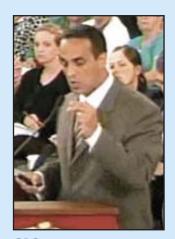
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MPO approves \$490M for transit projects

Zamore: GLX still in limbo



Wig Zamore says that the MPO funding plan will not meet the legal obligations of the state.

By Andrew Firestone

The Green Line Extension (GLX) project was given a boon this last Thursday, September 20, in the form of \$490 million worth of bonds being approved for Somerville road repaving and design of the project by the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The approval, following the abandonment of the Red Line-Blue Line connector and a decision by the MPO to buy 24 additional trains also comes with the expectation that there will be an additional \$100 million provided by the federal New Starts program.

However, Community Organizer Wig Zamore, who works with the Somerville Transit Equity Partnership (STEP) said he was not overly optimistic about these new steps translating to a completed project. The MPO approves and directs funding for all transit projects across the state.

"They really were obligated to approve 100 percent of the Green Line funding and show what the sources [of funding] were and they haven't yet showed what the sources are," said Zamore. "They don't have any federal New Starts [funding] yet and Continued on page 17

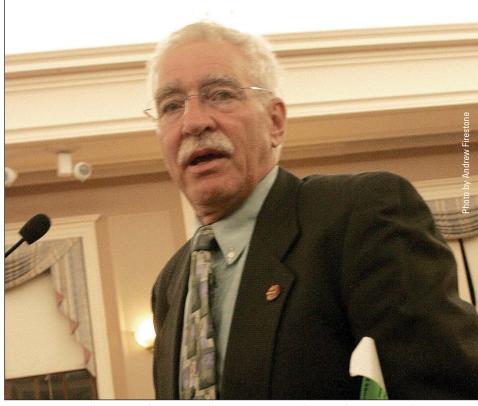
City ordinance to challenge constitution?

Aldermen weigh local hiring ordinance

By Andrew Firestone

Somerville has long suffered under the disproportionate ratio of jobs to laborers; there are only 21,000 jobs for around 45,000 workers who live in the city. Proposed over the summer by the Somerville Community Corporation, a local jobs ordinance was introduced to the Board of Aldermen, which would require all developers in the city who receive more than \$50,000 in public funds to hire 30 percent of their workforce from Somerville.

While assistant city solicitor Matt Buckley wrote that such an ordinance would be deemed unconstitutional, as the fourteenth amendment prohibits such barring of out-of-state workers under the 'Privileges and Immunities clause,' debate began again in the legislative matters committee this last Tuesday, September 20, as the aldermen listened and questioned assistant city solicitor Jason Grossfield, and heard testimony from SCC legal counsel, the Sugar Law Center director Mark Stern. Continued on page 17



Sugar Law Center director Mark Stern says that an exclusive local hiring ordinance is possible.



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NEWSTALK

We hear from internal sources that were present at the fundraiser for Ward 4 candidate Christine Barber that she had about 25 people who showed up and again only a couple from Winter Hill. Guess she must have flown her contributors in from San Francisco, again? We also hear that Rep. Carl Sciortino endorsed her at the fundraiser. She's a lucky lady to have his endorsement, isn't she? Carl, as everyone knows, has two of the three precincts in Ward 4 he represents. Speaking of which, with all the celebrities up in Ten Hills we heard maybe he might have a strong opponent at next year's state elections.

Guess we caused a little commotion up at the Holland Street senior center. We incorrectly misspelled on its more popular ladies names celebrating her 99th Birthday. We're told she got a kick out of it, that its been done in the past. So, to set the record straight, it's Ida Azzolino, who is 99 and working easy towards the big 100 next year. Again, you can catch up with her at the Center or down at Market Basket. She's the one zipping down the aisles fast. Happy Last Week Birthday Ida, and congratulations again.

Our good friend Bob Publicover came home this past Saturday but was going back to the hospital for surgery again on Thursday. He heals faster when he's home, and everyone wants him to heal fast, plus he can give orders to everyone from command central: his bedroom. David, his better half, is said to have lost weight from all the running around. Speaking of running around, his nice sister Marylyn is here from Arizona until Bob releases her home. Just in case he started to get worse, we took pictures of Bob at command central and threaten that if he doesn't get well soon we will publish those pictures. He loves that

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TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

Response to The business of liquor licensing

Loris Werter says:

"The sale of wine, beer and liquor is an important component of turning a profit in the restaurant industry."

Boooho, Mayor Curtatone... The same could have been said of smoking, right? People will not come to the restaurants if we don't allow smokes! And now instead, we have a "a more than \$120 million annual restaurant industry"! The number of licenses they have is more than enough, Mr. Curtatone. That is NOT why the business is not more than \$120 million per year! Besides, Mr. Curtatone, aren't you a health and fitness kind of guy? Now instead you sponsor McDonald's crap and booze? Pretty hypocritical...

Courtney O'Keefe says:

If we have an unlimited amount of liquor licenses, will the cost of them decrease? Understandably, the cost in Cambridge for a liquor license is lower because the inventory meets the demand. Will Somerville lower their cost to match that of Cambridge?

Also, if more restaurant business comes to Somerville due to lower liquor license costs (and availability) and the city experiences an increase in revenue, will there be a reconsideration on meter costs and cut throat enforcement, specifically, in struggling squares such as Magoun?

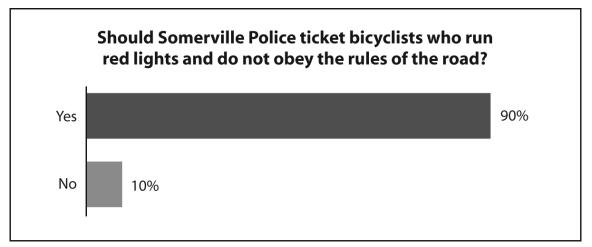
A Moore says:

It's all too obvious to us but somehow not to the mayor. You would think by now some of this common sense would sink in. He has been in office long enough to have hopefully grasped some idea on what to do. We need a mayor.

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Unions, city reach GIC agreement

Employees, retirees to pay same rate upon entering

By Andrew Firestone

It seems the city's health insurance crisis has finally subsided. Beginning January 1, 2012, all retirees and employees of Somerville will join the Group Insurance Commission (GIC), an act that the city says will save \$9 million for that year alone. The GIC is a state program that provides coverage to more than 390,000 people.

The switch comes after a year of tense negotiation, along with a failure on the part of the unions to come up with a "planned design" that would come close to beating the GIC's rates. The agreement will allow the city to enter the GIC on January 1, 2012 for a six and a half year period that extends until June 30, 2018. Union and retiree representatives ratified the agreement with Mayor Joseph Curtatone on the morning of September 26.

"This agreement represents a fair compromise," Curtatone said. "We have put together a health insurance package that respects the needs of our employees, our retirees and Somerville taxpayers."

Curatone was quick to point out the end of a crisis that had consumed more and more of the city budget every year, overtaking the funds from state aid in 2010. "Our health care costs had tripled during the past decade and it was imperative to move to a more stable system."

Employees will have a choice of some of the top-rated health plans in the nation, including Harvard Pilgrim, Tufts, Fallon and Health New England.

"This is excellent coverage, enjoyed by everyone who works for the state and by many cities and towns in Massachusetts," Curtatone said. "Arlington and Medford will be joining the GIC at the same time we are. In fact, my family will be covered through the GIC."

Thanks to the agreement, all employees and retirees will enter at the same contribution levels. In the current system, retirees pay higher contribution levels for group plans than most employees. All employees will enter the GIC paying for 15 percent of their coverage. In July of 2013 the contribution level will increase to 17.5 percent and in July of 2015 the

contribution level will increase to 20 percent. Higher cost indemnity plans will require a 25 percent contribution from employees and retirees.

"It was very important for our retirees that they not have to pay a higher contribution level than employees," said retiree representative Linda Vitiello. "Everyone is going to be a retiree someday and we had to eliminate that disparity."

The city originally began meeting last September with representatives from its collective bargaining units and its retirees concerning a shift to the GIC after the Board of Aldermen voted to join the program following weeks of tense debate. The GIC bill passed in July in the state legislature opened the door by allowing municipalities to join if they could prove significant budget strain.

The agreement represents the reconciliation of the management-labor talks that began last year between the city and its public unions.

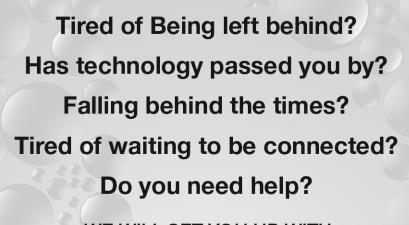
"To their credit, city officials decided not to force employees into the GIC under the very re-



Mayor Curtatone advocating for GIC last August.

strictive conditions required under the new law, but instead agreed to continue bargaining with the Public Employee Committee, which represents all of the unions as well as retirees," said Jackie Lawrence, President of the Somerville Teachers Association, which represents 650 teachers, paraprofessionals and

adult educators. "We will be paying higher co-payments and deductibles out of our pockets, which will bring down the premium costs considerably. Eventually our members will also pay a slightly larger share of the premiums, so we and the city will both benefit from the lower premium rates."



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WEEKINCE By Jim Clark

Early morning ruckus broken up

Somerville police were dispatched to a residence on High Street in the early hours of Monday this week in response to reports of noise and a possible fight underway at this location.

Upon arrival, police reportedly observed approximately a dozen people on the front porch and the stairs of the residence. Loud screaming and what appeared to be at least two males fighting on the right end of the front porch were also observed, police said.

According to reports, officers immediately went to work separating up the two individuals who were fighting, Spencer

Bullock, 20, and Corey Bullock, 22, both of Boston. Another individual, Kevin Joseph, 23, was reported as continuing to shout and urge the two others to continue fighting, in spite of police efforts to defuse the situation, police said.

