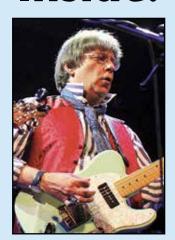
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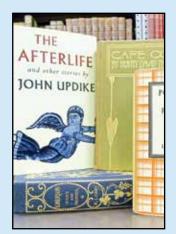
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# **POW-MIA chair dedication at City Hall**



The empty chair will serve as a reminder that many who have served their country never made it back home.

#### By Jim Clark

Local veterans, public officials, and members of the general public gathered at City Hall last Friday for the dedication ceremony placing a chair in remembrance of prisoners of war or service members who are missing in action.

Several of those in attendance spoke of the sacrifices made by those who served their country and the need for continued awareness of those who remain missing or whose remains have never been recovered.

Somerville resident, Peter P. Fantasia attended the ceremony. Fantasia received the Silver Star for his action on Nov.12, 1944. Fantasia served as an aid man attached to Company L, Yankee Division during the initial attack by the German army and the subsequent capture of Rodalbe, France. His company suffered causalities under heavy enemy fire, but technician Fantasia provided medical care and comfort to his wounded comrades during every assault, risking his life to do so. When their evacuation was ordered, he refused to leave his badly wounded comrades. This refusal led to his being taken as a prison of war of the German Army. He was held until April 28, 1945 when he was liberated by the Russian army.

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# 'This Old House' helps Somerville bombing victim

#### By Jim Clark

Karen Rand lost part of her leg during the horrendous Boston Marathon bombing in April of this year. Since then she has moved in with her boyfriend, Kevin McWatters, brother of Ward Three Alderman-elect Bob McWatters, at a Summer St. residence in Somerville.

When word got out that the house required modifications to accommodate Rand's special needs, the producers and staff at PBS's This Old House television show took on the task of remodeling the porch area of the residence as part of their program to help victims of the bombing.

Over the course of the past few months, renovations were made and the completed work was highlighted by a visit from Mayor Curtatone and Governor Deval Patrick on Election Day, Nov. 5, as he filmed a public service announcement promoting the service provided by This

Filming by the This Old House crew took place on Nov. 5 and 7.



The porch of the house at 218A Summer St. is much friendlier for Boston Marathon bombing victim Karen Rand thanks to the efforts of PBS's This Old House. More pictures of the event are on page 17.

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Congratulations over in Medford to Adam Knight who worked very hard this year running for the open council seat in Medford. Adam used to work for Sen. Shannon's office. His father, Gerry Knight, was a coach at the high school. We know Adam will add to the council over there in Medford in a positive way. We wish him luck. Medford residents got this one right.

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The elections last week ended with results that were very interesting. New ward aldermen in Wards One, Three, Five and Seven, along with a new Alderman at Large. We salute Alderman elect Matt McLaughlin in Ward One, Bob McWatters in Ward Three, Mark Niedergang in Ward Five and Katjana Ballantyne in Ward Seven. Also, Mary Jo Rossetti rounded out the field as the newest Alderman at Large. We also salute all those that had the courage and conviction to run for public office. We need more to step up to the plate as our city grows and moves forward. Finally, to all the incumbents that were elected as well, a job well done and congratulations to them. What an interesting two years ahead for our city, it looks to prove to be exciting if nothing else. We wish them all a happy and productive time.

Our good friend and very dedicated young Attorney Stephen A. Glines, Jr. has moved from Magoun Square over to Davis Square at 402A Highland Avenue, Suite K. Steve is a local guy, very involved in the area, lives right here in Somerville, and just ask any of his clients, he's a very good guy as well as a great lawyer. He's young but you'll be hearing from him a lot in the future, we're sure. We wish him the very best in his new quarters in the heart of Davis Square, give him a call or stop in and visit with him.

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If you haven't tried one the newest businesses that has opened up recently here in Somerville, check out "KenkoDo" which is an Acupuncture Treatment center, at 735 Broadway. Call 617-612-5557 and/or check them out online www.KenkoDoclinic.com. Your health is their priority. They offer acupuncture, massage, and Chinese herbal medicine to bring their patients' health back into balance. Find out what

# The Somerville Times.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to Inequality in America

Matt C says:

Bill, you bring up a number of points some of which i agree with and others I don't.

I think we have seen the positives and negatives of organized labor. It was very necessary at a time when there was little regulation and organizations like osha did not exist. Their impact in education reform where seniority is more important than quality, manufacturing where we have seen industries crumble under the weight of UAW obligations or locally where the MBTA provides mediocre service yet some of the best benefits seen in the state. Unions need to be a partner of industry and work to find a better balance that enables industries to survive in the states and deliver the highest quality services possible.

One area I agree has suffered is that of safety nets. I believe these are critical part of the society I want to live in and I am willing to pay to have those. But like all safety nets they should be means tested and this includes medicare and social security... this said a transition to means testing must be gradual as people need time to adjust their savings process.

The minimum wage is a joke in the US. it is near impossible to live in the greater boston area working two minimum wage jobs full time. There needs to be a process by which we can grow the minimum wage while assisting small businesses that cannot survive \$10-15/hr wages (consider small supermarkets). One approach is a reasonable increase in minimum wage and a safety net supplement as part of that wage based upon family need.

Lastly tax law... its messy. I would like to see the US move to more of a consumption based taxing system where basic goods (food, clothing under \$50, books and education) were not taxed and maintaining a capital gains system. Additionally a VAT style tax would make goods made here less expensive versus imported goods. Lastly corporate tax in the us is some of the highest in the world and is a reason why much money is kept offshore. We must be competitive here if we want to keep businesses local.

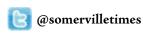
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# TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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

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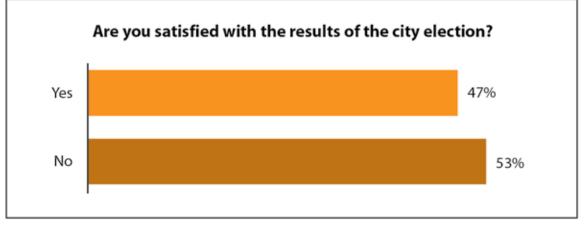
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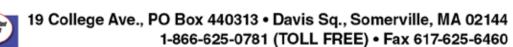












# Onetime Somerville resident Chris Wilson to heat up Radio with The Flamin' Groovies

By Blake Maddux

Chris Wilson was born in Waltham in 1952. He briefly lived in Somerville in the late 1960s before heading out to Los Angeles in January 1971. Although the musical opportunity that he had followed to the City of Angels did not work out as he had hoped, he was invited to join a band up the coast in San Francisco called Loose Gravel. When that group struggled despite its efforts, Wilson figured that he would head back home to Boston. Before he could depart, however, he was offered the recently vacated spot in The Flamin' Groovies, a Bay Area outfit with whom Loose Gravel had toured.

"And now the rest," as Chris Wilson himself says, "is history." Wilson would record three albums with The Flamin' Groovies, including the 1976 classic Shake Some Action.

In 1982, Wilson moved to London, where he lives to this day. On Thursday, November 14, he and the reunited Flamin' Groovies will burn a trail to Radio in Union Square.

Wilson spoke to The Somerville Times by phone from Cleveland, where the band was preparing for upcoming dates in Toronto and Detroit.

Somerville Times: What is the status of the new Flamin' Groovies album?

Chris Wilson: We have three songs recorded so far that are

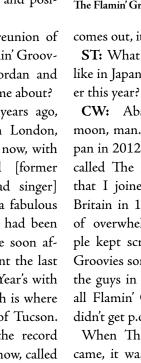
actually done, one of which is going to be showcased on rollingstone.com. It's going to be streamed. It's called End of the World. The other two songs we're kind of holding back a bit. We're going into the studio at the end of this tour, toward the end of this month, and we should hopefully be recording two or three more tracks.

ST: Are you taking an "if it ain't broke, don't fix it" approach to the new material?

CW: That's exactly it. I think our fans are very pleased because our musical style has not changed one whit. The new songs are very much in the same vein as our old ones; perhaps even more optimistic and positive, it that's possible.

ST: How did the reunion of you and original Flamin' Groovies members Cyril Jordan and George Alexander come about?

CW: A couple of years ago, Cyril was playing in London, which is where I live now, with The A-Bombs and [former Flamin' Groovies lead singer] Roy Loney. We had a fabulous reunion that night. I had been in touch with George soon after that, and had spent the last Christmas and New Year's with him in Arizona, which is where he lives just outside of Tucson. They took part in the record that I've got out just now, called It's Flamin' Groovy, which has got many ex-Flamin' Groovies on it. It's a good record. Until the actual Flamin' Groovies record



ing Stones tribute in which you recently participated at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.



was very ill with bronchitis, but I

wasn't going to let that stop me. I

had the time of my life. They put us up in the Ritz-Carlton.

To come on stage with all these

amazing, amazing musicians,

and we were probably the least-

known of everyone, but we were

greeted like absolute brothers.

We got a standing ovation. It

was fabulous. We did Jumpin'

Jack Flash, Parachute Woman,

ST: You were born in Waltham,

MA, but I understand that you

CW: I did when I was between

16 and 17. I lived a few places

in Somerville, but it was so long

ago. Don't ask me the street

names! I cannot remember. It

was like 45 years ago. I'm forget-

In those days it was hard get-

ting flats when you were a teen-

ager. Somerville was a place

where they really didn't ask

questions as long as you came

up with the money. I remember

having a really good time there.

ST: The Ramones had just re-

leased their debut album when

they played on a bill that The

Flamin' Groovies headlined in

the summer of 1976. What do

ful. I'm an old geezer now!

once lived in Somerville.

and Paint It Black.

The Flamin' Groovies (L to R): Cyril Jordan, George Alexander, Victor Penalosa, and Chris Wilson.

comes out, it's a bit of a sampler. **ST:** What were the audiences like in Japan and Australia earli-

CW: Absolutely over the moon, man. I had played in Japan in 2012 with a British band called The Barracudas, a band that I joined when I came to Britain in 1982. We were kind of overwhelmed because people kept screaming for Flamin' Groovies songs. Luckily because the guys in The Barracudas are all Flamin' Groovies fans, they didn't get p.o.'d at me!

When The Flamin' Groovies came, it was really moving because there were kids in their early 20s who were singing lyrics to You Tore Me Down and stuff like that. It was incredibly moving for us. We had an amazingly positive reaction, and everywhere in Australia as well. The Groovies had gone there in 1986. I think they played a month there. We only had a couple of weeks this last time, and it was just absolutely fabulous. It was really, really great. We look forward to going there again.

ST: Tell me about the Roll-

CW: I'm told we stole the you remember about them? show. I had a 102 degree fever. I

CW: They were a bunch of really sweet guys when we met them. They supported us at The Roundhouse [in London] on July 4, 1976. It was The Stranglers, The Ramones, and The Flamin' Groovies.

