

Swampscott Democratic Town Committee Newsletter

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Informed citizens make better citizens

<http://philanthropy.com/article/Strong-Local-Journalism-Spurs/126552/>

Those who ignore history are doomed to vote Republican

CALENDAR

SDTC

- 1. SDTC meeting and dedication of Somer & Patrikis seats at SHS, Sep 21, 7:00 PM**
Together, Margaret Somer and Ted Patrikis represent nearly a century of Democratic activism. They embody Democratic values and ideals. Join us, State Democratic Party Chair John Walsh, our Massachusetts Legislative Representatives and other as we celebrate their leadership and contributions. Bring family and friends and celebrate Democrats, democracy, and America. For more information, contact Steve – iannsi2001@aol.com After the dedication we will have a Committee meeting. Members of the SDTC need to be re-elected in the Presidential Primary in March. On the agenda will be a discussion as to whether members of the SDTC should run as a slate or as individuals.

Editor's note: This is something I feel very strongly about and I have opposed the concept of a slate from the start. Ralph has agreed to put this on the agenda for discussion. I would ask each member to withhold judgment and not sign up for the slate until all the facts have been presented and voted upon. Nomination papers do not need to be submitted until November

- 2. SDTC DUES** – Members who still owe their dues have recently been contacted by SDTC Treasurer Steve Iannaccone. Your contributions help to pay for some committee activities. We print shopping lists for the monthly food drive, provide candy for voter registration, and flags and stuff for the July 4th parade. Please get current! Send \$25 to SDTC c/o Iannaccone, 26 Rock Ave.
- 3. NSCC Voter Registration, Wed Sep 14 (Danvers) & Fri Sep 16 (Lynn) 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**
Help register NSCC students (and perhaps staff). These young adults are the future and need every opportunity to exercise the franchise. Contact Ina (inar@rcn.com) for information and to volunteer.
- 4. Seminar. Economic Inequality and Political Power in the United States**
Sep. 14, 4:10 PM Harvard Kennedy School <http://www.ash.harvard.edu/Home/News-Events/Events/Democracy-Seminar/Affluence-and-Influence-Economic-Inequality-and-Political-Power-in-the-United-States>
- 5. North Shore Labor Council Legislative Dinner Sat Sep 17, 6:30 PM**
Montvale Plaza, Stoneham. Wisconsin State Senator Jon Erpenbach is the featured speaker at the NS Labor Council Legislative Dinner. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased @ northshorelaborcouncil@gmail.com
- 6. Marblehead DTC Picnic, Mon Sep 19, Marblehead VFW, 5:30 PM**
321 West Shore Drive. Lobster, chicken risotto, chowder, salad, potato salad, coleslaw, dessert, corn, hot dogs, etc. Tickets \$25.00.
- 7. State Committee Meeting, Sat, Sep 24, 12:00 PM North Shore Community College, Lynn**
Come and meet the members of the Democratic State Committee as they discuss party policy and direction. The meeting is open to the public.

8. Danvers Democratic Committee Oktoberfest. Sat Sept 24. 5:00 PM

At the home of John Archer, 10 North St. Danvers Meet senatorial candidates and officials while socializing with old friends and new. There will be foods with a European flare, cash bar, and music led by John Archer. \$25/ person; \$40/couple. For more info: hazel_marilyn@yahoo.com

Editor's note: Any time you get a chance to go to a party at John Archer's estate - Carpe diem!

9. SDTC Film Fest , Sun Oct 2, 5:30 PM, 27 Rockland St

The One Per Cent In this eye-opening documentary, filmmaker Jamie Johnson examines the gap that exists between America's poor and the 1 percent of the population that controls half the country's wealth. Johnson, himself an heir to the Johnson & Johnson fortune, interviews Milton Friedman, Bill Gates Sr., Steve Forbes and other wealthy men, revealing the enormous social and political effect financial disparity has on America's current state.

Space limited and reservations necessary through eVite.

10. SDTC Film Fest, Sun Oct 23, 5:30 PM, 27 Rockland St

Tapped The high cost -- to both the environment and our health -- of bottled water is the subject of this documentary that enlists activists, environmentalists, community leaders and others to expose the dark side of the bottled water industry. Americans may rethink their obsession with bottled H2O when they learn of the unregulated industry's willingness to ignore environmental and health concerns, and the problems that arise as a result.