One officer asked Corey Bullock if he lived at the residence and he responded by thumping his chest against the officer and behaving boisterously, according to police, and he was ordered into the house.

Kevin Joseph reportedly kept agitating for fights and officers also had to put a halt to an impending melee between Joseph and Spencer Bullock, according to police. As officers intervened Spencer Bullock reportedly bumped one of them once again and said "back up old man before you get hurt." The officer reportedly asked Spencer Bullock to back up but he refused. The officer then administered a short burst of pepper spray, police said, and then he was handcuffed and placed into the police cruiser as the officer was being shoved and harassed in the process. A pair of scissors was reportedly bounced off the police cruiser at that time as well.

A mobile detention unit was called in to help with calming the situation down, according to reports.

One juvenile on the scene was reportedly screaming and behaving violently, so he was handcuffed and placed inside the mobile detention unit, police said. The crowd on the scene reportedly pawed at the officer, dislodging his microphone, and reportedly grasping his hand in order to prevent him from handcuffing the boy, according to reports.

Kevin Joseph reportedly continued to verbally harass the police officers and he was asked several times to quiet down, but he advised police that he was a criminal justice major and that he knew there was nothing they could do because he enjoyed freedom of speech.

More backup police units arrived and the entire disturbance was eventually put under control.

Spencer Bullock was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Corey Bullock was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct. Kevin Joseph was placed under arrest and charged with threat to commit a crime, aiding escape from an officer, and disorderly conduct.

Narcotics investigation yields results

The Somerville Police Department Drug Control Unit's ongoing narcotic investigation of alleged illegal drug activity occurring within the North Street Housing Development complex and adjacent park / playground area yielded positive results last

week when a suspected dealer was caught in a sting operation implemented by the Department, police said.

According to reports, suspected drug dealer Steca "Stecks" Thelemaque, 21, of Medford, was contacted by undercover officers and a meeting was arranged. Surveillance of the pre-designated meet location was then established.

As Thelemaque arrived at the agreed to meeting place he was confronted by investigating officers. A search of Thelemaque's

person was conducted, even as the man resisted, and a quantity of pills, a brown powdery substance believed to be heroin, and a white powdery substance believed to be cocaine were allegedly found in his possession. Additionally, a knife was reportedly confiscated by police.

Thelemaque was arrested and charged with drug violation near a school or park, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, possession to distribute a drug, and resisting arrest.

Arrests:

Mark Bowler, 57, of 10 Sewall St., September 19, 7:00 a.m., arrested at 14 Chapel St. on charges of open and gross lewdness and indecent assault and battery.

Michele Megan, 42, of 3 Quincy St., September 20, 10:49 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of resisting arrest and a warrant charge of unarmed robbery.

Erick Stout, 34, of 50 River Rd., September 20, 10:50 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of distribution of a class B drug and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Steca Thelemaque, 21, of 26 North St., Medford, September 20, 6:48 p.m., arrested at 139C Alewife Brook Pky. on charges of drug violation near a school or park, violation of city ordinance possession of a dangerous weapon, possession to distribute a drug, and resisting arrest.

Heather Lynch, 24, September 20, 8:26 p.m., arrested at 105 Alewife Brook Pky. on a charge of sexual conduct for a

Jake Silveira, 19, of 1366 Broadway, September 20, 11:43

p.m., arrested at home on a orderly conduct and resisting charge of trespassing.

Gustavo Alvarez, 33, of 34 Bryant Ct., Charlestown, September 21, 8:09 p.m., arrested at 530 Mystic Ave. on warrant charges of assault and battery, destruction of property over \$250, and threat to commit a

John Walsh, 52, of 139 E. Mountain Rd., Newport, NH, September 22, 2:51 p.m., arrested at 109 School St. on charges of failure to stop or yield and suspended license.

Reginald Meneus, 21, of 75 Warren Ave., Malden, September 22, 6:18 p.m., arrested at Oliver St. on charges of drug violation near a school or park, distribution of a class B drug, and possession of a class D

Kevin Joseph, 23, of 268R Powderhouse Blvd., September 24, 4:27 a.m., arrested at 101 High St. on charges of threat to commit a crime, aiding escape from an officer, and disorderly

Spencer Bullock, 20, of 347 Bowdoin St., Boston, September 24, 4:27 a.m., arrested at 101 High St. on charges of dis-

Corey Bullock, 22, of 347 Bowdoin St., Boston, September 24, 4:27 a.m., arrested at 101 High St. on charges of disorderly conduct.

Robert Flagg, 19, September 24, 5:32 p.m., arrested at 84 Broadway on charges of disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Incidents:

Theft:

September 20, 1:17 p.m., police reported a theft at 4 College

September 20, 4:32 p.m., police reported a theft at 400 Somerville Ave.

September 21, 4:03 p.m., police reported a theft at Wheatland St.

September 22, 12:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Fitchburg St.

September 23, 10:19 a.m., police reported a theft at Trull St. September 23, 7:21 p.m., police reported a theft at Memorial Rd.

September 24, 2:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Calvin

September 24, 5:59 p.m., police reported a theft at Holland

September 25, 1:35 p.m., police reported a theft at Raymond Ave.

Robbery:

September 22, 3:03 p.m., police reported a robbery at Kilby St.

Breaking & Entering:

September 20, 5:04 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Warren Ave.

September 20, 8:34 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Jay St.

September 21, 1:15 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Prichard Ave.

September 21, 6:47 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Chandler St.

September 23, 3:13 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Highland Rd.

September 23, 7:32 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

September 25, 8:07 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Meacham St.

Vehicle Theft:

September 20, 1:50 p.m., po-

lice reported a vehicle theft at Putnam Rd.

September 22, 9:50 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Moreland St.

September 23, 8:40 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Walker St.

Assault:

September 20, 2:58 p.m., police reported an assault at 91 Highland Ave.

September 21, 10:51 a.m., police reported an assault at Highland Ave.

September 21, 11:09 p.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

September 22, 10:07 a.m., police reported an assault at MacArthur St.

September 24, 2:38 p.m., police reported an assault at Cen-

September 25, 2:07 p.m., police reported an assault at Wheatland St.

Drug Violation:

September 20, 6:06 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Highland Ave.

September 22, 6:18 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Oliver St.



MassDOT: McGrath on its way out

Study to de-elevate highway in motion

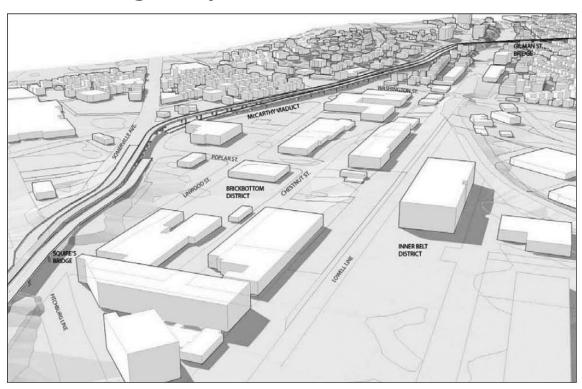
By Andrew Firestone

Representatives from the Massachusetts Department of Transportation have begun in earnest their search for a solution to the McGrath Highway question. Noting poor quality of lighting, disrepair of infrastructure, and an ultimately untenable situation for pedestrians and bikers, the beginning of the end of the elevated highway seems to be nigh.

The route 28 bridge was recently the sight of a major tragedy, when a teenaged driver crashed into the concrete barrier of the bridge. Underneath, pedestrians and bikers have long claimed that the danger-

ous network of intersections makes being anywhere near it an risky proposition. While MassDOT will spend \$14 million dollars in repairing the bridge, which is classified as being in "poor" condition, they will also spend the next decade making sure that the problem of de-elevating the highway will be mitigated in terms of its impact on the heavy traffic which travels the area every day.

Aldermen and members of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce have said that the de-elevation of the highway would serve as a useful tool in opening up the Brickbottom and Inner Belt neighborhoods of Somerville.



A long time coming: Planners are actively seeking solutions to the redevelopment of the McGrath Highway corridor question.

Data markers paint grim picture

Poverty up, graduation rate, MCAS scores down

By Andrew Firestone

Somerville was hit by a double whammy last week, when two separate test results conducted by the federal government showed signs of catastrophe. The United States census showed that over 13,000 Somervilliens, or 17 percent of the population, is living below the poverty line, according to US Census report released Sept. 22 and the Community Action Agency of Somerville (CAAS) a poverty assistance non-profit.

This comes in tandem with recent reports from Somerville public schools that the four-year graduation rate from high school is below the state average of 82.1 percent and sits at 72.6 percent. bility rate among students with- cient in both subjects across all in the many cities of the state as grades by 2014.

well as many English Language Learners requiring five years of high school according to Superintendent Tony Pierantozzi.

The percent of students who go on to get a college degree from a four-year college is up from 36 percent in 2004 to 46 percent in 2010, but still below the state average of 59 percent.

MCAS scores, which the federal government uses as a benchmark to determine funding, was a mixed bag as well. 52 percent of students were up to standards in English, and 40 percent of students in math. This is compared overall with 69 percent in English and 58 percent in Math statewide. According to results released last week.

The federal government re-This is because of the high mo-quires that all students be profi-

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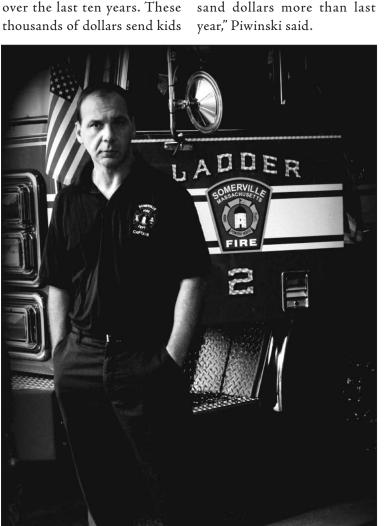
By Harry Kane

Firefighters raised 15,200 dollars this year in donations for children with Myotonic Muscular Dystrophy disease. The volunteers at Ladder 2 held a meet with MDA ambassadors and the Russell family on September 22, 2011.