One of the most horrible things I'd ever seen was Johnny Ramone coming backstage after their set covered in spit. People had spit all over them, and he was in tears.

**ST:** What do you think of the covers of Flamin' Groovies songs that artists such as Yo La Tengo, Cracker, and Tommy Keane have done over the years?

CW: They've all done such wonderful jobs! They've done fabulous jobs. It's the ultimate accolade to see younger bands covering any of your songs, ever.

You can't imagine what if feels like to have people care enough to cover your songs. It's an incredible privilege and a wonderful feeling. I love 'em all, and I can't think of a bad one.

The Flamin' Groovies, with The Connection and Andy Shernoff, Thursday, November 14, Radio, 379 Union Square, 617-501-2293. Doors at 7:00 p.m., show at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: \$25 advance / \$28 day of show.



 $Cyril\ Jordan\ and\ Chris\ Wilson\ performing\ with\ The\ Flamin'\ Groovies.$ 

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I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the 4,452 people who voted for me in the local elections that took place in Somerville last week. We ran a great campaign, one that certainly resonated with the many friends, supporters and voters we met along the trail. Thank you Rachael, Sam,

Ro, Terry, Barbara, FOT, TJF/ AFH, HOFF, DKG, COD, and of course the dynamo Liam, Addy & company! It was a campaign centered on my driving commitment of open, transparent, and accountable city government; after all, it's what the electorate both deserves, and demands. With all voices heard, and truly involved in the process, we can move the City to yet another level. I'm looking forward to that happening. Until then, I'll continue to be involved on all fronts, working to make sure that vision becomes our tangible reality.

- Sean J. Fitzgerald



# By Jim Clark

# Police make car fire arrests

Police responded to a witness report of a car being set afire last week on Bow St.

Upon arrival, officers noted two vehicles burning, a Saturn and a Volvo, both parked on

the street.

As fire crews extinguished the blazes, the witness reportedly told police that he had heard a commotion outside of his house. Then he looked

out and spotted 4-5 males in his driveway, and also saw the two vehicles on fire across the Dorchester. An additional

Follow up investigations resulted in the arrest of one juvenile suspect and one 18-yearold, Paul Gambardello, of juvenile is reportedly being sought for questioning in the incident.

Investigators have said that there is no indication that the incident is related to any fires known to be of a suspicious nature that occurred earlier in the year.

# If it's unlocked it must be yours

Police were called to the Target store on Somerville Ave. last week on a report of a customer's bicycle being stolen.

Loss prevention personnel played back surveillance video showing a juvenile arriving at the store on a bicycle and locking it to the bike rack. He is next reportedly observed taking another bicycle from the rack and riding away with it.

The owner of the stolen bike reportedly told police that he had constructed the bike himself and that it was valued at \$500.

The investigating officer recognized the suspect and proceeded

to his home on Kilby St. where he was spotted standing in front of his residence.

The officer reportedly noted that the suspect was wearing the same clothing that was seen on the store surveillance video.

After calling in backup, the suspect was approached and questioned. The stolen bicycle was reportedly located inside the residence.

The suspect was placed under arrest and charged with larceny over \$250, but reportedly protested that since the bicycle he had taken was not locked to the rack that he was

entitled to take it.

The victim reportedly told police that the bike was locked, but the lock was found on the ground after the bike was taken.

Surveillance video also reportedly caught the suspect later returning to the store to pick up his own bike.

# He should have taken a walk

Police responded to a shoplifting report at the Target store on Somerville Ave. last Friday.

Upon arrival, officers were informed by loss prevention personnel that a man was being held in their office but that they were not yet able to identify him.

The officers made several attempts to ascertain the man's identity, but he reportedly continued to refuse to cooperate.

The officers were eventually able to convince the man, Alexis Mercado, 41, of Cambridge, to identify himself.

After his identity was confirmed Mercado was instructed to leave the store and not return, that he was no longer welcome there.

Mercado then left the loss prevention office but refused to leave the store. After refusing several requests for him to leave he was placed under arrest for shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Store personnel reportedly told police that they had observed Mercado behaving suspiciously in the past and that they suspected him of shoplifting there several times.

On that day he had reportedly been caught concealing a pair of Dr. Scholl's foot inserts on his person and attempting to leave the store without paying for them. The merchandise was valued at \$17.18.

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#### **Arrests:**

Anthony Cundiff, 32, of 34 John Eliot Sq., Roxbury, November 4, 3:03 p.m., arrested at 480 Mystic Ave. on a charge of assault and battery.

Daniel Percival, 31, of 46 Marshall St., November 4, 10:12 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

A juvenile, November 5, 1:13 a.m., arrested at 60 Bow St. on a charge of burning a motor vehicle.

A juvenile, November 5, 6:37 p.m., arrested at Kilby St. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Gambardello, Paul of 1743 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, November 6, 1:39 p.m., arrested on a warrant charge of burning a motor vehicle.

Hendy Jeanniton, 34, of 142 Pearl St., November 6, 5:32 p.m., arrested at Pearl St. on a warrant charge of conspiracy to violate drug law.

Sonetta Gibbs, 23, of 9186 Wilbury St., Oak Grove, CA, November 6, 10:11 p.m., arrested at 23 Cummings St. on a charge of sexual conduct for

Nathalie Pierre, 35, of 16 Otis St., November 7, 8:09 a.m., arrested at 345 Medford St. on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Mario Correa, 61, of 68 Governor Winthrop Rd., November 8, 11:50 a.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration, uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, and unregistered motor

Alexis Mercado, 41, of 1 Marcella St., Cambridge, November 8, 1:45 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

Casey Kolenda, 27, of 454 Medford St., November 8, 2:59 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of failure to stop for police, operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, motor vehicle lights violation, motor vehicle operator refusing to identify self, speeding, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, and uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

#### **Incidents**:

#### Theft:

November 5, 9:38 a.m., police reported a theft at Dartmouth

November 5, 12:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Spring Hill Terr.

November 5, 4:14 p.m., police

reported a theft at Belmont St. November 5, 4:48 p.m., police

reported a theft at 180 Somer-

ville Ave. November 5, 6:37 p.m., po-

lice reported a theft at Kilby St. November 5, 7:31 p.m., police reported a theft at Pearl St.

November 5, 10:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford

November 6, 4:10 p.m., police reported a theft at Church St.

November 6, 5:20 p.m., police

reported a theft at 225 Elm St. November 6, 9:00 p.m., police reported a theft at 337

Broadway. November 6, 9:17 p.m., police reported a theft at Pleasant

November 6, 9:35 p.m., police reported a theft at 337 Broadway.

November 7, 1:25 p.m., police reported a theft at Grand Union Blvd.

November 8, 1:45 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

#### Robbery:

November 7, 7:23 p.m., police reported a robbery at Quincy

#### **Breaking & Entering:**

November 5, 10:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford

November 8, 9:54 a.m., police reported a theft at Radcliffe Rd.

November 8, 10:30 p.m., police reported a theft at Harold

#### Vehicle Theft:

November 5, 2:23 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at

#### Assault:

November 9, 12:11 a.m., police reported an assault at Broadway.

# **Femino named Interim Acting Chief of Police**

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone announced today that Somerville Police Captain Charles Femino has agreed to serve as the Interim Acting Chief of Police beginning on Dec. 1, 2013, until a permanent replacement is found for departing Chief Thomas Pasquarello.

Femino is currently Chief of Detectives for the Somerville Police Department, a position he has held since 2011 and previously held from 2005 to 2009. He served as Deputy Chief of Police in 2010 and has been an officer with the Somerville Police Department since 1984. Femino has also performed in a variety of progressively responsible positions in his career in the Somerville Police Department and has distinguished himself in each. He holds a Juris Doctor from New England School of Law, a Masters Degree in Education from Boston University and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Science from Northeastern University. As the Interim Acting Chief, Femino



will not be eligible to apply for the permanent Chief of Police position.

"I have every confidence in Captain Femino. He has both the leadership ability and the breadth of experience to serve in this role and I know that he will continue to move the police department forward," Mayor Curtatone said. "We will begin the official search for a new Chief of Police right away. This will be an open, transparent and public process as outlined in the Somerville City Charter and City Ordinance. We know that this process will likely take several months. I am very proud and pleased with the progress the Somerville Police Department has made over the past several years and will continue to make in the future."

Pasquarello is resigning to care for a family member in need of round-the-clock care, he stated in a letter submitted to and accepted by Mayor Curtatone on Monday, Nov. 4. His last day as chief will be Dec. 1, 2013 and has agreed Continued on page 14

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To the Editor,

The City of Somerville Recreation Department and schools are committed to serving athletes with special needs, and we wish to correct the misinformation in the press release issued by Zach Rocha and printed by The Somerville Times without alteration. Mr. Rocha's press release fails to mention the now-inclusive soccer clinics and teams offered through the City and schools, and that Mr. Rocha's for-profit company had been informed that the City hired the company for only a one-time program now no longer necessary due to the inclusive programs offered through the Somerville Recreation Department.

In 2012, the Recreation Department provided field space and outreach support to the nonprofit Top Soccer program, which served all athletes including those with special needs and was funded by the state. When state funding ran out, the Recreation Department eventually partnered with Mr. Rocha to have his for-profit company run a replacement program for one session. The Rec. Dept. runs on a very lean budget and does not typically hire for-profit vendors to run sports programs because it is more cost effective to run

City programs. However, because of the Department's commitment and the City's commitment to serving all athletes, an exception was made for a one-time inclusive summer soccer program in summer 2013. It was made clear to Mr. Rocha that due to funding and field constraints that the program was only for that summer. At the same time, due to the success of Top Soccer, the Rec. Dept. began developing programs that would mainstream soccer players with special needs into regular soccer programming, meeting both the wishes of players for inclusive programming and reducing costs and field demand.

This fall, Mr. Rocha approached the Mayor's office asking to continue his program beyond the agreed upon summer program. Because the Rec. Deptis own programs were not yet ready to start, the Mayor found funding in his own office budget to fund one extra session of Mr. Rocha's program this fall—meaning he actually received twice the funding than originally agreed, not less. It was again made very clear to Mr. Rocha that the City would—and could—only commit to that one additional session. We are happy to share that the Rec. Dept. opened its mainstream Sprout Sports program to special needs athletes on Oct. 26 and will transform its annual winter soccer clinics into inclusive programs when they begin in late December/early January.

Meanwhile, Patrick Callinan, a senior on the Somerville High soccer team who is autistic, exemplifies the pride and benefits for all when special needs students participate in inclusive mainstream teams. He played 10 games this season and scored a goal against Medford just last week causing the crowd to go wild in support. Callinan was immensely proud and deserved to be—and so was the team. We are committed to providing free and low-cost programming for all athletes, and the City and the Rec. Dept. fully support Mr. Rocha's efforts to continue this important programming as well as he moves forward with his business endeavor.