Note: Lori Ehrlich will be present to explain her bill that would tax water bottles.

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NEWS

LOCAL

1. Local Dems honor Somer, Patrikis

<http://swampscott.patch.com/articles/local-dems-to-honor-somer-patrikis>

2. Tierney to introduce bill creating special inspector general

<http://thehill.com/news-by-subject/defense-homeland-security/179497-defense-notebook-tierney-readies-bill-creating-special-inspector-general>

3. Expect 6th District to be preserved

<http://www.salemnews.com/opinion/x1642535918/Nelson-Benton-Things-looking-up-for-6th-District>

4. Member blogs

Ryan's Take

<http://www.ryanstake.net/>

Steve Iannacone's blogs on Patch

http://swampscott.patch.com/users/steve-iannacone/blog_posts

John Moynihan's blogs on Patch

http://swampscott.patch.com/users/john-moynihan/blog_posts

MASSACHUSETTS

1. 'Good Government' for Massachusetts?

Bad News

Editorial: DiMasi should do serious time for serious crimes

http://www.berkshireeagle.com/editorials/ci_18801129

Black Boston looks warily at DiMasi sentencing

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2011/09/03/black_boston_looks_warily_at_dimasi_sentencing/

Audit shows need for ed probes

<http://www.gloUCEstertimes.com/opinion/x1078449593/Editorial-Audit-shows-need-for-ed-probes>

Editorial: Watchdogs need more power to probe state subcontractors

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/editorials/articles/2011/09/06/watchdogs_need_more_power_to_probe_state_subcontractors/

Good News

Grossman: New bids to save state \$1 million per year

<http://www.patriotledger.com/topstories/x948302920/Grossman-New-bids-save-the-state-close-to-1-million-a-year>

Mass. steps up efforts to curb school bus pollution

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/09/05/mass_steps_up_efforts_to_cut_school_bus_pollution/?rss_id=Boston.com+--+Local+news

2. Beacon Hill surrenders to casinos

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2011/09/03/beacon_hill_surrenders_to_casinos/

Editorial: Casino bill is deeply flawed. Rank and file should kill it.

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/editorials/articles/2011/09/08/casino_bill_is_deeply_flawed_rank_and_file_should_kill_it/

Gambling specialists urge strict ethics guidelines

http://www.boston.com/business/articles/2011/09/06/gaming_specialists_urge_strict_ethics_guidelines/

A casino for Foxboro?

<http://www.thesunchronicle.com/articles/2011/09/07/news/10137967.txt>

A peculiar kind of addiction afflicts lawmakers

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/letters/articles/2011/09/07/a_peculiar_kind_of_addiction_afflicts_lawmakers/

Casino foes lack seasoned leaders

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/09/02/thinned_opposition_could_cause_swift_casino_passage/

Casino debate gives convict DiMasi the high moral ground

http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2011/09/02/casino_debate_gives_crook_the_moral_high_ground/?p1=News_links

Conn. lawmakers plan response to Mass. casino bill

http://www.boston.com/news/local/connecticut/articles/2011/09/02/wary_connecticut_lawmakers_consider_response_to_massachusetts_casinos/

3. Brown's support high but slipping

http://www.boston.com/news/politics/articles/2011/09/04/scott_brown_still_popular_but_support_down_so_me/

SEIU plans anti-Brown ads

http://articles.boston.com/2011-09-01/news/30102193_1_seiu-campaign-finance-federal-candidates

Menino is a fan of Scotto

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/09/02/menino_has_doubts_about_warren/

Elizabeth Warren gives keynote address to labor council

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/09/06/warren_gives_keynote_address_at_labor_council_breakfast/?rss_id=Boston.com+--+Local+news