Fill-The-Boot-Drive collected 100,000 thousand dollars

like 11-year old Emma Russell to a special-needs summer camp in Bedford, New Hampshire. "We send about 40 kids to our camp," said fundraising Coordinator for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, Breanne Gingerich.

Veteran Firefighters Jim Piwinski and Joe Barry coordinate the boot-drive each year. "This year we raised a thousand dollars more than last





The volunteers of Ladder 2 in Somerville worked hard this year, helping to send grateful kids with special needs to summer camp. The Russel family celebrates the achievement at the station house last Thursday.





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COMMENTARY

TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View From Prospect Hill

If the gamble pays off then Massachusetts may be the big winner.



State legislators are taking lawmakers and their conbold, and decidedly controversial steps in making the prospect of casino gambling in Massachusetts a reality. Many important factors have been examined and analyzed, and it looks like a solid majority of

stituents now stand in favor of the proposed measure.

Those who support the proposal have pointed out that nearly \$500 million in annual tax revenue is likely to be generated, along with the \$270

million in one-time licensing fees that would be a part of the plan. Additionally, something on the order of 15,000 new jobs are likely to be created in the process, which provides a huge incentive for adoption of the plan, considering how badly such jobs are needed in these times.

Nay-sayers have their concerns and some of their arguments can hold water, but overall, in weighing both the pros and cons, it is obvious that the benefits to the citizens of our state far surpass

the possible drawbacks.

The people need those jobs and state officials can no longer look them in the eye and present an acceptable excuse for denying them, nor for rejecting the massive revenue boost that will be a part of this package.

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stuff, though. Seriously, a big Happy Birthday to Bob this week as well. He's truly a great guy and is well known in the community. In these tough times for him we wish him nothing but the best. Many more Birthdays Bob, and everyone send him wishes at bobpublicover@aol.com. He loves that.

Our Publisher Donald Norton was reinducted back into Somerville Rotary this week at the regular meeting of the club at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant. Past President Paul Kaufman did the short ceremony and Donald, himself a Past President in 1991, was applauded by all present and welcomed back. Donald's sponsor was the present President herself, Jeannie Scarpa of Century Bank.

Somerville Rotary club presents its 2011 Charity Event "A Night of Comedy and Fun" October 5 at 6:30 p.m., Giggles Comedy Club, Rte. 1, Saugus (aka- The Prince Pizza- look for the leaning tower). Featuring top local comedians, a Silent Auction, Raffles, Cash bar and all you can eat Pizza and Salad \$25.00. Great time every year. If you'd like to go contact the President Jeannie Scarpa at jscarpa@centurybank.com. There are still tickets available, room for everyone.

Is technology quickly passing you by? Has that son or daughter promised to help you in getting an email account or on Facebook, pay your bills etc.? A new company is starting up here in Somerville this week, Cameleon Technology. Lots of people older and some younger would love to know how to just do simple tasks on the computer. Well, now there is group of people who will do this. It's less expensive than other companies and, better yet, you don't have to wait for little Jimmy or Mary to set this up for you. Call them today and/or see their ad this week in The News. 617-286-6344 or email cameleontechnology@gmail.com. They will also be specializing in small businesses to get them up and running on the Web, Facebook, and all the other social media programs. Their goal is to educate those who technology passed by, no matter how old.

Happy Birthday here in the 'Ville to Wilber Smith who is 99 years old this week (must be something good in the water). We're told he's a loyal Somerville News reader. Also, Happy

Birthday to a good guy, Somerville Police Officer Bob Hickey. Also this week, although a Townie, our good friend Joey Lacey who owns Jenny's Pizza in Charlestown. We wish a hamburger like he sells could be avaialable here in the 'Ville. Awesome hamburgers and you can't beat the price. While we mention some local notables here and there on their birthdays, we can't forget our good friend JoeAnne Crosby at Pat's Auto Body shop, she's a special lady.

Condolences to the family of Jay Emond. Jay recently passed away and will be missed by all those that he touched over the years.

Also, condolences to the family of Betty Ann Newcomb who passed away on Sunday after a very long and brave battle. Betty was a lovely lady.

Dog owners beware when you leave your dog alone in Ball Square because it might be missing when you return. At least that's what almost happened to one of our Newstalkers on Monday as he tied up his dog out in front of Kelly's Diner in

Ball Square for a minute or two while he was inside buying a coffee. A man walking by untied the little dog named "Coco" from the diner's railing and started walking down the street with her until he was caught red handed by the dog's owner. His only excuse when confronted with the K9 crime was that he was "only taking the dog for a walk and didn't want him to get hit buy a car" - ! Ya right!

A very Happy Anniversary to our good friends Doreen and Kenny Hanaford. We wish them all the best! Also, Doreen is celebrating her birthday here

Come on down to Golds Gym at Somerville Twin City Plaza and check out all the new changes to the place! We hear that owner Joanis is gathering the gang again for a celebration and for appreciation for their years of dedicated patronage with the gym. We will keep you up to speed when we hear more details on it, but tell them that you heard it here in The News!

In political circles, our good friend Tara DeCristofaro,

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COMMENTARY

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Somerville's immigrant professionals - Part 2



By William C. Shelton

The migration to Somerville of people who make their living as professionals continues to increase. The city now has more residents per capita with advanced academic degrees than any Massachusetts municipality other than Cambridge.

A majority still follows the pattern of remaining unengaged in community life, leaving when their children reach school age, and selling their homes at prices that only other well-paid professionals can afford. But a growing segment is committed to raising their families here and giving of themselves to their community.

In Old Somerville, there were many different ways by which people got to know each otherextended families, close-knit neighborhoods, churches, unions, fraternal organizations, benevolent associations, political party groups, civic organizations, and others. But many of these institutions that nourished community no longer exist.

So now, newcomers' engagement with the community most often begins with their kids. They involve themselves in coaching youth sports, creating playgroups, and working to improve schools.

Through these activities, they form relationships with people who have grown up here. And by pursuing shared objectives, they gradually become acquainted with broader Somerville issues, and some begin to participate in the city's political life.

When Carrie Normand met her husband, he was working in a biotech startup. They thought that their tenure in Somerville would be temporary, but when they got married, they bought a house here.

The neighbors-mostly Somerville natives-were welcoming. As Carrie says, "people looked out for each other."

Newcomer professionals who don't leave town when their kids reach school age often enroll them in the Brown School or the Choice Program. Brown has a strong academic reputation and the highest test scores in the city.

The Choice program, located in the Healy School, uses project-based, rather than traditional, teaching methods. It aims to teach critical thinking instead of just imparting knowledge. By most criteria, it achieves academic excellence.

When Carrie and her husband David opted for the Choice program, they discovered that Healy students were segregated into three tracks: a traditional school curriculum, special needs education, and Choice.

Enrollment in the more traditional track was mostly neighborhood kids, including those who live in the Mystic housing projects. Enrollment in the Choice track was mostly newcomer kids. And because their parents had formed a nonprofit organization to raise funds for the Choice program, Choice had access to richer resources.

Carrie felt that this deprived her kids of getting to know peers from diverse backgrounds. With others, she advocated for the unification of the tracks, which the School Committee approved in June 2010.

She subsequently served on the committee that produced the unification plan. Conflicts were common, and the process required participants to look at them through each other's eyes. In working together, many formed lasting bonds.

Carrie and David have chosen not just to live in Somerville, but to be Somervillians. She says, "we'll be living here until we 're too old to drive."

Maren and Michael Chiu wanted to live near the Red Line because Michael was an MIT graduate student. Like Maren and David, they came to love their neighborhood and their neighbors. They decided to put down roots here.

In earlier times, large extended families and vibrant neighborhoods ensured both that kids would learn to interact and to develop language skills from their earliest years, and that moms would not be isolated. The needs remain, even if the institutions don't.

So Maren volunteered to fa-

cilitate playgroups organized by the Somerville Family Network, wherein kids play, converse, learn crafts, sing, and share books together. These groups are also an opportunity for Old Somerville, New Somerville, and immigrant parents to get to know each other.

When winter comes and preschoolers are confined by weather, they can get a little stir crazy, making their caregivers a little crazy as well. Five years ago, Maren and some of her playgroup friends raised funds and rented a gym two mornings per week at the Boys and Girls Club.

She says, "we could have paid \$20 per hour for our kids to go to Gymboree, but we'd rather do it in our community, with out own neighbors." Today, the winter play-space is conducted at the YMCA.

Its organizers have applied some of the funds that they've raised to supporting new kids' programs at the library. These programs are free, and organizers ask for a voluntary \$1 contribution from playgroup and winter play-space participants.

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On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

What are the odds?



So, Massachusetts may get casino gambling. There may be one at Suffolk Downs. How convenient. More temptation for us hard work-

ing people to blow our money, just like Denise and Carl said.

For a while there, I was a chasing one lottery number. Then I started chasing another one and then a third. With three numbers played at 50 cents "across the board" its \$3.00 for each number. That's nine bucks a day if you play every day like I did and like most people do. It comes to \$3285.00 a year.

When I was pretty deep into it, over 20 years ago, I won around \$4,000. I never won more that two or three hundred bucks at a time after that. I don't play the daily number anymore. I get tempted though, when I see a bus with one of my old numbers on it, or a license plate, or my Stop and Shop receipt, or the amount of change I get back. If the clock says 3:07 I get a rush of adrenaline that tries to force me to play that number.

