16)	Well Being Report of Somerville
1:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum	12:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Cambridge	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	12:00am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Austin Prep
1:30pm: (15)	Villen TV - VTV Almost Live: Ep. 2	12:30pm: (13/16)	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	12:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:40am: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking
7:00pm: (13/16)	Mass DEP/DOT Status Update Public Hearing	1:10pm: (13/16)	Well Being Report of Somerville	12:30pm: (13/16)	RiverFest 2011	12:50am: (13/16)	Somerville & the Siege of Boston
7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	1:50pm: (13/16)	Mass DEP/DOT Status Update Public Hearing	12:30pm: (15)	SHS Boys' Soccer vs Everett	1:50pm: (13/16)	Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors
7:30pm: (15)	Project STAR	7:00pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update	1:00pm: (13/16)	Outdoor Hockey Rink Groundbreaking	2:30pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Little Sisters of the Poor"
8:30pm: (15)	SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010	7:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Cambridge	2:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	9:00am: (13/16)	Somerville & the Siege of Boston
8:50pm: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Little Sisters of the Poor"	7:30pm: (13/16)	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	9:00am: (15)	Highlander Forum
9:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Agenda for 9/22/11 Meeting	8:10pm: (13/16)	Well Being Report of Somerville	7:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	11:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Austin Prep
9:00pm: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Cambridge	8:50pm: (13/16)	Mass DEP/DOT Status Update Public Hearing	7:30pm: (13/16)	RiverFest 2011	12:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
Thursday, September 22		10:00pm: (15)	SHS Football vs Lincoln Sudbury RHS	8:00pm: (13/16)	Outdoor Hockey Rink Groundbreaking	12:30pm: (13/16)	Dance Showcase at Art Beat
12:00am: (13/16)	Mass DEP/DOT Status Update Public Hearing	Saturday, September 24		8:30pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - REPLAY OF 9/22/11	1:00pm: (13/16)	SomerStreets: Rolling on the Mystic
12:00am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Cambridge	12:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	9:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:00pm: (15)	Highlander Forum
2:00am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Little Sisters of the Poor"	12:00am: (15)	SHS Football vs Lincoln Sudbury RHS	Monday, September 26		1:20pm: (13/16)	The Gerry Leone Show "Cyber Safety"
9:00am: (13/16)	Somerville Gives Back "Little Sisters of the Poor"	12:30am: (13/16)	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit	7:00pm: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
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11:30am: (15)	SHS Girls' Soccer vs Cambridge	1:50am: (13/16)	Mass DEP/DOT Status Update Public Hearing	12:30am: (13/16)	RiverFest 2011	7:30pm: (13/16)	Congressional Update
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12:50pm: (13/16)	Home Modification & Home Care for Seniors	12:30am: (13/16)	9/11 Vigil in Davis Square	1:00am: (13/16)	Outdoor Hockey Rink Groundbreaking	8:15pm: (13/16)	Mass DEP/DOT Status Update Public Hearing
1:00pm: (15)	Kid Stuff	1:10am: (13/16)	Well Being Report of Somerville	2:00am: (15)	Kid Stuff	9:00pm: (15)	Our Schools, Our City
7:00pm: (13/16)	Board of Aldermen Meeting - LIVE	1:50am: (13/16)	Mass DEP/DOT Status Update Public Hearing	9:00am: (13/16)	Outdoor Hockey Rink Groundbreaking	9:30pm: (15)	Villen TV: VTV Live - Ep. 2
7:00pm: (15)	SHS Rewind: Football Highlights 2010	1:50am: (15)	Highlander Forum	9:00am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	12:00am: (13/16)	Senior Circuit
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12:25am: (15)	Our Schools, Our City	Sunday, September 25		7:40pm: (13/16)	Keys to the City: Traffic & Parking	2:30am: (15)	Villen TV: VTV Live - Ep. 2
		12:00am: (13/16)	Congressional Update	7:50pm: (13/16)	Somerville & the Siege of Boston		



OFF THE SHELF by Doug Holder

Poet Linda Lerner: 'Takes Guts and Years Sometimes'

Recently New York City poet Linda Lerner visited the Boston area and revisited my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*. Linda has taught English in the City College of New York system for many years, and has lived the life of poet. Her first priority is her writing and has lived her life to accommodate this, often at the expense of financial security. She has been published widely, and has just released an accomplished collection of poetry titled *Takes Guts and Years Sometimes*. (NYQ Books).

Doug Holder: You lived near the World Trade Center when it was bombed in 2001. How did this tragic event affect your writing?

Linda Lerner: Oh, it definitely did. I had no experience of war like most people in New York. And it felt like I was in a war zone. And for the first time I had an idea what people must go through to see everything destroyed: homes destroyed, people crying in the street. I think it gave me a much broader perspective. My father was born in Russia and escaped at one point because of the Pogroms against the Jews. He often spoke of what it was like to be driven out of his home. Now I knew what it felt like.

DH: After 9/11 you were part of that tragic diaspora. You lived in the Chelsea Hotel for a while, right?

LL: Yeah. The day it happened I was teaching a class at the New York City College of Technology and in the middle of the class the sirens went off. They always go off in Manhattan, you don't think anything of them, it is part of the norm. And then a student came in late and said a plane hit the World Trade Center. This was a student who was always late, so I figured it was a great story, excuse. But the siren didn't stop and then someone rushed in to tell us what happened. They made us leave the building. I couldn't go back home to Brooklyn because the bridges were closed. So a bunch of us spent the night at a colleague's apartment, sleeping on the floor. We called hotels, but they wouldn't take us. The Chelsea had a room, and I was there for a couple of weeks. It is a wonderful place, with such a rich literary and artistic history. I have a long poem about my experience.