Poll: Undeclared Elizabeth Warren 9 points behind Scotto

<http://www.wbur.org/2011/09/06/senate-poll-massachusetts>

4. **What Mass. does right**
http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/oped/articles/2011/09/06/economic_sunshine_in_the_bay_state/
5. **A victory for civil liberties**
http://www.boston.com/bostonglobe/editorial_opinion/editorials/articles/2011/09/08/a_victory_for_civil_liberties/
6. **Its time to stop flying blind on state tax credits**
<http://www.commonwealthmagazine.org/Voices/Perspective/Online-Exclusives-2011/Summer/014-Film-tax-credit-take-two.aspx>
7. **Bump seeks audit authority over agencies that spend public money**
http://www.lowellsun.com/todaysheadlines/ci_18794696
Read the recommendations for reform
<http://www.commonwealthmagazine.org/News-and-Features/Online-exclusives/2011/Summer/~//media/Files/Commonwealth%20Magazine/Misc%20Docs/Collaborative%20Recommendations.ashx>
8. **Coakley to examine utilities' preparedness for hurricane**
<http://www.wbur.org/2011/09/01/utilities-preparedness>
Dept. of Public Utilities will conduct their own probe of National Grid and NStar
http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2011/09/mass_to_review_national_grid_n.html
AG to probe Nantucket airport deal
<http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110906/NEWS/109060317/-1/rss02>
9. **AG certifies most 2012 ballot questions**
http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/09/08/ag_certifies_majority_of_12_ballot_questions/
10. **Kerry asks for your ideas on how to cut deficit**
<http://boston.cbslocal.com/2011/09/02/kerry-asks-for-your-ideas-on-how-to-cut-the-deficit/>
11. **Bill seeks to resolve disparities in Mass health rates**
http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/09/06/bill_seeks_fewer_disparities_in_mass_health_rates/?rss_id=Boston.com+--+Local+news
12. **Tsongas proposes 21st Century New deal**
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/chelmsford/features/x549431616/Niki-Tsongas-proposes-21st-century-New-Deal#axzz1WjpFpO00>
13. **Redistricting panel to begin deliberations**
<http://www.itemlive.com/articles/2011/09/07/news/news09.txt>
14. **Are there more Kennedys to come?**
http://bostonherald.com/news/columnists/view/2011_0901a_camelot_comeback_kennedys_have_dems_abuz/srvc=home&position=0
15. **DeLeo critic to run for Tolman's Senate seat**
<http://www.wickedlocal.com/cambridge/news/x549430987/Brownsberger-will-run-for-Tolman-seat#axzz1Whs2wdx>
16. **Regulator faults Pilgrim Nuclear workers**
<http://www.capecodonline.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20110902/NEWS/109020332/-1/rss02>
17. **Fare hikes likely for 'T'**
<http://boston.cbslocal.com/2011/09/01/keller-large-fare-hikes-likely-for-t/>

18. Mass. scores low for elder care

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/09/08/mass_ranks_in_bottom_half_of_country_for_elder_care_report_finds/

19. Editorial: UMass must be worthy of best, brightest

http://www.masslive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2011/09/editorial_umass_must_be_worthy.html

20. Same sex domestic abuse targeted

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/09/05/same_sex_domestic_abuse_targeted/

21. Hard times for labor unions

<http://boston.cbslocal.com/2011/09/05/keller-large-hard-times-for-labor-unions/>

22. Take the "T" to a farmers' market

<http://www.metro.us//boston/local/article/961947--t-is-in-the-market-for-fresh-produce>

23. Patrick officiates at daughter's wedding

<http://www.wbur.org/2011/09/06/patrick-marries-daughter>

NATIONAL

1. How to put America back to work

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0911/62847.html>

2. Is Congress hurting the economy?

<http://news.yahoo.com/analysis-congress-hurting-economy-051347658.html>

3. Is Obama bad for the environment?

<http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,2091814,00.html>

4. What the left doesn't understand about Obama

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/04/magazine/what-the-left-doesnt-understand-about-obama.html>

5. Postal Service nears default

http://politicalwire.com/archives/2011/09/05/postal_service_nears_default.html

6. A hot issue on the campaign trail: theology

<http://news.yahoo.com/hot-issue-campaign-trail-theology-070610355.html>

7. Irene to cost tax payers \$Billions

<http://www.latimes.com/news/nationworld/nation/la-na-flood-taxpayers-20110902,0,7306849.story>

8. Quake risk to reactors, greater than thought

<http://news.yahoo.com/quake-risk-reactors-greater-thought-071301249.html>

9. Expect unemployment to stay above 6% until 2016

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/09/01/white-house-report-unemployment-rate_n_945237.html