Once you have gotten into the playing the numbers, it's hard to break old habits. You see your numbers everywhere. If there is a chance you can't get your number in, you go into a nervous frenzy. When you are up to your ears in playing specific numbers, you are controlled by the lottery. I actually went from three numbers to five at one time. And to make matters worse, they started having TWO drawings, one in the morning and one later in the afternoon. Man, it's just too easy to lose your money. I remember rushing down to Hodgkin's Spa or Y-Nots to get those numbers in. God help anyone who got in my way if I was trying to beat the cutoff time for placing bets.

And never mind all of us that play scratch tickets, Mass Million, Mass cash etc. Sure, we all know of people who won \$50,000 or a million dollars on scratch tickets, but the chances are slim. To avoid personal torture, if you decide to stop playing your favorite special numbers, do not check the number in the paper or online. Forget about it, if you can.

So, they may build a huge casino complex on the Suffolk Downs site. The place where the horses I would occasionally bet on used to run. The nags I had money on finished so far behind, they had to tip toe into the stable so they wouldn't wake the

other horses up. (Thank you Henny Youngman!) The creation of jobs will be a much-needed boost to the state's employment woes, but it's going to be a huge temptation to a lot of get rich quick seekers. Remember the days when just about every bar had a resident bookie? Ah, the good old days.

Want the sensation of gambling? Do you like getting the rush of beating the odds? Here are some alternatives to betting away your hard earned dough. If you want a real gamble, try crossing College Ave at the Library around 4 p.m. Even if you have the pedestrian walk sign, cars will blow it off and run the light. If you want to take a real risk, try driving through Davis Square at 7:45 a.m. when cyclists are on your right, on your left and sometimes in the middle of the street. They force you to hold your breath while inching into the other lane of on coming traffic as you try to avoid nicking one of

Then there are the joggers who dart out of nowhere, behind parked cars, and into the crosswalk in front of your vehicle. Hey genius, we can't stop if we don't see you! That's a gamble right there. Try

walking on the sidewalk when these joggers who hog the sidewalk try to mow you down. And for pet owners, go up to Powder House Park between 6:30 and 7:30 in the morning. If you have a small dog (or a child) you can try your chances at not being harassed by an unleashed dog. You see the unleashed dog, he sees you, and the free wheeling mutt usually runs at you and scares the hell out of you. The "Yups with Pups" up there obviously feel too important to abide by the rules of the city. If you (or your dog) don't get bitten, or get into an argument with the scofflaws, you come out on top. You beat the odds.

You don't need to go to a casino to experience the thrill of betting. You like numbers? Every time I log onto my online banking site, I never know what the amount of my checking account is going to be. If it's enough to get me through the week, cool. Chase e the Lottery!

I don't need to go to a casino to experience a thrill. I am about to walk down the hall from my office to the restroom. If it is unoccupied, I win.

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



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call records local senators' votes on three roll calls from prior legislative sessions. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Denise Provost

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



Rep. Carl Sciortino

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



Rep. Timothy Toomey

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



Sen. Sal DiDomenico

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

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



Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

NEW TEACHERS PAY LESSER AMOUNT INTO RETIREMENT FUND (S 2010)

Senate 14-20, rejected an amendment that would reduce from 11 percent to 9 percent the portion of salary a newly hired teacher must pay into the retirement system in the first three years, at which point the teacher reaches professional teacher status, also known as tenure, and would pay the 11 percent.

Amendment supporters said the reduction would be an incentive for people to enter the teaching profession. They noted new teachers are paid a lot less than longtime ones and initially should not have to pay as much into the system.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is well-intentioned but only addresses a small part of a large problem. They argued the Senate must address the larger problem including the fact that the private sector pays more than the public sector. Others said this proposal would reduce the amount of money in the retirement fund to the detriment of all teachers. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment reducing a newly hired teacher's contribution from 11 percent to 9 percent. A "No" vote is against the reduction.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

TEACHERS AND UNION POSITIONS (S 2010)

Senate 34-0, approved an amendment that would provide that teachers who become part-time by taking a second job with their union still be credited with full-time service as a teacher for pension and benefits purposes. The teacher would be required to pay monthly into the retirement fund the amount he or she would have contributed had he or she been teaching full-time.

Amendment supporters said under current law, only teachers who stop teaching and take a full-time job with the union are eligible for the full-time credits and benefits for that time period. They argued teachers who teach part-time and work for the union should have the same opportunities as teachers who decide to work full-time for their union. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

USE SURPLUS REVENUE FOR RETIREES (S

2010)

Senate 34-0, approved an amendment that would require when the state or local pension fund becomes solvent, any surplus be used for the benefit of the retirees.

Amendment supporters said this would ensure that any eventual surplus is not returned back to the state or local communities. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment.)

Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ALIMONY CHANGES (S 1989) - The House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Deval Patrick a bill making major changes in the state's alimony laws including allowing some alimony payments to be reduced, suspended or terminated upon the payer reaching the full age of retirement or the remarriage or cohabitation of the recipient.

It also bases the duration of payments on the number of years the couple was married. For marriages of five years or less, the maximum alimony term would be 50 percent of the number of the months of marriage; 5 to 10 years would be 60 percent; 10 to 15 years would be 70 percent; 15 to 20 years would be 80 percent; and more than 20 years would be up to the judge and could be mandated indefinitely.

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

WEST NILE VIRUS - The House gave initial approval to a bill requiring the commissioner of the Department of Public Health, when issuing public health warnings about the dangers to humans associated with the West Nile Virus, to include all known risks to pregnant women.

LIMIT NEW DOCTORS' HOURS OF WORK (S

1142) - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on legislation that would create an Advisory Council for Resident-Physicians to study and make recommendations about limiting the work hours of resident-physicians in Massachusetts hospitals.

Supporters point to studies showing that overworked residents make major medical mistakes that cost lives.

Opponents say the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Board of Directors already approved new regulations for residents based on "recommendations made by the Institute of Medicine in 2008 and evidence collected during a 16-month review of the scientific literature on sleep issues, patient safety and resident training."

MAKE SEX ED OPTIONAL IN SCHOOLS (H

155) - The Education Committee held a hearing on a measure that would mandate all sex education courses in local schools be offered on a strictly elective basis and require written parental permission in order for a student



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to participate. Current law allows schools to make sex education a part of the regular curriculum but permits parents to exempt their children with written notice to the principal.

The proposal would give parents five school days advance notice, an opportunity to review the materials used in the course and the option to ask teachers and administrators questions about the course.

Supporters said many parents are not involved enough in their child's education and would not know that they have the right to opt out of the sex education class.

Opponents said appropriate sex education is important and argued the current system is fair and works well.

INMATES PAY \$5 FEE (H 483) - The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on a bill that would allow county sheriffs to require prison inmates to pay the state up to \$5 per day to defray the cost of incarceration. The sheriffs would also be able to charge inmates \$5 for any medical or dental visits and prescription eyeglasses and \$3 for prescription drugs.

Inmates who could not afford the fees would have an outstanding bill when they leave prison. The bill would be forgiven if the inmate stays out of jail for two years.

Supporters of the fee said it is time that criminals share a small portion of the financial burden of room and board and other services. They noted there are a lot of prisoners who enter prison with money which is then put in their canteen fund to buy personal items and candy. They argued that the proposal would raise up to \$120 million in much-needed revenue.

Opponents of the fee said the proposal is misguided and mean-spirited and argued that the revenue from this program would amount to less than the cost of administering it. Some argued the burden of paying the fees would be shifted to the families of inmates.

MANDATE COVERAGE - The Financial Services Committee held a hearing on proposals that would require all health insurance companies to include coverage for scalp hair prosthesis (S 417), Lyme disease treatment (H 329) and acupuncture treatment (H 3519).

VOTER ID AT POLLING PLACES - The Elections Laws Committee held a hearing on several proposals that would require voters to show identification at their polling places in order to be allowed to vote.

Supporters said it is illogical that all voters are not required to show identification prior to voting and noted that 24 other states have laws requiring IDs. They argued that people cannot cash a check, rent a car, rent a DVD or even enter some government buildings without showing an ID.

Opponents said the amendment would disenfranchise thousands of voters including people who do not have a current address because they are in a homeless shelter or domestic violence facility. Others said there have been no widespread reports of voter fraud in Massachusetts.

BAN FREE MBTA RIDES FOR EMPLOYEES (H

2644) - The Transportation Committee held a hearing on a proposal that would ban free rides on all MBTA trains, subways and buses for all MBTA employees unless they are on duty.

Supporters said the T should not be allowing this unnecessary perq when it faces a \$160 million projected budget shortfall.

Opponents said the free ride is one of the negotiated benefits that were given in exchange for unions foregoing pay hikes and other benefits.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"You got me." - Gov. Patrick caught driving to work from his Milton home on the first day of Car-Free Week designed by the Patrick-Murray Administration to encourage residents to "leave their cars in the driveway and try bicycling, walking, public transit, carpooling, or vanpooling."

"It's ridiculous." - Senate President Therese Murray on rumors she will soon resign. She said she intends to serve as Senate President until 2015, when term limits will prevent her from running for the position again.

"Keiko Orrall will join the growing Republican Caucus in their fight to clean up Beacon Hill." - State Republican Party Chairman Jennifer Nassour on the victory of Republican Keiko Orrall in the special election to fill an open House seat held by a Democrat for more than 30 years. The seat opened up in June when former Rep. Stephen Canessa, a New Bedford Democrat, resigned to take a post at Southcoast Health Systems. The victory increases the GOP's numbers in the 160-member House to

33. In the November 2010 election, Republicans more than doubled their numbers from 15 to 32.

"This is the beginning, not the end." - Attorney General Martha Coakley on the indictment of former Probation Commissioner John O'Brien and Scott Campbell, former Chief of Staff to former State Treasurer Tim Cahill. The pair is charged with conspiring to organize a campaign fundraiser for Cahill in 2005 in return for a job at the Massachusetts State Lottery for O'Brien's wife.