Best regards,

Director of Recreation James Halloran and Recreation Program Developer George Scarpelli

P.S. We hope to see everyone at our annual Special Olympics in the spring.

# The Somerville Times **Historical Fact of the Week**



Eagle feathers #39

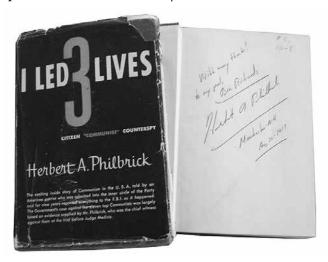
#### The counterspy

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

He was a citizen, a communist and a counterspy. This is the description on the cover of his book, which suggests his hazardous, hidden occupation as an F.B.I. agent.

He lived in Somerville and received most of his education here. As a young man living on Spring Hill, he was a member of the Young People's Society of the Somerville Grace Baptist Church on Cross Street at Pearl Street, where he met his future wife. After their marriage, they raised their family of six in Cambridge, then Wakefield and later Melrose.

They stayed affiliated with their church and other youth groups. His name was Herbert A. Philbrick, and he became famous because of his activities during the time that spanned World War II and beyond.

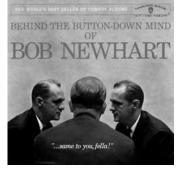


He was a double agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation for nine years from 1940 through 1949. He secretly worked his way up in the American Communist party framework, and in 1949 his testimony was instrumental in convicting 11 Communist party leaders for conspiracy to overthrow the United States government. This was the birth of a Cold War celebrity.

In 1952 he wrote a book describing his near decade-long ordeal of trying to balance his family life, his secret Communist-party affiliations and his counter spying for the FBI. He truly led three lives during that time which was the source of his publication, I Led 3 Lives!

It was the beginning of the Cold War years with Russia and the popularity of the book created a television series under the same name, I Led Three Lives. For three seasons, from 1953 through 1956, 117 episodes captivated America. This opened the floodgate to spy versus spy popularity, and the spawning of many books and film productions like the James Bond films, The Untouchables, the movie The FBI Story, and the television series, The

> FBI, starring Efrem Zimbalist, Jr.



In the 1972 updated version of I Led 3 Lives, Efrem Zimbalist Jr. wrote the forward for this book. An indication of Philbrick's popularity was noted by comedian Bob Newhart on his

1961 record album Behind the Button Down Mind of Bob Newhart, where he parodies "Herb Philbrick, Counter Spy." Philbrick retired to Rye, New Hampshire, where his family had vacationed through the years. He opened a country store in North Hampton, New Hampshire, which sported an awning stating "Herb Philbrick's General Store - I Led Three Lives!"

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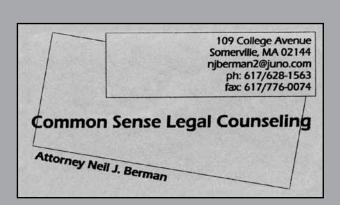
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# **City election** results

#### By Jim Clark

The city election of last week marked the voting in of some new members for the Board of Alderman and School Committee, as well as the re-election of others who will retain their positions on their respective city offices.

The unofficial ballot results are as follows:

Joseph A. Curtatone, running unopposed, received 7,702 votes and will begin a new term as Mayor of the City of Somerville when sworn in at the official inaugural ceremonies to take place in January 2014.

In the Alderman at Large race, the top vote getters were: Dennis Sullivan with 5,289 votes, William A. White Jr. with 5,283 votes, John M. Connolly Jr. with 5,114 votes, and Mary Jo Rossetti with 4,684 votes.

For Ward One, Matthew C. McLaughlin edged out Elio LoRusso 830 to 717 votes. Stephen P. Roix retains his seat on the School Committee, earning 752 votes, with challenger Kenneth M. Slavato chalking up 519 votes.

In Ward Two, unchallenged Alderman Maryann Heuston received 747 votes, while Dan J. Futrell prevailed with 649 votes compared to challenger Michael D. Nionakis' 214 votes for the ward's School Committee seat.

Robert J. McWatters will be

stepping in as Ward Three Alderman after receiving 845 votes, beating out opponent Suzanne W. Bremmer, who received 764 votes. Running unopposed, Adam W. Sweeting's 1141 votes sealed his bid

for the School Committee

seat in the ward.

Unchallenged candidates in Ward Four made it official with 660 votes for Alderman Tony Lafuente and 608 votes for School Committee member Christine Rafal.

Mark Niedergang will be representing Ward Five on the Board of Alderman, beating sitting Alderman Courtney O'Keefe 1,144 to 961 votes. Laura J. Pitone earned a seat on the School Committee with 1,311 votes, compared to 751 votes for opponent Ross M. Richmond.

Ward Six's unchallenged candidates brought in 826 votes for Alderman Rebekah L. Gewirtz and 807 votes for School Committee member Paul Bockel-

The Ward Seven Alderman race saw Katyana Ballantyne prevail with 1,121 votes over opponent Joseph A. Capuano's 825 votes. Unopposed School Committee candidate Caroline Lynch Normand recorded 1,495 votes.

A total of 10,235 ballots were cast, according to the city's Elections Department.

# Icon to be installed



The Axion Estin icon of the Virgin Mary, one of the oldest and most highly venerated icons of Orthodoxy, has been authentically replicated for and soon will be installed in the Dormition of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Somerville. A full-scale icon, the commissioned work is painted in oil and tempera and covered by a bejeweled silver casing. It is a holy, consecrated icon, the work of Mt. Athos iconographers, who prayed at every step of its creation. The original is kept in the Church of the Dormition in Karyes, Mt. Athos.

His Eminence Metropolitan Methodios of Boston will preside at the unveiling of the Axion Estin Icon, at a Hierarchical Great Vespers Service on Saturday evening, November 23 at 7 p.m. A reception for all participants, hosted by the Organizing Committee for the 100th Anniversary celebration, will follow. The Liturgy, starting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, November 24 will offer the faithful one more opportunity for veneration. A reception will follow in the Church hall and all are invited.

Rev. Fr. Konstantinos Manetas, who spearheaded the project, the Parish Council and the parishioners of the Dormition Church who collaborated to bring it to fruition, invite the public to join them in prayer and share the power and beauty of the newly acquired icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

The Somerville community, which looks forward to celebrating its 100th year Anniversary in 2016, and the organizing Committee for the Anniversary Celebration, see the unveiling of this icon of the Virgin Mary as one means to remind future generations of their spiritual past and to provide a focal point for prayer.

In Loving Memory of my **Dearest Husband and Best Friend** Carl "Woody" Haves October 29, 1934 - November 15, 2012



There is a Empty Chair

and a part of me cannot believe that you will never sit there.

My heart will always grieve, but I know my tears are less for you and more for me.

Your pain is gone and your soul flies free, and I know that part of you Is still here with me.

Deep in my soul where only I can see there is love for you and your love for me.

> You are truly missed Love, Chris

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# **Beacon Hill Roll Call**



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local representatives on six roll calls and local senators on one from the week of November 4-8.

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. Patricia Jehlen

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Second Middlesex. -Medford, Somerville, entire city, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

\$1.4 BILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

(H 3727)

House 151-0, Senate 39-0, gave final approval to a bill allowing the administration to borrow \$1.4 billion over five years for public and affordable housing. Provisions include \$500 million to renovate and modernize many of the state's 45,000 public housing units; \$55 million in loan guarantees to assist homeowners with blindness or severe disabilities to make their homes accessible; and \$45 million for loans for the development of community-based housing for individuals with mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

Supporters said this package will help thousands of people remain in their homes or find new affordable housing

(A"Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Carl Sciortino Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Sal DiDomenico Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

#### CHANGES IN WELFARE SYSTEM (H 3737)

House 152-0, approved a bill making changes to the Bay State's welfare system. A key provision mandates that applicants search for a job prior to receiving cash assistance. Current law gives recipients a 60-day window after they start receiving benefits before they are required to look for employment. Other provisions include allowing public and private education to be used to satisfy the welfare system's work requirement; requiring welfare recipients to satisfy more stringent rules to prove they are seeking work; capping benefit balances for families on welfare; prohibiting the transfer of cash benefits to family overseas; and prohibiting anyone who is ineligible for federal-assisted housing to be given priority over applicants who are eligible under both state and federal guidelines. Federal eligibility standards for welfare are stricter than state ones.

Supporters said this long overdue overhaul of the welfare system is firm, fair and honest, and will crack down on welfare abuse while offering many poor people a road to economic independence. They noted the bill makes investments in people who cannot find work so they will have the chance to develop the skills they need to compete in the marketplace. The Senate has approved a different version of the measure and a conference committee will likely hammer out a compromise version.

(A"Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Carl Sciortino Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes

## TRAINING IN PERSONAL FINANCE BILL (H

House 42-109, rejected an amendment that would require the Department of Transitional Assistance (Welfare Department) to establish programs of financial education for people receiving welfare benefits, including advice on personal budgeting, credit card debt, retirement planning, and the rights and responsibilities of renters and homeowners.

Amendment supporters urged the state to give welfare recipients better tools to manage their money more effectively, citing the number of personal bankruptcies in the state and the amount of credit card debt carried by those receiving assistance.

Amendment opponents said the amendment is too broad an expansion of the more focused financial responsibility measures already in the bill. They raised concerns about the cost to develop and implement such a program and train case workers properly in a wide range of personal financial topics

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring financial education. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

#### **GREEN CARD HOLDERS (H 3737)**

House 29-123, rejected an amendment that would require the Welfare Department to report the number of people who have had green cards (lawful permanent residents) for less than five years and are receiving welfare or food stamps.

Amendment supporters said this is simply a call for more transparency and is not meant to embarrass or take benefits away from anyone. They questioned why the state is providing these benefits when each green card holder is required by law to have a sponsor who has promised to be financially responsible for that person.

Amendment opponents said the requirement is mean-spirited and meant to embarrass legal residents who through no fault of their own need some assistance. They noted that the state shouldn't be punishing eligible individuals who have become estranged or disconnected from their sponsor.

(A 'Yes" vote is for the reporting requirement. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

# BAN OUT-OF-STATE USE OF EBT CARDS (H

House 37-115, rejected an amendment prohibiting the use of Electronic Bank Transfer (EBT) cards in any state other than Massachusetts and its border states.

Amendment supporters said reports have shown that \$2.3 million was used on EBT cards in Florida and substantial amounts in California and St. Thomas. They said it seems that some people might be vacationing on taxpayer dollars.

Amendment opponents said less than one percent of EBT dollars is spent out of state. They noted this "over the top" amendment would prevent someone from using money even to attend a family member's funeral out of state.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment. A "No" vote is against it.)