DH: You have been long associated with the *New York Quarterly* which published your new collection *Takes Guts and Years Sometime*. *The Quarterly* is now run by Raymond Hammond. Can you tell us a bit about the magazine, and your history with it?

LL: Yes. NYQ started their imprint in 2009. This was the late William Packard's idea. He was the longtime editor before Hammond but he got sick. He couldn't put out the magazine anymore. Hammond has done a wonderful job with the *Quarterly*, he made it his personal project.

When I got out of college in the 70's, my background in literature stopped around 1950. I knew I had to do something. Someone suggested a poetry class with William Packard at The New School. So I took two classes with him. One was a poetry class, one was literature. I never submitted a poem before. I was new at this, but I gave him a poem. He didn't think it was a masterpiece (laugh). I couldn't take criticism at the time and I never submitted another. But I stayed in the class and learned a lot about poetry. And then I started helping out with the magazine. When I started contributing a few years later he started to take my work. I interviewed Hayden Carruth for one issue. Carruth was a fascinating man. Absolutely brilliant. He smoked non-stop, popped sleeping pills, drank a lot. I was really nervous about the interview because at one point when I started it he said, "That's a stupid question." But as the interview went on it worked out very well.

I love the magazine especially its emphasis on craft and craft interviews.

DH: I read somewhere that you said you never com-



promised for a paycheck. Can you explain?

LL: I never let a job take over my entire life. I always had time to write. I wound up with a series of college teaching jobs that left me with time to write. In the end I may pay for it when I get really old. I never got involved in the politics of a job. I try to do a good job, but I always have to have time to write. It's hard out there meeting NYC rents, etc.

DH: As a daughter of immigrants, your father was from Russia, did this give you outsider status or a different view of contemporary American society?

LL: In all honesty it wasn't until father died in 1985, did I start to identify more with him. As a child I was embarrassed by him, by his accent, his lack of education, by his old fashioned ways. I guess after he died I drew closer to him because he was not around to argue with. It was very hard for a bohemian artist child like me to deal with an old world father.

DH: What steered you to this sort of boho/artist/poet lifestyle?

LL: I don't know to be quite honest. When I grew up I was the odd person, different. I was always getting in trouble, the black sheep so to speak. I really wasn't aware of what I was until I got older. The rebelliousness was always there.

DH: Some of your works deal with gentrification in the city. Do you think Jane Jacobs' vision of the city as urban village, with unique communities, is long past?

LL: I don't like what has been happening to the cities. First of all the rents are so high the middle class is moving out. They aren't able to afford it. I remember a couple of years ago I went down to Little Italy and it didn't seem like the Little Italy I knew. Where I live in Carol Gardens in Brooklyn it still retains some of the old world charm, but it is rapidly changing. Gentrification is taking away from the charm and sense of community.

DH: It used to be easier to live the artist's life.

LL: Back in the 70's for an artist to live. My first apartment was in Greenwich Village. It is very hard now. The economy is bad. When I got out of college there were many jobs you could get. I took a civil service job as a social worker. Right now many of my friends are rooming together in small apartments to make a go of it. It's not like the old days. Young people are moving home with their parents. A lot of the small bookstores have closed. We have the big chains and even they are closing.

DH: Is the poetry scene still thriving in NYC?

LL: Oh yeah. On any given night there are seven or eight venues. The scene changes all the time. Even more so now with all the online venues.

DH: Do you think online magazines are as good as print? Does it mean the same thing to be published in both?

LL: People say so but I prefer print. But there are some good online magazines. Everything seems to be moving to the virtual world.

DH: It's a brave new world.

LL: Yes it is.

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Hands of Women is a poem from Laurie Soriano's first full-length collection of poetry entitled CATALINA (Lummo Press). This 112 page book packs quite a wallop in addition to featuring a very nice preface by singer/songwriter Cris Williamson of Seattle, WA. "She is a master of a particular punch at the end of all the lines, which she lays out perfectly, and then comes that uppercut which slays you. She is a marvel to read, and my joy to brag on her every chance I get."

Hands of Women

I.

Let my body move you down into her hands in latex gloves
helping you work your way out after you've crowned,
now a sharp shoulder, now your slippery midsection, and then
the rest of you in a wet glad swoosh.

They are doctor hands veined with science but woman soft
and those firm hands will catch you, she'll hold
you to her ribs as the cord is addressed and then lift you up
and swing you to my chest, and then I have you,

Hello baby, hello you baby girl, and you peer at me,
squinting, and we share a silent joke (me through tears),
before I tuck you to my breast, and you
competently do what is needed

as I feel her hands below, delivering the afterbirth,
then tending to my birth wounds before
she pulls the gloves off with a snap, then
jots statistics on a board.

II.

I offer my sad cracked back to her.
First her hands only listen, persuade my body
to tell where it's crying, and then with her steel muscles
she orders it to breathe

as the candles flicker, and in this dim room
a voice chants Ashanti Ashanti, and my face
is being ground down into the cradle
as my back unclenches, and sighs.

Sometimes we talk, as she kneads a shoulder, a calf,
my face directed anonymously toward the floor, voice raspy
as with no one but a lover, skin warm
and wanton, hair a wild mop. She delivers me

back to the world all slippery and smiling
and I float home, where I find your teen-aged self
reading curled up on the couch, and I slide next
to you and take your hand lightly in mine.

- Laurie Soriano

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