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 19-23, the House met for a total of one hour and eight minutes while the Senate met for a total of 20 minutes.

Mon. September 19 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:12 a.m.

Tues. September 20 No House session

No Senate session

Wed. September 21 No House session.

No Senate session

Thurs. September 22 House 11:02 a.m. to 11:56 a.m.

Senate 1:06 p.m. to 1:17 p.m.

Fri. September 23 No House session

No Senate session

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What the Fluff? It's a Community!

By Tiffani M. Morale

Despite the inklings of a downpour, the annual Fluff festival drew a huge crowd. The gray sky did not break the spirit of the festive, who flocked to Union Square this Saturday in celebration of Fluff. That's right, for those of you who don't know, Archibald Query of Somerville invented Marshmallow Fluff back in 1917, so in honor of his tasty invention the Union Square Main Streets organization brought back the seventies.

The swanky retro entertainment lineup, equipped with dj and fashion show, had the crowd dancing in the street. The crowd got into the spirit with costumes and hair dos imitating either fluff or the seventies disco era. Select local vendors purveyed some fluff related treats as well as their own house specials.

 $Among \ them \ was \ the \ Somerville \ High \ School's \ music \ department.$ The department, consisting of Band, Chorus and Orchestra, used the Fluff Festival as a platform to raise money and awareness for their school's music program. Carrying signs and breaking out into impromptu dance circles brought attention to their \$2 Fluffernutter sandwiches, as well as support for student activities, field trips and transportation.

Andrew Blickenderfer, the program's orchestra director, pointed out that the school's mission statement encourages the students to participate in community and said that, "The High School is very lucky to have been picked as one of the vendors for this year's Fluff Festival."

Co-Director of the music program Beverly Mosey said, "Somerville has some of the most talented students and it is because Somerville supports the arts. The music program is very fortunate to have the support of the community."

Many speculated that this was by far the largest crowd for this festival to date. With the success of the Fluff Festival 2011, it may already be time to prepare for next year.























Photos by Michael Merline

SOMERVILLE SPORTS

SHS Freshman Volleyball wins

The Somerville High School and great defense. Freshman Girls Volleyball team enjoyed another victory this week, this time against Malden.

The Highlanders won in two sets with scores of 25-17 and 25-18.

Serves were important in the first match with Freshman Alba Haxmihali having eight service points and Freshman Kathlyn Almeida having six service points. The Highlanders ran away with the match with serves

The second match was a combined effort. Defense was key and the Lady Highlanders played well returning some great serves from the Malden team. Naticha Lewis, Cheyanna Grant-Johnson, and Cassandra Paiva were key defenders in the second match. The Highlanders record is now 3-1 with wins against Cambridge, Haverhill, and Malden.

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- 1. During World War II, what common device did the citizens of Norway adopt as symbol of Nazi resistance?
- 2. How did the astronauts on the Gemini space flights add water to the powdered Tang and freeze-dried foods they carried with them?
- 3. The mythical creature called the Griffin is made up of what two animals?
- 4. What is the highest first play filmed? mountain in the Alps?
- the island in Paris where Bedloe's Island? Notre Dame is found?
- 6. What is the name of a standard gold bar at the novel that Simon Fort Knox?

- Legree is the villain in?
- 7. What is the name of the capital that is located on the Spree River?
- 8. What do we call a row of crows?
- 9. According to Celtic legend, what Saint discovered America a thousand years before Columbus?
- 10. What was the name of Tennessee Williams'
- 11. What island in the 5. What is the name of U.S. used to be called
 - 12. What is the weight of

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16th Annual Somerville 5K Road Race





The Somerville Homeless Coalition is holding its annual 5K Road Race on Saturday, October 1, with a 9 a.m. start. Proceeds benefit SHC programs. For more information and to register go to www.shcinc.org.

Saturday Children's Swimming Lessons

Levels 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$, 2, 3, 4	V	Vaterbabie	S
■ 10:30-11am Level 1	9-9:30	INFANTS	(6-18 mo.)
■ 10:15-11am Levels 1 ½, 2, 3, 4	9:30-10	TODDLERS	(18-36 mo.)
■ 11:15-11am Levels 1 ½, 2, 3, 4	10-10:30	ADVANCED	(18 mo 4 yrs.)
■ 11:30-12pm Level 1	12-12:30	ADVANCED	(18 mo 4 yrs.)

Saturdays	Session 2-Fall October 1- December 3, 2011	
Registration for Somerville Residents	Saturday, September 10th beginning at 1pm On 9/10/11 registration will occur from 12:00pm-3:30pm	
Registration for Non-Somerville Residents	Monday , September 19th beginning at 3pm.	
Class #1	October 1	
Class #2	October 15	
Class #3	October 22	
Class #4	October 29	
Class #5	November 5	
Class #6	November 19	
Class #7	December 3	
Make-Up Day In case of snow-related or other cancellations	December 10	

Fees:

Somerville Residents Non-Somerville Residents

Once registration begins for you, you may register during the following office hours:

Monday-Thursday 3-8:30pm September ONLY October 2011-June 2012 Monday-Thursday 3-5pm & 6-8:30p

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HONK! if you like to smile awhile

trumpets bray this weekend in Somerville as the 6th annual HONK! festival hits Davis Square commencing on Friday, September 30 at sundown and running through Monday, October 3.

The fun-filled, slightly subversive street celebration brings brass, drums, and almost anything that can make a happy noise together to march and make merriment fit for the entire family.

The event kicks off at Johnny D's Uptown on Friday night (10 p.m.) with Revolutionary Snake Ensemble, joined by an impressive guest roster of HONK! band members.

The honking goes full bore on Saturday in Davis Square with up to thirty or more street bands from near and far performing outdoors for free. An opening ceremony will be held at noon in 7 Hills Park, with music following, performed throughout Davis Square, from 1-9 pm. At this writing the following bands will be participating during the day on Saturday, listed in alphabetical order: AfroBrazil, Brass Balagan, Brass Messengers, Bread and Puppet Theater Circus Band, Caka!ak Thunder, Carnival Band, Chaotic Insurrection Ensemble, Detroit Party Marching Band, Dirty Water Brass Band, DJA-Rara, Emperor Norton's Stationary March-Band, Environmental Encroachment, Expandable Brass Band, Extraordinary Rendition Band, Factory Seconds, Forward!/Milwaukee Molotov Marchers, Hungry March Band, Leftist Marching Band, Minor Mishap Marching Band, Open Hand Orchestra, Rude Mechan-

The brass will crash and the ical Orchestra, Second Line Social Aid & Pleasure Society Brass Band, Seed and Feed Marching Abominable, Springville All Star Marching Band, Titanium Sporkestra, To Be Named Later Brass Band, What Cheer? Brigade, and Young Fellaz.

> On Sunday the HONK! Parade to Reclaim the Streets for Horns, Bikes and Feet takes to the streets.

> The theme for this year's Parade is SHARE - sharing the road, sharing skills, resources, and the upbeat HONK! spirit. Led by the Mayors of Somerville and Cambridge, the parade will feature all the HONK! bands, plus the Bread & Puppet Theater, the impromptu "community band," and many local arts and community organizations, such as Green Streets Initiative, Bikes Not Bombs, 350.org, Open Air Circus, Puppeteers Cooperative, Livable Streets, and Sprout. The parade assembles at 11 a.m., and the route starts in Davis Square, Somerville, at noon, making its way to Harvard Square's Oktoberfest celebration in Cam-

On Monday the HONK!-sters go academic as they present a symposium ("HONK! and Education Symposium: Share the Knowledge") at Harvard University's HGSE - Gutman Library (lower level) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The festivities wind down Monday afternoon as bands play at Boys and Girls Clubs around the greater Boston area.

Always a crowd pleaser, the HONK! festival is a sure cure for the post-summertime blues. Visit http://honkfest.org for full details.



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Somerville's immigrant professionals - Part 2 **CONT. FROM PG 9**

Maren's kids have aged out of these programs, but she continues to participate and recruit other volunteers.

David Zracket has also lived in Somerville since he was in graduate school. He says, "We knew from the get-go that Somerville was where we wanted to raise our kids, and I've never been one to stand on the sidelines."

Indeed, as soon as his older son came of age, David brought him to play T ball. The next year, David signed up for littleleague coaching. He feels fortunate that the coach whom he was assigned to assist was Sean Sullivan, a Somerville native. He learned an enormous amount from Sean, both about coaching, and about Somerville.

Sean coaches little league and soccer and is about to start coaching Pop Warner football. He tells me that the motto he applies to all endeavors is "Try hard, learn a lot, and have fun."

A small minority of newcomers forgets that little league coaching is about the kids; they focus too much on winning. But he says that David had the right attitude.

After coaching for a few years, David was elected to the Little League Board of Directors, where he's learned a lot from what he calls the "tribal knowledge" of guys who grew up here. As with almost any organization, tensions are inevitable. But they don't tend to fall along old-timer/newcomer lines. David says, "We're guys. We yell at each other and then we go out for a beer."

I wanted to tell you about Alec Resnick who, upon graduating from MIT, started Sprout & Co., an innovative educational organization for Somerville kids of all ages. But I'm running out of space, and Sprout is so interesting that it's worth a column by itself.

Alec, Carrie, Maren, and David are a few of the newcomer professionals who have chosen to give of themselves to our community. Even as we benefit from their contributions, we continue to lose families who comprise the fabric of our community.