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

PROOF OF SEEKING JOB (H 3737)

#### **Beacon Hill Roll Call**

continued

House 37-115, rejected an amendment to a section of the bill that requires welfare recipients to provide evidence of their job searches by returning to the Welfare Department a list of the employers contacted, the date of contact and the name and telephone number of the person with whom the applicant spoke, "to the extent feasible." The information would be signed by the applicant under the penalties of perjury. The amendment would strike the language "to the extent feasible" and also require that the applicant provide copies of each job application.

Amendment supporters said that the current arrangement is too loose and works on the honor system. They argued that the language "to the extent feasible" creates a giant loophole for fraud and abuse.

Amendment opponents said the amendment goes too far and is another example of welfare opponents assuming every applicant is trying to commit fraud. They argued that it is more than sufficient and fair to require the applicant to sign, under the penalties of perjury, a list of the potential employers, the date of contact and the name and telephone number of the person with whom the applicant spoke. Some noted that oftentimes an applicant applies over the phone or online and never even fills out an application.

(A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that would require the recipient to provide copies of each job application. A "No" vote is against the amendment.

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

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

WHAT IF A CANDIDATE DIES (H 3422) - The House gave initial approval to a bill that would allow votes for a candidate to count if he or she wins his or her party nomination in a primary, but dies before the General Election. Supporters said an old Supreme Judicial Court ruling says that votes cast for a deceased candidate do not count. That has led to the possibility that a writein candidate who gets a handful of votes could win the election. The bill would allow the deceased candidate's votes to count, and then the seat would be considered "vacant" and filled by a special election.

BAD DRIVER POINTS (H 897) - The Committee on Financial Services held a hearing on legislation that would reduce from five years to three years the amount of time a moving motor vehicle violation stays on a driver's record and causes higher insurance rates.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE - The Committee on Public Health held a hearing last week. Dozens of bills were on the agenda including the following:

INSPECT DOC'S OFFICE (H 1979) - Allows the state to inspect any doctor's office without notice, during regular business hours, to verify that the office is clean and sanitary, has all necessary equipment and is properly maintaining patient records.

ACCESS BY DISABLED (H 2057) - Requires that medical equipment be accessible and usable by individuals with disabilities, including examination tables and chairs, weight scales, mammography equipment, x-ray machines and any other equipment commonly used for diagnostic purposes.

LEGIBLE PRESCRIPTIONS (H 2090) - Designed to avoid problems caused by the poor handwriting of some doctors, this measure prohibits pharmacies from filling any prescription unless it has been hand printed, typed or electronically generated.

VIDEOTAPE SURGERY (H 2105) - Allows any patient undergoing surgery to privately pay for a licensed medical videographer to tape the patient's surgery. The measure is named "Leona's Law" in memory of Leona Trabucco, who died in 2000 during hip surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

LIMIT NEW DOCTORS' HOURS OF WORK (S 1167) - Creates an advisory council to study and make recommendations about limiting the work hours of resident physicians in Massachusetts hospitals.

PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION (S 1083) - Requires hospitals and other health care facilities to provide transportation home via taxi, car or bus for all resident physicians, medical students and other health care providers who have worked for more than 16 consecutive hours and judge themselves to be too fatigued to drive safely.

#### **QUOTABLE QUOTES**

"I am tired of some of my colleagues suggesting or implying that the overwhelming number of people receiving public assistance are ripping off the system . . . the overwhelming number of people receiving public assistance are playing by the rules ... The problem is that we have tremendous poverty in this state and this country." – Rep. Ruth Balser (D-Newton) during debate on changes to the welfare system.

"No one has implied that the overwhelming majority of people on public assistance are not following the rules ... I'm sick and tired of hearing that we shouldn't have strong and strict rules . . . There are some people who aren't playing by the rule . . . we don't live in the land of unicorns and cotton candy. Some people do cheat the system." - Rep. Shauna O'Connell (R-Taunton).

"The assumption that I've heard and most of the amendments that have been offered imply that each of the (welfare) applicants is some kind of a thief, somebody looking to take some money from somebody. And we've got to have some kind of an advanced distrust of those individuals, so that they won't rob the so-called hardworking people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There's a lot of us who are hardworking taxpayers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Some of us don't have the same attitude toward those who are sometimes experiencing difficulties as others. I guess some of us probably have more trust in the human being." - Rep. Benjamin Swan (D-Springfield).

"This announcement reinforces our state's standing as a place where innovators and technology companies want to be and positions us for the further growth of our innovation economy." - House Speaker Robert DeLeo on Facebook's announcement that it plans to open an office in Cambridge. DeLeo has been working for two years to convince Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg to open an office in the city where Zuckerberg started the company.

#### 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 November 4-8. The House met for a total of 12 hours and three minutes while the Senate met for a total of three hours and 45 minutes.

Mon. November 4 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

Tues. November 5 No House session No Senate session

Wed. November 6 House 11:04 a.m. to 9:24 p.m. No Senate session

Thurs. November 7 House 1:00 p.m. to 2:31 p.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 2:39 p.m.

Fri. November 8 No House session No Senate session

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# COMMENTARY

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# Do not forget veterans left behind or their families



By Joseph A. Curtatone

Fifty-three missing in action veterans have finally been brought home so far this year. That's according to the Department of Defense's Prisoner of War and Missing Personnel Office, which lists the 53 veterans on its "Recently Accounted-For" page.

Technician Fifth Grade Oneal Rush of the U.S. Army didn't come home after an aircraft crash in Burma on Aug. 19, 1944. Rush was accounted for on Sept. 26 and was buried with full military honors last month in Galivants Ferry, South Carolina. There's Capt. Henry S. White and Staff Sgt. Thomas L. Meek, both of the U.S. Marine Corps, who were lost on July 21, 1943, when their SBD-4 Dauntless

aircraft dive-bomber crashed on Mavea Island in the Republic of Vanuatu. They were accounted for on July 3 and will be buried as a group with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Michael B. Judd of the U.S. Navy went missing on June 30, 1967, in Thua Thien-Hue Province, South Vietnam. Judd was accounted for on Feb. 27 and was buried with full military honors on July 15 in Arlington National Cemetery.

These are but a few of the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice and only returned home for a proper burial or had their families given a full accounting this year. Imagine waiting almost 70 years to know what happened to your loved one who went missing in service to his or her country. Then remember that there are still more than 83,000 veterans unaccounted for from past conflicts. Almost 74,000 of those unaccounted for are from the Greatest Generation that fought in World War II. There have also been 42,000 American servicemen and women who have been taken as prisoners of war.

On Friday, three days before Veterans Day, we held a ceremony in City Hall dedicating a POW-MIA chair that will remain at City Hall to serve as a permanent reminder to all of our veterans who were either prisoners of war or have gone missing in action. We should never forget their sacrifice, the promise to account for all of our veterans, and never abandon our mission to bring each and every last one of them home.

It's a mission with a dwindling timetable for some. The Department of Defense's POW and Missing Personnel Office holds annual briefings for families of veterans who are missing in action. Since 1996, attendance has grown from around 200 people attending these family updates to over 1,000 people in each of the past three years. Our time is running out to bring the closure to our Blue and Gold Star families, particularly those whose family members are among the almost 74,000 still unaccounted for in World War II.

The POW-MIA chair that now sits in City Hall is not only a constant reminder to everyone about the sacrifices made by our veterans, but the sacrifices made by the families of veterans. Those families must endure their loved ones' deployments, waiting for the next phone call, another letter in the mail, a chime of a video chat to temporarily wash away the fear that the worst has come to pass. Some of these families hear the worst news. And some of these families must endure not only the loss of a loved one, but never being able to bring them home, not knowing their loved one's fate.

When we dedicated the Founders Rink last month, Col. Richard Johnson pointed out to those in attendance that the City of Somerville Honor Roll that sits outside Somerville City Hall, lists the names of Somerville residents who served in World War II, as well as some who served in the Korean War. Col. Johnson suggested at the time that with Veterans Day coming up, residents should visit the Honor Roll, and I'd like to make that same suggestion.

Despite facing Highland Avenue, upon stepping inside that memorial and surrounded by the names of Somerville veterans, a reflective quiet falls over a person. As you read the names, your eyes will eventually fall on a quote from Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright. I hope his words resonated during Friday's POW-MIA chair ceremony, on Veterans Day and will continue to resonate every day through our community: "In gratitude for all those who paid the price of victory, we now dedicate ourselves to that cause for which they gave their last whole measure of devotion. Lord of hosts be with us yet, lest we forget."

# Life in the Wille by Jimmy Del Ponte

# Somerville gladiators



The dictionary tells us "a gladiator was an armed combatant who engaged in vioconfrontations with other gladia-

tors, who risked their legal and social standing and their lives by appearing in the arena." The arena in this case is the Powder House rotary. The weapons are our vehicles. What you risk are heated and maybe physical exchanges with other drivers, possible collisions resulting in damage, and subsequent insurance surcharges. All this to get someplace a half a minute sooner.

You start getting nervous! You know it's coming! You can almost see it! And then, there it is! The Rotary. Somerville's traffic free-for-all. I swear, some drivers shut their eyes and just hope for the best, while others prepare for the ensuing battle. Let me give you a very simple explanation of what you're supposed to do before getting into the rotary traffic, or as I call it, the circle of hell! There is no need to approach this sphere of terror with anything but calmness. Just make sure your seat belt is fastened. Here we go.

If you are coming from Medford on Warner Street you have to stop before entering the rotary. If you are driving down Broadway from Ball Square you have to stop before entering the rotary. If you are coming down College Ave. from Tufts you have to stop before entering the rotary. If you are driving on College Ave. from Davis Square you must stop before entering the rotary. If you are driving down Broadway from Teele Square you have to stop before entering the rotary. A very simple suggestion could ease the stressful experience, and the suggestion is this: JUST STOP WHEN YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO STOP!

This is when you are legally required to bring your vehicle to a complete stop: When you come to a STOP SIGN, and when the traffic signal is BLINKING RED OR SOLID RED. The rule of the road is not who can drive faster and who can cut the other guy off. The rule of the road is simple. Do what the signs and signals tell you to. And a yellow light does not mean, "Okay, gun that sucker as fast

We are all very impressed by your fancy Camaros, Mustangs, and Chargers. And yes, when we see you driving we say, "Wow, ooh . . . that guy is really, really, really cool!" We all had a muscle car in the day and I have news for you junior. If you keep beating that muscle car, you're going to end up through someone's fence, or up against a telephone pole. Been there, crashed that! You don't have to constantly try to blow the doors off of every other car in your path. Live and let drive!

It's gotten to the point that I feel like putting leather gloves and a helmet on every time I approach the rotary. I have been driving in Somerville since 1970, but I am by no means a great driver. I have some bad driving habits that I am trying to change, honest! We all need to ease up on the road. Sometimes I am too damn defensive but it's not my fault. It's the way I was conditioned. The rotary seems to be an every man for himself situation when it's really not. It brings out the worst in drivers. All you have to do is stop when you are sposta and use a little common courtesy.