10. Regulations, taxes aren't killing small business, owners say

<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/2011/09/01/v-print/122865/regulations-taxes-arent-killing.html>

11. Editorial: Banks must pay a price for the housing bubble

http://www.masslive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2011/09/editorial_banks_must_pay_a_pri.html

12. Book Review: The Persistence of the Color Line

<http://www2.macleans.ca/2011/08/24/review-the-persistence-of-the-color-line-racial-politics-and-the-obama-presidency/>

13. Islamophobia

Meet an Islamophobia Network funder: the Varet and Rosenwald family

<http://news.yahoo.com/analysis-congress-hurting-economy-051347658.html>

NYPD spied on mosques, student groups

<http://news.yahoo.com/docs-nypd-eyed-250-plus-mosques-student-groups-070526384.html>

Growing up Muslim in the shadow of 9/11

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/09/08/growing_up_muslim_in_the_shadow_of_911/

14. Wacko Republicans

The GOP debate: 8 takeaways

<http://www.politico.com/news/stories/0911/62963.html>

The GOP war on voting

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/the-gop-war-on-voting-20110830>

Courts put brakes on GOP agenda

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/09/06/us/06legal.html>

Tea Party bulling its way into 2012 race

<http://news.yahoo.com/tea-party-bulling-way-2012-gop-race-125504231.html>

Five GOP candidates have proposed eliminating capital gains tax

<http://thinkprogress.org/economy/2011/09/01/310432/five-gop-candidates-eliminate-capital-gains/>

Perry sought to sideline nuclear waste critic to benefit a major contributor

<http://news.yahoo.com/exclusive-perry-sought-sideline-nuclear-waste-critic-185732477.html>

Bachman: "I would eliminate Dept. of Education"

<http://politicalticker.blogs.cnn.com/2011/09/05/bachmann-why-is-there-a-department-of-education/>

Bachman compares self to Margaret Thatcher

http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2011/09/02/bachmann_compares_self_to_margaret_thatcher/

Academics portray Tea Partiers as 'devout, racist'

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2011/sep/4/academics-tea-partyers-devout-more-likely-racist/>

Florida GOP fight to keep 'cohabitation' illegal

<http://thinkprogress.org/politics/2011/09/01/309647/florida-republicans-fight-to-keep-cohabitation-of-unmarried-couples-illegal/>

Arizona GOP raffles gun in Gifford's district

http://politicalwire.com/archives/2011/09/01/arizona_gop_raftles_gun_in_giffords_district.html

Michigan Senate candidate wants to repeal Wall St. reforms

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/08/29/pete-hoekstra-repeal-wall-street-reform-dodd-frank_n_940818.html

GOP staffer quits because: The party is "becoming more like an apocalyptic cult"

http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/political-animal/2011_09/mike_lofgren_leaves_the_cult031989.php

Missouri GOP wants to raise taxes on seniors, disabled to pay for corporate tax break

<http://thinkprogress.org/economy/2011/09/07/313244/missouri-gop-wants-to-raise-taxes-on-100000-seniors-and-disabled-citizens-to-pay-for-corporate-tax-break/>

From *The Onion*

- 1. New Cheney memoir reveals he's going to live full satisfied life and there's nothing we can do about it**

<http://www.theonion.com/articles/new-cheney-memoir-reveals-hes-going-to-live-full-s,21262/>

From *The Borowitz Report*

- 1. Perry unveils bold proposal to repeal 20th Century**

<http://www.borowitzreport.com/2011/09/06/perry-outlines-bold-proposal-to-repeal-twentieth-century/>

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2. <http://www.gocomics.com/robrogers/2011/09/02/>
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4. <http://www.gocomics.com/mikeluckovich/2011/09/04/>
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7. <http://www.gocomics.com/bobgorrell/2011/09/07>
8. <http://www.gocomics.com/danasummers/2011/09/07>
9. <http://www.gocomics.com/mikeluckovich/2011/09/07/>
10. <http://www.gocomics.com/tomtoles/2011/09/08/>
11. <http://www.gocomics.com/nickanderson/2011/09/08>

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