Next time, I want to look at whether there's anything that we can do to keep them here. Until then, try hard, learn a lot, and have fun.



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

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

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.

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

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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The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission shall hold a Public Hearing on Tues. Oct. 18, 2011 at 6:40 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall regarding a proposed demolition of the house at 92 Properzi Way, submitted by Applicant: Moshe Safdie

The subject of the hearing will be a review of the SHPC's initial determination that Under section 4.2 of the Demolition Review Ordinance #2003-05, the house is considered "significant", Public testimony followed by discussion and a vote by the Commission will be taken on whether the building should be "preferably preserved" per section 4.3. For further information, please contact the Commission's Staff via (617) 625-6600 x2525 or Kchase@ci.somerville.ma.us

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

PLANNING DIVISION

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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 Published in Somerville News on 9/21/11 & 9/28/11.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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

Flexible Spending Account Plan Administration Services

The Request for Proposals (RFP) may be obtained via e-mail or in person from the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after Monday, September 26, 2011. Separately sealed Price and Non-Price Proposals will be received at the above office until Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 11:00 a.m., at which time sealed non-price proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

or information and proposal pac Allen by e-mail amallen@somervillema.gov or by phone as indicated below.

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

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The following abandoned and/or junked motor vehicles will be disposed of or sold, any questions regarding this matter please contact Pats Towing. Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm Tel: 617-354-4000, Fax: 617-623-4287

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1999	Mitsubishi	Gallant	Vin# 4A3AA46L4XE024404
2000	Dodge	Intrepid	Vin# 2B3HD76V1YH422533
1994	Toyota	Corolla	Vin# JT2AE09B4R0052439
1999	Ford	Explorer	Vin# 1FMDU34E3XZB16274
2002	Toyota	Camry	Vin# 4T1BF32K42U021659

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** RFP # 12-23

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

Environmental Remediation Services

Emergency Response and Immediate Response Action Support Services

An request for proposals (RFP) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: Wednesday, Septembr 28, 2011. Sealed proposals will be received at the above office until: Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 11:00 AM at which time sealed proposals will be opened. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for one year, from November 1, 2011 through October 31, 2011 with two one-year options to renew. The renewal options are at the discretion of the Purchasing Director, City of Somerville.

Prevailing wage rates apply to this contract.

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

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

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Somerville Building Owners With 60 Units New Construction or Rehabilitation

You may be eligible to participate in the Somerville Housing Authority Leased Housing Department's Project Based Voucher (PBV) Section 8 initiative

The Criteria for Selection Include:

- The building and the apartments when completed must meet federal Housing Quality Standards as defined by HUD at 24 CFR part 5, subsection G.
- Project must consist of one bedroom units to address current waiting list needs.
- The project must be consistent with the SHA's long-term affordable housing goals.
- The project is otherwise in compliance with all HUD and SHA PBV requirements and the number of units requested is consistent with current PBV RFP requirements.
- The building owner must be otherwise eligible as detailed in this application for participation.
- The housing site must be consistent with the deconcentration goals stated in this application and in the SHA's PHA plan and with civil rights laws and regulations, including HUD's rules on accessibility at 24 CFR 8.4.
- No more than 25% of the units in a building may receive PBV assistance. Three categories of housing are automatically exempt from this requirement:
- Units in a single-family building, defined as any building with 1-4
- Units that will house elderly and/or disabled households.
- Units that will house families receiving supportive services

Rent subsidy contracts are available for up to 15 years. Note: Payments under any contract are subject to the future availability of appropriations and the availability of funding under the HUD Annual Contributions Contract. The Housing Authority maintains a waiting list of applicants for Section 8 subsidy that would be used to refer prospective tenants for currently vacant apartments or for designated apartments that become vacant. The SHA's Project Based Voucher Administrative Plan amendment is an attachment to the RFP and the full Administrative Plan is available for viewing at the SHA at the address listed below.

The Housing Authority may initially award up to 60 vouchers for project based Section 8 funding. A Request for Proposal may be made to the Somerville Housing Authority at (617) 625-1152 or by

Mailing Address: Somerville Housing Authority Attn. Linda DeProfio Leased Housing Department 30 Memorial Road Somerville, MA 02145



Only applications submitted in response to this advertisement will be considered for participation in this program and all applications submitted must be received no later November 12, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

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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 approximately150 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

PROMULGATED: August 25, 2011 ADVERTISED: September 14, 2011 September 21, 2011 September 28, 2011 EFFECTIVE: October 6, 2011

MATTHEW DIAS, ACTING DIRECTOR

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

Docket No. MI 11P4211GD

NOTICE AND ORDER:

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor

In the interest of: Adriana R. Furtado

Of: Somerville, $\mathbf{M}\mathbf{A}$.

NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

1. Hearing Date / Time: A hearing on a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 09/01/2011 by

Tina R. Ramsey Stephen R. Ramsey of Somerville, MA of Somerville, MA

will be held 10/07/2011 9:00 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing

Located

at 208 Cambridge St. Cambridge, MA 02141

2. Response to Petition: you may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

- Counsel for the Minor: The minor (or an adult on the behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.
- **4. Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interest.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled . If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

Date: September 2, 2011

Tara E. De Cristofaro Register of Probate

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MPO approves \$490M for transit projects CONT. FROM PG 1

they don't have a state bond cap that's high enough to get the green line project yet."

Mayor Joseph Curtatone said in a statement that he was pleased that the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), had approved bonding. "The important thing from Somerville's perspective is that the TIP has hundreds of millions in designated funds that will help the project break ground and ensure that new stations are getting built. This is a major commitment from the State."

Somerville officials and legislators have pushed the state for a quicker and more solid schedule following an announcement of delay for the project to 2018-2020. While they say the approval of the bonds shows signs that they are going to cooperate, Zamore said that it wasn't enough as it relied upon federal funding that might be cut from the budget.

"If they should get federal New Starts funding, then the state will not have to come up with anymore money," said Zamore. "But in the meantime, the state does have to raise bond allocation," he said, to meet the \$1.2 billion dollar price tag

of the project."

"It's not a legal situation right now," he said implying that the lack of concrete funding and planning did not take the state to a level where they meet their legal obligation under the 2005 lawsuit by the Conservation Law Foundation.

"What they've stepped up to is significant, but it just does not meet up to the letter of federal regulations," he said.

"Everyone recognizes it will take more money than just what is in the TIP to complete the Green Line extension," said Curtatone. "Yet a large part of that is because the federal contribution to the project has yet to be determined. That may take some time to lock in, but in the meantime there are more than ample funds to get the project underway."

The Green Line Extension was presented as a solution to mitigate pollution during the beginning phases of the Big Dig almost 23 years ago.

"The problem is, in the last four years, their expected completion date has moved out eight years. So they're actually moving backwards two years for every real-time year that elapses. That's not something

that is going to deliver the project," said Zamore.

Zamore, who closely follows the project, said that the state and their planning team for the project had not lived up to the promise of bringing the GLX to Somerville and saw their failure as a lack of understanding for the basics of their initiative.

"I don't even think they've compared their own manpower and resource-spending to the other good light-rail projects that have been done in this country for the last 10, 20 years. I just think they're working in vacuum here and that's not a good way to work," he said. "There's lots of cities in the United States that successfully built light-rail projects that didn't have the transit base that we have, some of them built both ahead of schedule and under-budget."

When asked about the possibility of Secretary of Transportation Richard Davey asking the state legislature for more bonds to fund the project fully, an act he has stated he will not do, Zamore said it was a no-brainer.

"Well, he doesn't have a choice," he said. "He has to."

Once Governor Deval Patrick signs on, these funds can be used.

City ordinance to challenge constitution? CONT. FROM PG 1

"In order to survive a challenge under the Privileges and Immunities clause there must be a showing that non-residents must somehow be shown to be a peculiar source of the 'evil' at which the statute is aimed," said Grossfield. He added that this could only be done using sophisticated and penetrating economic research.

The aldermen debated the pros and cons of passing an ordinance that exempted all out-of-state workers, which would be applicable to passage immediately, as it would not violate the fourteenth amendment. This is how the city of Cleveland for one was able to use such an ordinance to foster local jobs.

Stern said that the situation was not as open-and-shut as it might appear to the solicitor's office. "If you're passing this ordinance in Philadelphia, but you're looking across the river to New Jersey, maybe the huge amount of competition is going to

come from out-of-staters," he said. He noted that Massachusetts was located to foster jobs for commuting workers from New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

The choice, if such an ordinance would be considered for passage, would be to either go all out, not exempting out-of-state workers from the calculation, such as in San Francisco, or to avoid such a possibly lossituation and exempt out-of-state workers from the ordinance. Similar ordinances have been found to be unconstitutional in Massachusetts within the last decade, including Lowell in 2001, and Worcester in 2002, both of which had their ordinances revoked.

"Now you can craft an ordinance that falls in between these two extremes. If you do so, I agree, the more information that you have to support the proposition that promoting local hiring is addressing a serious problem of the city and pro-

moting it in specifically with respect to out-of-staters," said Stern.

"I don't think that you have to find that the out-of-staters are the particular evil, but I think if you find that they are part of the problem, and that an important way to remedy that is to include them in, the ordinance can pass muster."

The ordinance would only apply to City or State funds, and could not include projects that use federal funds, such as funds from the stimulus programs, as those are mandated to be used without restrictions.

BOA president Rebekah Gewirtz said she supported the ordinance, but noted that they board and committee needed to be "very careful about how this is crafted."

Debate for the ordinance, and possibly initiating such a study to prove the economic hurdles faced by local laborers in competition with out-of-state workers, was tabled until next committee meeting.