If I have stopped on Broadway in front of Dunkin Donuts, and I proceed into the rotary, I am not stopping for the idiot who ran the stoplight on College Ave. from Tufts and expects to blow by me. I already stopped, he didn't.

When I first got my license I loved driving. I would pile four or five of my friends in the car and cruise around all night. I never thought I'd see the day that driv-

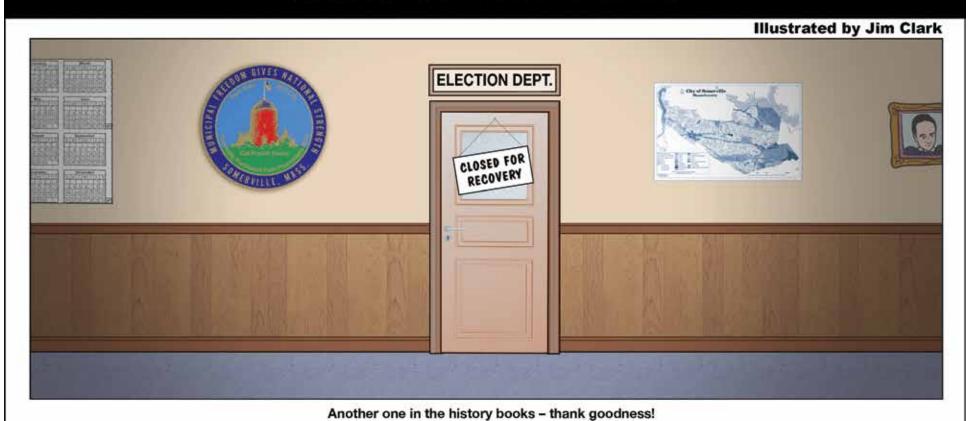


ing became a matter of survival. Did you notice that the nuts that bomb into the rotary haphazardly are driving cars with dings, bangs, and dents? That's why you have to be on your best defense.

If you want to drive as a gladiator and face the possibility of a smashed car or a smashed nose, good luck. If you want to be a responsible driver, leave the gladiator mentality to those nuts on TV. Obeying the rules of the road, along with some common courtesy, may fend off a mental melt down, keep the ulcers away, and save a lot of money in surcharges. If you still don't think the Powder House rotary is dangerous to your health, just look at what happened to that poor deer last Thursday.

# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES



# The View Of The Times



Once again the democratic process has run its course and those of us who chose to participate can rest assured that we have done our parts in having a say in who governs and guides our city as we head into the future.

We congratulate all who participated as candidates, not only those who were elected, but also those who missed achieving their victories. Everybody benefits when clearly diverse choices are presented to voters. Without that, the process could only be regarded as a hollow covenant.

It takes a lot of courage and self-confidence to put oneself on the block in this way. One is exposed to withering scrutiny and criticism by those with opposing viewpoints. Miles of city streets

are walked and hundreds of hands are shaken. Personal and intellectual acumen must be honed to a razor's width, and when called upon for an answer there had better be one ready.

How many among us would really feel up to that challenge? And how many of that number would measure up in a credible fashion? We have just witnessed the finest in our community give their all for the opportunity to serve in positions that require special skills and talents that most of us could not claim to possess. Being respectful of and grateful to all who participated – no matter who we ultimately supported – is definitely worth thinking about.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

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This week's ResiStat meeting is tonight, Wednesday, the 13th, for the West Somerville/ Teele Square area. To be held at the West Somerville Neighborhood School cafeteria on Powderhouse Blvd. Meet and Greet 6:30-7 p.m. with refreshments. Mayor Joe Curtatone, Alderman Bob Trane and other elected and appointed officials will be present to answer questions. This is open to the public.

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Happy Birthday this week here in the Ville and outside of the Ville. When you see them wish them a good and happy birthday: First of all to Sheila MacEachern here in Somerville, we wish a HB and to have a great day for herself. To Buster Parsons over in Everett, a HB. Theresa Fusco Boucher, who works at Verizon, we hope she has a good day. Also this week, to Rob DuBois, a real nice guy whom if you go to MGH, you might see him around. He's in security and a nice guy. Also celebrating this week is Elissa Haley, who we hope has a great day as well. To Danny Cunha, we hope he has a great day for himself as well. To Adam Sweeting, Ward Three School Committeeman and family man, we wish him all the best on his BD. Also this week is Maria Homer, who we wish a good day. Also celebrating this week, two City of Somerville employees, Jane Fabiano and Diane Ringer. We wish them both a great day for themselves. To Ben Saren, who works as a consultant at Sure Shot Labs, a HB. Again, we wish all of these and many more a very happy and special day for their birthdays.

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Don't miss "The Wrap Around Cup Cake Reception" This coming Saturday, November 16, from 1-5 p.m. At the Nave Gallery, Teele Square, 155 Powderhouse Blvd. Each November the Nave Gallery hosts the Wrap around Sale, a sale of handmade knitted/crocheted/sewn goods to benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition. Kick off the sale each year with a delicious cupcake reception. Join us, pick up a scarf, check out the exhibition Reliquary, and support the Somerville Homeless Coalition. For more information check it out at http://navegallery.org/wp/call-for-cupcakes/. Tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10. All proceeds go to the Somerville Homeless a Coalition, serving Somerville, Cambridge, Arlington, and Boston.

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We want to throw a shout out to old

friends here on their recent Anniversary. Bob and Sue Hooley celebrated their anniversary last Friday. Susan, originally from Somerville, has the maiden name of Hersey, a well-known family from Winter Hill and East. They currently live in Arizona but have relatives still here in Somerville. Happy Anniversary to them both. By the way, Bob is a Townie back in the day.

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Grandmothering: Real Life in Real Families, this Thursday night beginning at 6 p.m. at 167 Holland Street. What do you like about being a grandparent? What do you wish your grandparents had done differently? Cambridge author Becky Sarah will introduce her new book, Grandmothering: Real Life in Real Families, and lead a discussion about grandparenting as it relates to the LGBT community. All ages are welcome. Grandmothering: Real Life in Real Families takes a look at the experiences of over 80 grandmothers today. It's about all kinds of families, including adoptive families, gay and lesbian families, stepfamilies, and multiracial families. This event is presented by the LGBT Liaison to the City of Somerville of the Office of Somerville Commissions, the Somerville Council on Aging, the Somerville Public Library,

# and the LGBT Aging Project.

Don't forget to cast your ballot this week and next for "Best of Somerville" a yearly thing that has been voted on now for about 40 years here at the Times. You will find a ballot on the printed edition of the paper. You can write in a name, call or email the Times. Winners will be announced in the November 27 edition of our paper, the Somerville Times. If you see or think of a category that was not in the ballot send your suggestion and nominee to The Somerville Times at 699 Broadway, Somerville 02144

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The Somerville Times is enjoying its new old name, and thank you to all those out there who have seen copy cat editions to the paper and knew they were not ours. Remember, we are The Somerville News, just with a name change. We have some exciting things happening with the paper. A new editor is coming on board after a long search. We will present him in the near future. We're excited about the changes. We will be unveiling something new here in Somerville very shortly before the end of the year to kickoff the new year. We are the only locally owned and operated community newspaper here in Somerville.

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# POW-MIA chair dedication at City Hall

**CONT. FROM PG 1** 

The Corner of Boston and Hamlet Streets in Somerville are dedicated to Fantasia.

The chair, which is to remain empty as a symbol of those who are missing, is placed nearby an American flag, a black MIA-POW flag, and a commemorative plaque reading, "You are not forgotten."



































# **SPORTS**

# **Boys Soccer Division 1 North Champions**



A 3-0 win over Malden Thursday night helped to bring the Somerville High School Varsity Soccer Team closer to a second consecutive Division title.

Then the Highlanders beat St. John's Prep by a score of 4-1 to capture the Championship on Saturday, November 9, at 2 p.m. in the MIAA Boys Soccer North Division 1 title game at Manning Field in Lynn.

Prior to the shutout win over Malden, the Highlanders knocked off Brookline in a 4-0 victory that included a phenomenal third goal by Thayrone Miranda, which made ESPN Sportscenter's Top 10 Plays. You can watch his amazing goal at www.vimeo.com/78762225.

SHS will face Silver Lake in the State Semi-Finals Tuesday, 7:15 at Taunton H.S.

# football game - tix on sale

2013 Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, football tickets are now on sale in the Somerville High School Athletic Office. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults if purchased in advance. Stop by room 180, the athletic office at SHS, to get your tickets. Tickets purchased at the door on game day will be \$7. Join in for a great day of football action in this annual battle between the Highlanders and Cambridge Rindge and Latin. Kickoff is 10 a.m. at CRLS.

# Ms. Cam's Dlio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What is the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?
- 2. What was the first regular newspaper published in the Colonies?
- 3. What year and date was the Vietnam Veterans Memorial dedicated?
- 4. On what Paul McCartney album cover did actor James Colburn appear?
- 5 What iconic female got her first car, an Austin Healy, in 1962?
- 6. Who played the role of Crazy Guggenheim on

- The Jackie Gleason Show?
- 7. What was the Leaning Tower used as?
- 8. A skunk is a mammal – what is a skink?
- 9. Who was the villain in Othello?
- 10. What country is the biggest exporter of corn?
- 11. What is considered the most famous and traveled sports trophy?
- 12. What are the only two words with three consecutive double letters in the English Language?

Answers on page 21

# Holiday Wreath fundraiser



It's that time of the year again. Next Wave/Full Circle is selling beautiful 14" balsam wreaths with red velvet bows for only \$15 apiece. Wreaths will be ready for pickup or delivery the first week in December. All funds raised from this popular annual event go directly to support student activities, field trips, and incentives for Next Wave/Full Circle's reward system. Contact Agnes Gallant at agallant@k12.somerville.ma.us to order your wreath(s). Checks should be made payable to "Next Wave/Full Circle."

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sist with the transition to a new Chief.

The Mayor will select a new police chief in accordance with the City Charter and City Ordinance, which requires a Police Chief Selection Committee that will be promptly organized and consisting of:

- the City's Director of Personnel
- one member of the Board
- of Aldermen appointed by the **Board President**

Femino named Interim Chief

- the director of the City's multicultural affairs commission
- + two members of the general public appointed by the Mayor
- + two members of the general
- public appointed by the Board President + two sworn officers of the
- Somerville Police Department, one representing the patrol offi-

cers' union and one representing the superior officers' union, both elected to represent by those respective unions

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Between three and five candidates chosen as finalists by the selection committee will take part in a public interview, with residents and community members invited to attend and submit written questions ahead of time as well.