City of Somerville Inspectional Services Department Stop Work Orders

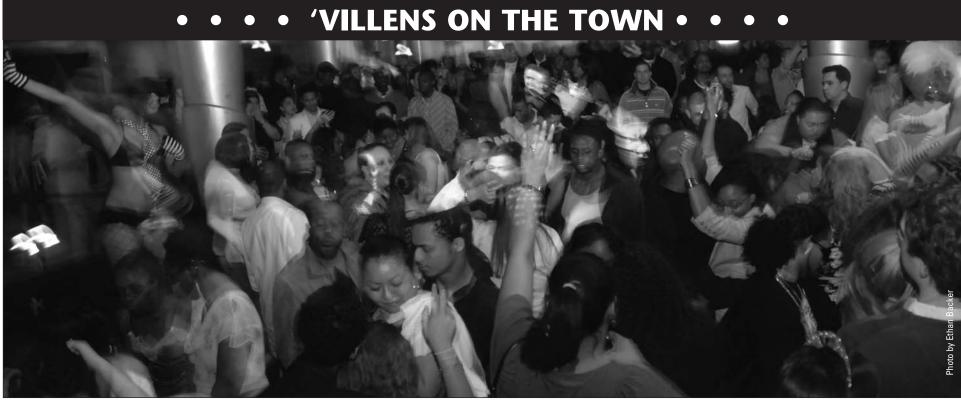
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Stop work orders are posted on properties by city officials to indicate that all work on a property stop immediately.

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70 Elmwood Street	31 Grant Street	15 Houghton Street	102 line Street
70 Pearl Street	3 Pinckney Street	9 Gordon Street	47 Whitman Street
44 Minnesota Avenue	45 Florence Street	32 Robinson Street	292 Beacon Street
41 Wisconsin Avenue	32 Fellsway West	138 Orchard Street	420 Medford Street
17 Gilman Terrace	9 Garfield Avenue	38 Robinson Street	





FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday | September 28

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

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

Thursday | September 29

Central Library

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

Friday | September 30

Central Library

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

Saturday October 1

Central Library

Saturday Afternoon Family Film: Godzilla vs. the Sea Monster 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Monday October 3

East Branch Library

How Many Pounds of Pumpkin? 115 Broadway

Central Library

Sing Along with Steve Mayone 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m|79 Highland

Tuesday October 4

West Branch Library

Preschool Storytime 11a.m. - 11:30 a.m.|40 College

Wednesday October 5

East Branch Library

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

West Branch Library

Babygarten

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

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Wednesday | September 28

Klezwoods|Elephant Wrecking

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

wang Em High|The Darlings|The Satanic Lounge Syndicate 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

On The Hill Tavern

Sports Trivia 499 Broadway 617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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 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

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

Rosebud Bar 381 Summer St

11 Bow St. 617-623-0000

Thursday | September 29

Doug Wamble|Sinem 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Tom Hagerty Acoustic Band |6

p.m.

Stan Martin & The Honkytonk Heroes |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

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

PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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Bull McCabe's Pub

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Bloc 11

11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

PJ Ryan's

Live Music

239 Holland St|617-625-8200

Ioshua 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.

Arts at the Armory

Fil Campbell

7p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave.

Friday | September 30 Johnny D's

The Gourds|Pat Sweany|Honk All

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Frank Drake Band|6 p.m. Grain Elevator 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

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Wednesday October 5

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CLASSES AND GROUPS 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

Thursday | September 29

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 Sql 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 October 1

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 October 2

Third Life Studio

Belly Dance Fundamentals with Nadira Jamal

Noon- 1 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Unity Church of God

Family Groups 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

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Enter upstairs, meeting is in basement.

Monday October 3

East Branch Library

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

Central Library

Chess Night

7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Third Life Studio

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

Tuesday | October 4

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

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Wednesday October 5

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PLACES

News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

the Register of Probate, is having a fundraiser on Wednesday, October 19, at the Montvale Plaza. Contact Jerry for RSVP: 781-866-1451. Tara and her entire family are usually there. We are great fans of her and her family. After all, don't forget that her husband is from Somerville himself.

We are sorry to hear that another local business has closed. We heard that Gar-

goyles has closed. They were located in Davis Square. A lot of businesses are having problems and it's a shame. We continue to lose private sector workers. We need to support local businesses more than ever now.

Stan and Gay Koty's daughter Ali and her new husband Mark Fernandes married last week. We were told a great time was had by all with many local

celebrities present. We also were sad to hear that Stan and Gay's long time summer home in Falmouth burned down a week ago just before the wedding. A lot of memories were made in that home over the past 20 or so years. We wish them well in rebuilding.

It still isn't late to register for Night School in Somerville. Know any teenagers learning to drive that need to take Drivers Ed?

Maybe you know a high school student who needs to make up an academic course. How about a sewing, computer or a cooking course to spice up your life? Night school may just have what you are looking for. It's not too late. You can register this week. Most courses cost \$150 and may have a book or materials fee. All classes take place up at: Somerville High School, 81 Highland Avenue, Tuesday and Thursday nights 6-9 p.m. Register September 29 at 5:45 p.m.

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1. The paper clip - worn on their collar to signify they

2. They used a high-tech water pistol called a rehydration gun to inject water into a plastic pouch containing their food

were bound together

against Nazi occupation

3. A lion and an eagle

4. Mont Blanc

5. Ile de la Cite

6. Uncle Tom's Cabin

7. Berlin - the river runs through the center of the 8. It is called a murder of crows

Answers

9. St. Brendan

10. The Glass Menagerie

11. Liberty Island

12. 27.5 pounds



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Clash of the sonic titans

An evening with Klezwoods and Elephant Wrecking Ball

By Jim Clark

The stage at Jonnny D's Uptown in Davis Square has served as host to a widely diverse range of musical and performance styles through the years, but an even higher level of uniqueness may be achieved this week as two of the area's most idiosyncratic and engaging groups join forces to bring Somerville a taste of their own especially mellifluous merriment.

Klezwoods, which blends traditional Klezmer and Balkan music with modern grooves, improvisation, and an East Coast attitude, will be sharing the stage with Elephant Wrecking Ball, an unorthodox trombone fronted trio with a powerful and organic sound that must be experienced to be believed. Additionally, the audience will be treated to belly dancing by Cassandra, from Boston, and Hybrid, from Port-

land, Oregon.

Every player in Klezwoods comes from a different background, which creates the band's unique sound and style. They originally got their start some years back when local Cambridge haunt, Atwood's Tavern, asked soon-to-be-bandleader Joseph Kessler to put together a group of Klezmer musicians during Christmas time for a "Klezmer Christmas" event. Thus, Klezwoods was born, and continues to captivate audiences all over the world.

Kessler, who has worked with the Robert Plant and Jimmy Page on their No Quarter reunion tour, as well as alternative favorite Morphine, describes Klezwoods' music as "music of the Ottoman Empire."

Accordionist and co-founder Michael McLaughlin is a faculty member at Tufts, where he serves a pianist, accordionist,



 $Klezwoods\ will\ rock\ Johnny\ D's\ Uptown\ Wednesday\ night, Ottoman\ Empire\ style.$

arranger, and composer for the Klezmer ensemble Shirim and the experimental Klezmer group Naftule's Dream. He is the recipient of a Massachusetts Cultural Council Artist Grand Award in composition for 2001.

The other members of Klezwoods put their extraordinary expertise in ethnic modalities and overall creativity into play: Becky Wexler on clarinet; Sam Dechenne on trumpet (also a member of John Brown's Body); Dan Linden on trombone; Tev Stevig on guitar; Greg Loughman on bass; Jim Gray on tuba; Grant Smith and Jeremy Gustin on drums; and Brian O'Neill on percussion round out the inventive ensemble.

Klezwoods' latest CD release Oy Yeah! has been garnering rave reviews and will be available for purchase at the performance on Wednesday night, and it is additionally available for downloading. Check out their Web site at www.klezwoods.com for more band information and to purchase the CD online.

Elephant Wrecking Ball, who will be opening the evening's entertainment, say that they "perform music utilizing unique, scientific tones of fully cosmic

demolition, and are influenced by everything from death metal to heavy dub." Comprised of Scott Flynn (of John Brown's Body) on trombone - aided faithfully by a formidable collection of several effects pedals, Dan Africano on bass, and Neal 'Fro!' Evans on drums, their style is brash, bold, and ultimately entertaining.

The festivities begin at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 28, at Johnny D's Uptown, 17 Holland St., Davis Sq., Somerville. Tickets are just \$10. Come out for a singularly satisfying evening of sonic proportions. You'll be glad you did.



Elephant Wrecking Ball is ready to soften up the room.

Zoé Dance Company brings its art to town

By Michelle Cooper

Dancing has always been a passion for Callie Chapman, Choreographer and Artistic Director of Zoé Dance Company. The company has been active since 2002, although Chapman herself has been dancing since she was three. She grew up in Lynn, MA, and attended school at Boston Conservatory receiving her Bachelors of Fine Arts in Dance.

Chapman married and moved to Somerville two years ago. She says she chose Somerville because "it is well cultured and easily accessible to everything". Her work has also earned her the Somerville Arts council's artist fellowship in 2009. When she is not working on her choreography she is developing marketing design at the Boston Dance Alliance and also dances for Prometheus Dance in Cambridge.

Last year her company performed in Union Square with a stage they borrowed from Boston Dance Company. They love to give such performances and the only place they could do it with the required space and in line with their budget was outside, in Union Square.

She and her company recently preformed a dance inspired by the 1973 Chilean coup entitled "LEFT." Her inspiration is her husband, who is Chilean. She picked this particular time period to express what Chile and the U.S had been through at this time. The project took nine months to create and her company finally had the chance to perform it this past September 9-11. They will be performing it again January 22-23, 2012 at 8 p.m. at the Oberon in Harvard Square.

To view videos and stay informed on upcoming events go to: www.zoedance.org.



Based in Somerville, Zoé Dance Company is spreading its wings in celebration of the art of movement.



SCAT Program Schedule for the Week

Wednesday, Sept	tember 28	4:00pm	Improv Toolkit with Nadira Jamal	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	1:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority
12:00am	Free Speech TV	5:00pm	Ablevision	10:00am	Tele Galaxie	2:00pm	Thom Hartmann Program
6:00am	The Arabic Hour	5:30pm	Somerville: Most Interesting Places	11:00am	Dead Air Live Show	3:00pm	Robyn & Max Exercise
7:00am	Dispelling Drug Myth	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV	12:00pm	Reeling, The Movie Review	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
8:00am	Democracy Now!	7:00pm (LIVE)	Tele Magazine	12:30pm	Somerville Housing Authority	4:00pm	Art @SCATV
9:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:30pm	Somerville Rocks	1:00pm (LIVE)	Bongoman	4:30pm	A Healer in Every House
10:00am	Abugida TV	8:00pm (LIVE)	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2:00pm	"As You Like It" ASP	5:00pm	Cultural Club
11:00am	Somerville News Reading	9:30pm	Physician Focus	5:00pm	Tele Kreyol	5:30pm	Talking About Somerville
12:00noon	Democracy Now!	10:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	6:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	Al Jazeera TV
1:00pm	The Struggle	11:00pm Low	ell 30th Banjo & Fiddle Competition	7:00pm	Mystic Community Picnic	7:00pm	Discovering Justice
1:30pm	Talk About Somerville	Friday, Septemb	er 30	9:00pm	Nossa Gente e Costumes	7:30pm	The Commonwealth Report
2:00pm	Thom Hartman show	12:00am	Free Speech TV	10:00pm	Wrestling Talk	8:00pm	Right Here, Right Now
3:00pm (LIVE)	Medical Tutor	6:00am	Live Response	11:00pm	Sonic Lobotomy	8:30pm	Steve Katsos Show
3:30pm	Tribuna Medica	7:00am	Recovery Roundtable	Sunday, October		·	Dedilhando A Saudade
4:00pm	Life Matters	8:00am	Democracy Now!	12:00am	Free Speech TV	9:00pm	
4:30pm	Healthy Hypnosis	9:00am	The Truth About Drugs	6:00am	Rompendo em Fe	10:00pm	Bate Papo con Shirley
5:00pm	CommonSense	9:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	7:00am	Vida Na TV	11:00pm	Visual Radio
5:30pm	Healer in Every House	10:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00am	In Season, Out of Season	Tuesday, October 4	Francisco de TV
6:00pm	Al Jazeera	11:30am	Back In The Day	8:30am	Healer in Every Home	12:00am	Free Speech TV
7:00pm (LIVE)	Chita Tande	12:00noon	Democracy Now!	9:00am	Heritage Baptist Church	6:00am	Emerging Drug Trends
8:00pm (LIVE)	Somerville Pundits	1:00pm	The Expert Series	10:00am	Christian Assemble Tab.	7:00pm	Perils For Pedestrians
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9:30pm (LIVE)	The Freemont Show	3:30pm	Jojo's Dreamcart	12noon	Somerville Housing Auth.	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
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7:00am	Know Your Rights	8:00pm	Visual Radio	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	3:30pm	Active Aging
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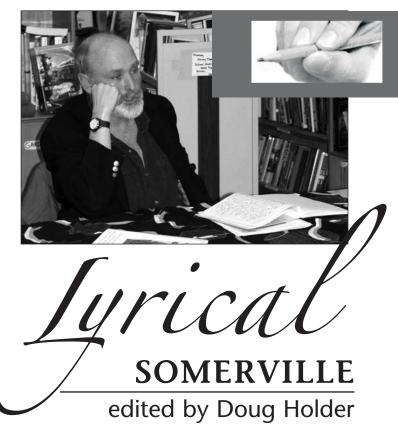
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Athena, in Greek Mythology, is the goddess of wisdom, courage, inspiration, civilization, warfare, strength, strategy, female arts, crafts, justice and skill. Somerville singer, songwriter Jennifer Matthews sent us a poem in tribute to this ancient deity. By the way, Matthews is back in Somerville after a long trek in Alaska, New Mexico, Austin, Texas and Europe. She is recording a new album, *Tales of a Salty Sweetheart*. For more information go to http://jennifermatthews.com.

Athena

I wanna flow easy like rainfall in July

like gypsy moths retreating as the moon captures their eyes

Receiving horses in my path inviting me to ride upon the land and not look back

and what is the meaning of everything that hurts
that brings a burden to the mind and blinds a man like thirst

Athena, Queen a righteous believer give me wisdom first Aphrodite fill me with poetry

Isis give me birth

cast a spell to lead me through this world

To be a bolt of lightning and pretty as red dirt

Athena make me strong as the mountains of the earth

Travelling through distant lands

I felt the wind and heard the sea
speak as within.

- Jennifer Matthews

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Dr. Steven Luria Ablon:

A poet who yearns to break your heart

Steven Ablon is a psychiatrist whose main purpose as a poet is (in his words) "to break your heart." Ablon, a Harvard Medical School faculty member who is well-seasoned in the practice of psychoanalysis, is acquainted with heartbreak. In his poetry he wants his words to be strongly evocative. He wants to reach the reader on a visceral level.

And indeed Ablon achieves this with his new book of poetry Night Call. Neeta Jain, Poetry Editor of The Journal of General Internal Medicine writes:

"In Night Call, Ablon slows us down so we can examine moments in medicine with him. He balances harsh, clinical reality of human frailty with the sweetness of compassion. A master poet, Albon uses poems to expose this tension as he masters medicine from student to physician."

I talked with Dr. Ablon on my Somerville Community Access TV show *Poet to Poet: Writer to Writer*.

Doug Holder: You practice psychoanalysis. Sigmund Freud, of course, is the father of psychoanalysis. Does this come into play in your poetry?

Steve Albon: I love poetry. Freud's interest in the subconscious, the dissociative method, I think these are basic parts of poetry and analysis. Like free association, you work with whatever comes to your mind, and go from there. When you begin writing, writing a poem, you sometimes end up in a surprising place you didn't expect to. I'm in a workshop where we use phrases as prompts and then just write for five minutes, whatever comes to mind. We see where it leads us. Sometimes you can get material that builds into a poem.

DH: I have run poetry groups at McLean Hospital for years. I find poetry can be very therapeutic Your take?

SL: I don't use poetry myself. I think it is tremendously therapeutic though. It is for me my writing source of comfort and awareness.

DH: Well, life is essentially chaotic. Doesn't writing bring some coherence, provides a narrative to it all-so to speak?

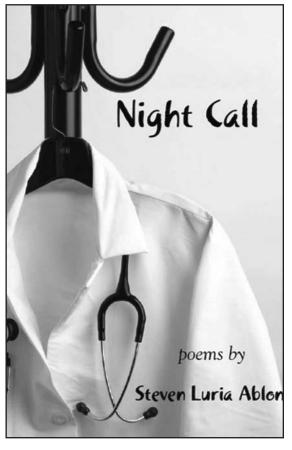
SL: It gets you in touch with things, and brings coherence to things you weren't fully aware of. Like in my poetry collection *Night Call*. I went to medical school and went through all kinds of painful and difficult things as a young man. At the time I didn't have time to think about it. Now many years later all of this comes up. Probably because I have enough distance to deal with them.

DH: You quote Goethe in your introduction. "We are, ourselves, at last, dependent." Doesn't this fly in the face of the American Western mythos of the stranger coming into town, the lone gunslinger, taking matters in his own hands?

SL: (*Laugh*) I think we would agree that there are some situations that you have to be strong and independent. But underneath it all we long for relationships, support, love, and connection. Connection is what sustains us. People try to push this aside and minimize it. If you do this you miss out on a lot of important things.

DH: In your poem Café de Paris, in your new collection, you are in a café with an attractive woman. A nefarious mole on her leg spoils the idyllic moment. As a doctor are you more on the lookout for pathology than the average Joe?

SL: Well as doctors we know more than the average person about pathology. We know a mole can be-



come a melanoma. We know the consequences. We have seen patients struggle with things like these.

DH: William Carlos Williams, a doctor and poet, and author the groundbreaking book of poetry *Patterson* wrote about of all places a very pedestrian Patterson, N.J. He thought that poetry should reflect the "local," "real life." Your poetry is accessible, and certainly deals with life the way it is, without grand theatrical flourishes.

SL: I don't think poetry should require looking up references. It should have an immediate impact in its own right. Much like Robert Frost. You read it, and it seems to be on the page very powerful. There is meaning behind it but it is not obscure. In that way it is poetry of everyday life.

DH: You deal with death in your poetry. Death is a fact of life. Do you think we try to push it aside, or don't deal with it in Western society?

SL: So much of poetry deals with death. It is part of life, not just medicine. I think Asian cultures are more accepting of it. It is a hard fact of life. As P.T. Barnum said "I'm not going to get out of this life alive."

DH: You studied with Barbara Helfgott Hyett. What constitutes a good teacher of poetry?

SL: Barbara is a very good teacher. She can work with each person's style. You are not expected to fit in her way of writing. You find your own voice. She is incredibly generous and loves to see the people she works with succeed. She always tells us to write a poem that will "break her heart."

Cadaver

The lesson for today is life inscribed in bones we dig among, muscled, tendoned, the ruined veins, heart as frozen as gray snow.

The face is the burnt white moon raveled, the seas scalpelled for us a thousand times without reproach. I turn the grooved brain in my hand.

Which lobe for laughter, which regret stinking of formaldehyde.
Who kissed the crater cheek, this chin, the death we call Penelope.

- Steven Luria Ablon, from "Night Call"



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