# **Public servants honored**



On Saturday October 19, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) held its Massachusetts State Convention at Lombardo's in Randolph. Among those honored at the convention were Lt. Gerald Reardon of the Somerville PD and Patty Contente from the Somerville Health department. They received the NAMI Jail Diversion Award. Pictured here: Gerald Reardon, Lieutenant, Somerville Police Department and Patty Contente, LICSW and Clinical Youth Specialist, Somerville Health Department Office of Prevention.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Readers are invited to send letters to the editor to The Somerville Times. Please email your letters to News@TheSomervilleTimes.com or mail them to 699 Broadway, Somerville, MA 02144. The Somerville Times Reserves the right to edit letters for style, grammar and length. All letters must include an name and contact information. Contact information will not be shared with the public. We look forward to hearing from you.

I want to give a shout out to the Somerville police department! Yesterday I was in town near Union Sq and my dog was spooked by a man who was only trying to say 'hi'. He was outside in the yard and usually is fine but he was abused by former owners and those scars are still there and his 'flight' instinct kicked in. He ran and I went in that direction and people who saw him said he went past and continued out onto the main road. The police had an APB out on him and cops in cruisers were looking for him. He is very skittish and runs when approached. I feared he would be hit by a car. He was gone for several hours and it was going to get dark soon. The police called me every time that there was a siting and it was extremely helpful; he was covering a lot of ground. The last call got me in the area and we located the poor guy who was exhausted, thirsty and limping from blistered paws. I really feel that had we not found him before dark that we may have never seen him again alive. Thank you again Somerville Police as he is truly one of the family and we greatly appreciate your concern.

– Michael Cioffi

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 8

Fenway Park or Faneuil Hall? Harvard Yard or Prospect Hill? Boston Common or Old Ironsides? LEGOLAND® Discovery Center Boston is leaving it up to you to determine which area

landmarks will comprise its distinc-

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tive MINILAND® when the attraction opens in May at Assembly Row in Somerville. Beginning this week and running through Nov. 22, fans can vote via the LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston Facebook page to choose which local landmarks should receive the LEGO®

treatment. The top 10 landmarks will be announced on Dec. 2, and fans will then vote for the top landmark. The winning landmark will be announced Dec. 16, and will be unveiled in the spring prior to the grand opening of LEGOLAND Discovery Center. MINILAND is the most distinctive part of every LEGO-LAND Discovery Center because it is unique to the area where the attraction is located. MINILAND at LEGOLAND Discovery Center Boston will feature a miniature landscape of area buildings, attractions and other significant sites.

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MICHAEL F. GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION** 

#### **LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

117-119 Heath St:/34 Edgar Ave: (Case #ZBA 2012-81-R1-10/2013) Applicant Esmaeil Mahdavi and Owner Esmaeil and Yeganeit Mahdavi seek a revision (SZO \$5.3.8) to Special Permit with Site Plan Review ZBA 2012-81 to substantially demolish and reconstruct a single-family dwelling on the property. The original SPSR was under SZO §7.2 to have more than one principle structure on a lot and §7.3 to have more than three dwelling units on a lot in order to construct four residential units in two semi-detached townhouses for a total of sixteen residential units on the site. Two of the sixteen units will be affordable as defined in §2.2.4. RB zone. Ward 4.

739 Somerville Ave: (Case #ZBA 2013-74) Applicant Brian Lavelle and Owner Paul Lavelle seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming two-family structure by changing the roof type, replacing the front porch and stairs and adding a rear deck and stairs. RB zone. Ward 5.

364 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2013-75) Applicant, Sadhan Mazumdar, and Owner, Chen Chong, seek a Special Permit under SZO §9.4. for parking relief. Ward 4. BA zone.

17 Webster St: (Case #ZBA 2013-76) Applicant RCG, LCC and Owner, RCG Webster Renewal, LLC seek a Special Permit under SZO \$4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure by changing the roofline of an existing addition and adding a rear door. RB Zone. Ward 1.

Copies of these applications 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 Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing or by submitting written comments by mail to OSPCD, Planning Division, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143; by fax to 617-625-0722; or by email to dpereira@somervillema.gov.

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP #14-08

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

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Please contact Angela Allen or email amallen@somervillema.gov for

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

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday November 18, 2013 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Bantam Cider Company for a Farmer's Series Pouring Permit at 230 Somerville Ave. front entrance on

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro Executive Secretary** 

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday November 18, 2013 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Prashant LLC dba Seven Hills Wine & Spirit, 288-290 Beacon St. for a Transfer of 100 % of Stock from Prashant Patel to Dashrathbhai P. Patel.

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro Executive Secretary** 

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The following Motor Vehicle will be sold to satisfy the garage keeper's lien thereon for storage, towing charges, care and expense of notices and sale of said vehicle.

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Address of Vehicle Owner: 90 Sharon Street Medford, Ma. 02155 (Print Name) JOHN'S AUTO SALES Bv: George J. Leon 181 Somerville Ave. Somerville, MA 02143

Dated: Oct.17, 2013

John's Auto Sales

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A hearing for all persons interested will be given by the Somerville Licensing Commission on Monday November 18, 2013 at the Senior Center, Tufts Administration Building, 167 Holland St., Somerville, MA at 6:00PM on the application of Rosebud Restaurant, Inc. to transfer the All-Forms alcoholic beverages restaurant license held by 381 Jumbo LLC, d/b/a Rosebud at 381 Summer St. and for an Entertainment license for Entertainment by Performers, Patrons & Devices.

> For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

**Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro Executive Secretary** 

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4) 1996	Dodge	Ram	Vin # 1B7HF16Z6TS546176
5) 1998	Ford	Escort	Vin # 1FAFP13PXWW277304
6) 1995	Ford	F-150	Vin # 1FTEF14H9SLA93726

Date of Sale: Dec. 16, 2013

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: 160 McGrath Hwy. Somerville, MA. 02143

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**PLANNING DIVISION** 

#### **LEGAL NOTICE** OF PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, November 21, 2013 in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

129-131 Broadway: (Case #PB 2013-21) Applicant and Owner, Luis Morales, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §6.1.22.D.5.a to modify the existing storefront and signage, which includes modifications to the windows and parapet, of an existing commercial structure. CCD 45.

Copies of these applications 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 <a href="mailto:dpereira@somervillema.gov">dpereira@somervillema.gov</a>.

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 11/6/13 & 11/13/13.

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#### **PROPERTY VALUES**

**LEGAL NOTICE** CITY OF SOMERVILLE **BOARD OF ASSESSORS** MARC A. LEVYE, RMA, MAA **CHIEF ASSESSOR-CHAIRMAN** SOMERVILLE BOARD OF ASSESSORS **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE NOTICE** (617)-625-6600 EXT. 3100

The Department of Revenue has allowed the Somerville Board of Assessors to release proposed Fiscal Year 2014 assessments pending preliminary certification of the City's Revaluation or Certification.

All proposed assessments of real and personal property and the methods used to determine those values are currently being reviewed by the Department of Revenue.

All values reflect full and fair cash value as of January 1, 2013 as determined by the Board of Assessors. Values are based primarily upon calendar 2012 sales and income & expense information. Sales for the last 6 months of calendar 2011 and the first 6 months of calendar 2013 were considered as well. City-wide on average, residential values increased by approximately 7% and commercial values increased by approximately 15%.

All values will be available for inspection, prior to the setting of the tax rate, beginning on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at the Assessor's Office and the Main Library and Branch Libraries. Values can also be viewed on the City's website at www.somervillema.gov, (go to City Departments, Assessing, and Assessor's Database). Questions and requests for changes regarding values should be addressed to the Assessors Office no later than Wednesday, November 20, 2013.

#### **Assessors Office**

Monday through Wednesday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Thursday 8:30 am to 7:30 pm Friday 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

#### **Central Branch Library** 79 Highland Ave.

Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm Friday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Sunday, 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

#### **East Branch Library** 115 Broadway

Monday & Thursday 10:00 am to 9:00 pm Tuesday 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm Wednesday & Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Closed Sunday

#### West Branch Library 40 College Ave.

Monday & Thursday, 10:00 am to 9:00 pm Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Friday 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm **Closed Sunday** 

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#### SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

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

Holland Street Center - 167 Holland Street

Ralph & Jenny Center - 9 New Washington Street

Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway

Some Council on Aging highlights in the coming weeks:

Health Aging: You and your money - November 14 - Join us for a special coffee hour for a non-judgmental conversation about managing your finances as you age. Program is at the Holland Street Center, 10:45-11:15 a.m. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling. RSVP is appreciated. Free.

Art with Katherine continues as we travel around the world and make some wonderful holiday gifts for the holiday. Join us for three weeks starting November 26, December 3 and 10. Cost is just for supplies \$15. RSVP early. Cross Street 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 14 - Join us for a wonderful intergenerational event with local author, Becky Sarah, who is about to release her book 'Grandmothering: Real Life in Real Families.' It will be a book talk and discussion, focusing on the section of the book in which she talks about being a grandparent to grandchildren who have gay and lesbian parents. 6:00 p.m. at Holland Street Center. All ages and free.

**Zumba for All** with Cheryl. Come at the end of the day, after work. Open to all. Wednesdays 5:15-6:15 p.m. Holland Street Center. \$3 for a class or \$15 for 6 classes.

Wii Bowling League is here at Holland Street Center Mondays at noon. Free. If you haven't tried this, come as you will love it. No bowling ball but you still swing and hope for the best.

#### LGBT Events (Open to all ages):

#### "MOVIES TO COME OUT TO"

All Dinners at 5:30 p.m. November 26 - Chicken or Spinach pie. \$6. RSVP a must.

'The Love Part of This' - In the early 1970's, Grace Schrafft and Grace Moceri of Gloucester, MA. left their husbands to be together. It is a heartbreaking, funny and extremely moving document of life and love.

'Positive Thinking' with Roberta Robinson of Cambridge Health Alliance will be talking on how positive thinking is a mental attitude that admits into the mind, thoughts, words and images that are conducive to growth, expansion and success. Come learn new tricks to keep you on a positive path. Free. Stay for our monthly lunch.

Holland Street Café - December 9 from Vinny's Ristorante. Fabulous lunch of either meatballs and pasta or eggplant parm. Salad and dessert. RSVP. Stay for Roberta Robinson's lecture at 10:30 on 'Positive Thinking.'

**LBT Women Fit-4-Life Fitness and Nutrition Classes.** Tuesday and Thursday evenings. \$10 a month with scholarships available.

#### Ralph & Jenny Center Weekly Events:

Cards and Games hour at Ralph & Jenny at 10:00 am every day the center is open. Come join your friends or make some new ones. Cards, Scrabble and Cribbage.

Do you crochet or would you like to learn? Thursdays at 10:45 a.m. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

#### **Trip Corner:**

Penn Dutch - December 2-6.

Culinary Arts - December 10.

**Concord Museum -** 'Celebration of Trees' - December

Atlantic City/Taj Mahal - January 12-14.

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

**Wii Bowling League** - at Holland Mondays at noon. Free.

**Zumba for All** - at Holland - Wednesdays at 5:15-6:15 p.m. \$3 or \$15 for 6 classes.

**Flexibility & Balance** - at Holland - Thursdays 10:00 a.m. Free.

Flexibility & Balance - at Ralph & Jenny - Wednesday 1:15-2:00 p.m.

**Strengthening Exercise with Geoff** - Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. at Holland and 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.

Walking Club - at R&J - Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings.

Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings.

#### **November 13**

#### Bowling at Flatbreads at 1:00 pm

#### **Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life A & B

SHINE Info Session|10:45 a.m.

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

#### **Cross Street Center**

English Conversation 10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

#### **November 14**

#### **Holland Street Center**

Current Events 10 a.m.

Blood Pressure 10 a.m.

You and Your Money | 10:45 a.m. Musical Conversation | 12 p.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

Author Beck Sarah - Grandparenting LGBT  $\mid$  6 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m.
Strengthening Exercise|10 a.m.
Crochet and Knitting|10:45 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

Bingo Break Exercises|1:30 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

#### **November 15**

#### **Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life B & C

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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#### **November 18**

#### **Thanksgiving Dance Celebration**

**All Centers Closed** 

#### **Holland Street Center**

Veterans Group|9:30 a.m.

Moonlighters 10:30 a.m.

Fit-4-Life|1 p.m.

167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

#### **November 19**

#### **Green Cab Fundraiser**

#### **Holland Street Center**

Strengthening Exercise|9:15 a.m.

SHINE appt. only|10 a.m.

Low Vision Group 10:30 a.m.

Dealing with Loss | 12 p.m.

Yoga/Meditation|1 p.m.

Caregivers Group 6 p.m.

LBT Fit-4-Life|6 p.m.

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#### Ralph & Jenny Center

Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Reflections Art - FREE|10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

#### **Cross Street Center**

English Conversation|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

Bereavement Group|3 p.m.

165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

#### November 20

Bowling at Flatbreads at 1:00 pm

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#### **Holland Street Center**

Fit-4-Life A & B

Zumba for All|5:15 p.m.

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#### **Cross Street Center**

English Conversation 10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.

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Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

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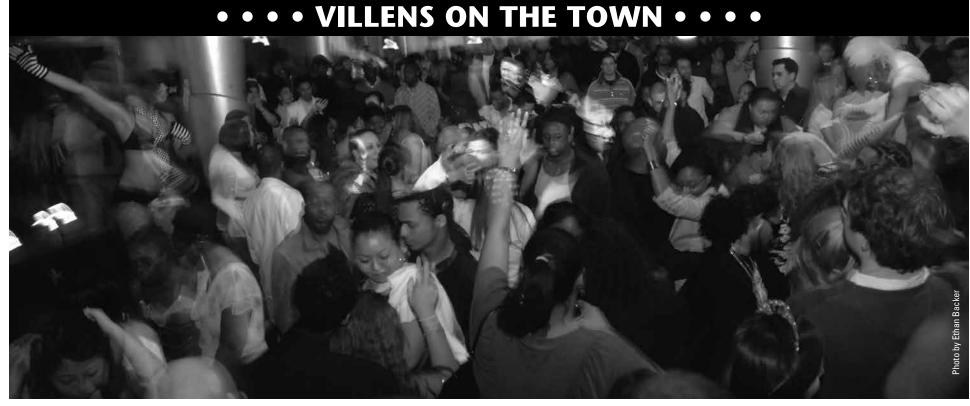
# 'This Old House' helps Somerville bombing victim CONT. FROM PG







Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick joined Somerville Mayor Curtatone and Ward Three Alderman-elect Bob McWatters in welcoming and thanking the This Old House crew as they set about the project.



#### **FOR CHILDREN AND** YOUTH

#### Wednesday November 13

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

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

#### Thursday November 14

**Central Library** 

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

#### Friday November 15

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 2 year

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library** 

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training Patty Contente|617-625-6600 x4325

9 a.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland

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Teen Game Day Cynthia or Ron|617-623-5000-2:30 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland

**Veteran's Memorial Rink** 

Free public skating 12 p.m.-1:50 p.m.|570 Somer-

#### Saturday November 16

**Central Library** 

Teen Nanowrimo Write-In Cynthia 617-623-5000-2936 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### Sunday November 17

**Central Library** 

Art Cards with Rob Logan Cathy Piantigini|617-623-5000 2 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Avenue Monday November 18

**Central Library** 

Sing-Along with ABC Spanish in Motion Cathy|x2954 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland

Avenue

**Central Library** 

Math & Science Homework Help

3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland

**Central Library** 

Homeschool reading group ages 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland

Tuesday November 19

West Branch Library Preschool: Storytime

10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|40 College

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

#### **MUSIC**

#### Wednesday November 13

Johnny D's

Boston Comedy Festival "Funny Females Showcase" Hosted by Kelly MacFarland 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz **Back Room** 

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

PA'S Lounge

Anthony Grant|DeJuan Jamil|Kevin G Moore 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Sports Trivia 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Precinct Bar** 

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub** The Nephrok All Stars 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** 

TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke

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

Arts at the Armory Singer-Songwriter Event: The

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Thursday | November 14

Johnny D's

New Orleans Suspects | Steamahs 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays |7:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. **Back Room** 

Scattershot 80's night|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

On The Hill Tavern

Live DJ Music 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

**Precinct Bar** 

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's** 

Dub Down Featuring The Scotch **Bonnet Band** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

Joshua Tree

256 Elm St. |617-623-9910

Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Somerville Theatre

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

**Radio Bar** 

Up: Flamin' Groovies w/The Connection and Andy Shernoff!! 379 Summer St

#### Friday November 15

**Boston Comedy Festival Pres**ents Lenny Clarke with Jack Walsh|Soggy Po Boys

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Larry Flint & The Road Scholars |6 p.m.

The Wednesdays | 9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. **Back Room** 

Cover Up

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

10 p.m.|65 Holland St

**Precinct Bar** 

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PA'S Lounge

Orca Orca|Mutual Benefit|Slowdim|Funeral Advantage 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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499 Broadway |617-629-5302 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** 

DJ starting at 10 p.m. 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's** 

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Down: Radiator King|Fax Holiday|Appomattox|Future Carni-

379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory

Bohemian Night In Boston Presents:Alejandro Filio 7 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

#### Saturday November 16

Johnny D's

Rust Never Sleeps|Clock Strikes Ten

17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Les Sampou Band |6 p.m. One Thin Dime |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Scattershots

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**Precinct Bar** 

Running Down A Dream Music Vs Cancer Fundraiser Ft.|Banana Phonetic|Dub Apocalypse|The Nephrok Allstars|2pm to 7pm Hear Now Live Presents Something Sneaky|The 7CS|Glostic Willy | Age of soul | Seth Coluzzi 70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Karaoke

65 Holland St

**PA'S Lounge** 

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Down: Jay Greenough presents:Butterknife|Mount Peru|Satellites

Arts at the Armory

379 Summer St

Singer Songwriter Sampler 7:30 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Sunday|November 17

Johnny D's

Open Blues Jam featuring The Matthew Smart Band Christopher Williams|Young Life Benefit

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Frank Drake Sunday Showcase | 5 Fiendish Thingies |8 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren

3589

Front Room

Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller 7

**Back Room** 

**Burren Acoustic Music Series** 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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#### **PA'S Lounge**

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**Dub Apocalypse** 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-

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Sunday Brunch Live Country & Bluegrass Sunday Night Live Music

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#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

#### Radio Bar

379 Summer St

#### Arts at the Armory

Hymnes d'Amour: Les chansons de Piaf avec Christine Zufferey & Catherine Capozzi 4 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Monday November 18

#### Johnny D's

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

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m. Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Avel617-666-3589

#### The Burren

Front Room

Bur- Run|6:45 p.m. Back Room

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Americana Night 345 Somerville Ave|617-776-

#### **Precinct Bar**

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#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

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

#### Radio Bar

Down: Rory Studebaker presents: 6 p.m.|379 Summer St

#### Arts at the Armory

Center Stage Somerville 2013: Click Clack Moo

3:15 p.m.-5 p.m.|Performance

Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal

6:30 p.m.|Performance Hall Old -Time Music Party 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

#### Tuesday | November 19

#### JohnnyD's

Wedding Band Showcase 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Porter Squares 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

#### The Burren

3589

Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m. Back Room Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan

#### On The Hill Tavern

Stump Trivia (with prizes) 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

#### PA'S Lounge

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

#### **Precinct Bar**

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

#### **Bull McCabe's Pub**

Skiffy & The Ghetto People Band 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

#### **Highland Kitchen**

First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of Egoart.

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#### Samba Bar & Grille

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#### PJ Ryan's

Pub Quiz

10 p.m.|239 Holland St.|617-625-8200

#### Radio Bar

379 Summer St

#### Wednesday November 20

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#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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#### 3589

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**Back Room** 

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#### PA'S Lounge

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#### On The Hill Tavern

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#### **Orleans Restaurant and Bar**

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#### **Highland Kitchen**

TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke

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

#### Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

#### **Radio Bar**

379 Summer St

#### Arts at the Armory

Open Mic Series with Celia Slattery and Bill Duffy 7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

#### **CLASSES AND GROUPS** Wednesday November 13

#### **Central Library**

College Financial Aid Advisory Session

Matt Orlando|207 939 8874 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Third Life Studio**

ww.nadirajamal.com

Belly Dance with Nadira Ja-7:30 p.m.|Level 2|33 Union Sq|w-

#### Thursday November 14

#### **Central Library**

Drop in meditation 1 p.m.-2 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

**West Branch Library** 

Learn English at the Library!

(Session 1) 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 PM - 8:15 PM 40 College Ave

#### **Central Library**

Cambridge College Information Session

M.J. Toohey|617-872-0437 4 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Council on Aging**

Meet Becky Sarah, author of Grandmothering: Real Life in Real **Families** 

Elizabeth Field|617-625-6600

6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|167 Holland

#### Street **Central Library**

Avenue

Book Discussion: A Quiet Revolution by Leila Ahmed Kevin O'Kelly|617-623-5000 x2961 6:30-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

#### 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

#### **Third Life Studio**

Roots and Rhythm 33 Unions Sq| www.libana.com

#### Friday November 15

#### Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga 2 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland

#### Saturday | November 16

#### **Central Library**

StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000 x2910 9 a.m.-1 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Central Library**

StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000 x2910 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Bagel Bards**

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

#### Sunday November 17

#### **Unity Church of God**

Fourth Step to Freedom Al-Anon **Family Groups** 7:00 P.M. | 6 William Street

Enter upstairs, meeting is in **basement** 

#### **Third Life Studio**

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

#### **Monday November 18**

#### **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**

Book Group: Books-into-Movies **Discussion Group** 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

#### **Third Life Studio**

Discover Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal 6 p.m.|33 Union Sq|www.nadira-

#### Tuesday | November 19

#### **Central Library**

jamal.com

Recovery group for elders 1:30 .m.-2:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

#### **Central Library**

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

#### **Central Library**

StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter 617-623-5000 x2910 2:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga 7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland

Avenue

Ave

**Third Life Studio** The Art of Group Singing For

with Susan Robbins, www.libana.

#### 7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq Wednesday | November 20

#### **Central Library**

Director's Meet, Mingle, Read Series: Christopher Klein, author of Strong Boy 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.|79 Highland

#### Avenue Third Life Studio

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

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# **Collecting Massachusetts authors**

#### By Kenneth Gloss

Some collectors think that by amassing only the works of writers associated with one regional area they are significantly narrowing their field of sought-after works. In fact, they may discover that a geographic collection still encompasses a huge body of material, including both the books by these particular authors as well as the books about them. For a good example of this, consider the possibilities of collecting only the works of authors who have some connection to the state of Massachusetts, whether they were born and raised here, educated here, or just lived and worked here at some point in their career.

One reason that the number of Massachusetts authors is so large is because the state was the literary center of America. When this country was founded, Boston had the money and equipment necessary to publish books and also the infrastructure and transportation needed to distribute them to the rest of the country. Nearby towns like Salem and Concord attracted a lot of philosophers and transcendentalists who happened to be writers. Harvard College provided a steady source of income for these people. The area supported the educational institutions, which supported the publishers, which supported the writers. The Atlantic Monthly magazine, which had been based in Boston since its beginning, but now based in Washington, D.C. also pulled a lot of great writers to Massachusetts including William Dean Howells, who became assistant editor in 1866. In fact, at one time Boston was considered the "Athens of America."

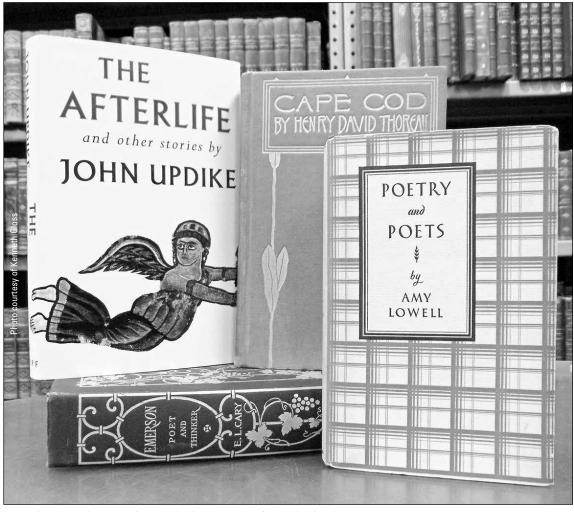
Of course, some writers didn't need to depend on the economic advantages offered by the Boston area, relying on the means of their family instead. Someone like Robert Lowell, whose family owned the mills that supported the town of Lowell, could afford to be a poet. Fellow poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, married into money that helped him a great deal. Outside of Boston were many farms, such

as Brook Farm in West Roxbury, which also attracted many authors to the state. These were places where authors congregated in an effort to find an artist's Utopia. Eventually they found that they didn't want to live and work together forever, but the tradition of writers retreating to such places for a limited time has continued through the years.

The Cape Cod area has always attracted artists and writers with its physical beauty, from which many were said to draw great inspiration. Joseph C. Lincoln was a native of the Cape and used its people and surroundings as the basis for his writings of forty novels plus a book of poetry, Cape Cod Ballads. There are many authors who wrote some of their early works in Massachusetts even if they moved on to other places later in their career. Before playwright Eugene O'Neill won his Nobel Prize, he wrote and produced some of his early plays in Provincetown in association with the theatrical group known as the Provincetown Players.

Among the many who qualify as Massachusetts authors are the more well-known names of writers from the mid-1800s like Henry David Thoreau, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Emily Dickinson, Oliver Wendell Holmes, John Whittier and less widely known notables such as the first Black American author, Phyllis Wheatley, a slave who composed poetry. Each of these authors was published by the company now known as Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Nowadays, one can find some real bargains of works from this time period. Some first editions from these authors cost only \$10 to \$20. In Massachusetts, you can find loads of books by these authors at estate sales and auctions.

Some of the great Victorian historians are also Massachusetts authors. Francis Parkman, born in Boston and educated at Harvard, was regarded as an authority on the American West after publication of The Oregon Trail, a book that chronicled his personal journey along the famous pioneer route. Another from the whole series of historical writers from Massachusetts



Massachusetts authors provide a wealth of opportunities for rare book collectors.

was William Hickling Prescott, who wrote The History of the Reign of Ferdinand and Isabella the Catholic. Prescott, who wrote mainly about Spanish and Mexican history, was also a product of Harvard.

Eventually New York overtook Boston as the economic center of the country with much of the literary world's focus moving there as well. However, Boston has continued to boast of great support for writing and education. Even in more recent times one finds writers like John Phillips Marquand, author of the 1938 Pulitzer Prize winning book The Late George Apley; Iim Carroll, most well- known for his book The Basketball Diaries, and John Updike, a prolific writer who won the Pulitzer Prize in 1982 and 1991 for the last two books in his Rabbit series. Writers continue to come to Boston for the universities as well as the mystique and atmosphere it offers.

Collectors will find that just as the topics and time periods of the various Massachusetts authors have a wide span, so does the range of prices they will have to pay for particular books. Prices for works by authors such as Updike can be tremendous,

running into the thousands for some of the more rare editions. But even a casual collector can afford to dabble in this area if they pick up works by Whittier, Lowell, Howell or Holmes, whose first editions often cost between \$10 and \$20. There are many books by many of these authors that are not rare and can easily be purchased in the \$20 or \$30 range.

Limiting a collection to the works of authors from a particular geographic location is an appropriate way of achieving the focus that every collector needs to have. One will still find a wide selection of genres, time periods and styles from which to choose, with a price range to fit any collector's budget.

Ken Gloss is proprietor of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston's Downtown Crossing section is one of America's oldest and largest antiquarian bookstores. 2013 is the 64th year of Gloss family ownership. Ken has appeared on PBS' Antiques Roadshow on numerous occasions. For further information about the shop and Ken's frequent free and open lectures, visit the Web site at: www.brattlebookshop. com or call 1-800-447-9595.

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#### Somerville Early Childhood Literacy Fair

Saturday, November 16, 2013 **Healy School Gymnasium Early Childhood Literacy Fair** 10am-noon, 5 Meacham St.

Early education and care schools, programs with information for families with young children in Somerville. Meet Curious George. Fun activities for children aged birth to six years. Animals from Zoo New England and the New England Aquarium. Activities from the Museum of Science. Free.

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# Ms. Cam's Answers

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  - 2. The Boston Newsletter
  - 3. November 13, 1982

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Celebrating 30 years of making grassroots community media for Somerville

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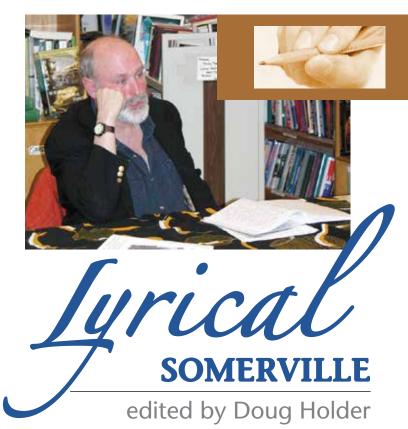
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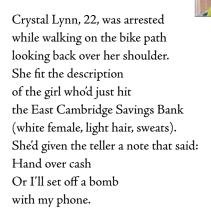
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# The Somerville Times -



There are a million stories in our naked city and Somerville poet Ed Meek tells us one of them.

#### Truth in Sentencing



"I didn't do it! Another girl did!" She told Somerville police when they apprehended her and searching her person found one hundred and ten twenty dollar bills stuffed in the pouch of her hoodie. "Twenty of that is mine!" she said as the officer cuffed her and ducked her into the back seat of the cruiser.

Couldn't we start over? Return the money to the bank Throw the note away Go back to bed Just say no Tell Junior hit the road Let him pimp someone else Let him pay his own way

Whatever you do Don't drop out of school Stay in and do your work Don't hang out with him And fail to use protection Don't borrow his needle Don't get mom's boyfriend mad Don't tell mom When he touches you What difference does it make?

What difference does it make now With your record five years is a good deal for armed robbery.

Ed Meek

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# 'Before Whose Glory'

by Lawrence Kessenich

This a review by Somerville Poet Kirk Etherton of a new book by Somerville Bagel Bard Lawrence Kessenich.... I like to keep it in the family...

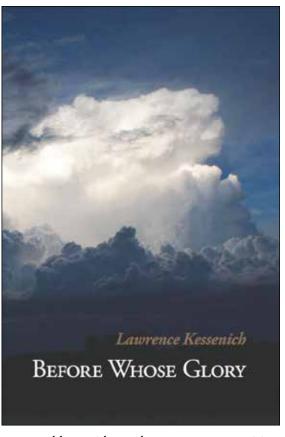
Before Whose Glory, by Lawrence Kessenich FutureCycle Press, 2013

There is a lot to enjoy and admire in this collection of poems by Mr. Kessenich, who won the prestigious 2010 Stokestown Poetry prize. Rather than comparing it to another book of poetry, I find myself thinking of Don DeLillo's 1998 novel Underworld, one of the most ambitious, momentous, and critically acclaimed works in the history of American fiction.

At only 81 pages (compared to Underworld's 827), Before Whose Glory is naturally a more modest proposition. But it shares its predecessor's ability to illuminate half a century of American experience by utilizing the viewpoints of multiple characters, in situations ranging from the historically pivotal to the curious to the seemingly inconsequential. Along the way, Kessenich manages to elicit a full range of appropriate emotions—delight, despair, awe, and more than one world-view changing epiphany.

The collection is presented in five sections: Permeable Borders, Even the Biggest Family, Paper Boy, Beauty on the Bus, and Blazing Heart. Along the way the reader learns about—among other things—Fatal Insomnia (a real disease), Henry Miller and ping-pong, what it might have been like to sleep with Jacqueline Kennedy, how the Atomic Bomb changed children's and adults' thinking on a visceral level, and the journey of a piano to the top

One of the great things about reading any of these poems is never saying to yourself, "I wonder what that was supposed to be about," an all-too-com-



mon problem with much contemporary writing. Besides poetry, Mr. Kessenich has also published a number of essays, and had several plays produced; it comes as no surprise, then, that he can actually communicate.

If you're a writer, you'll probably find yourself shaking your head after reading some of these poems, asking "Why didn't I think of that? It's perfect, and it seems so obvious, now." This, of course, is one of the marks of a great poem.

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