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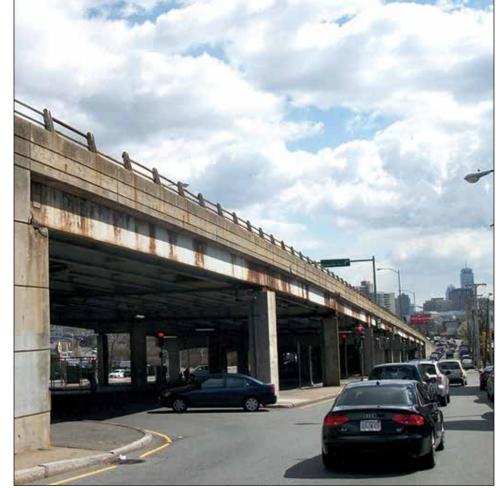
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A familiar eyesore may be nearing its final days, if the MassDOT and the Grounding McGrath working group have their say.

By Jim Clark

According to a preliminary report issued by MassDOT and the Grounding McGrath working group, it will be recommended that McGrath Highway be taken down and that a ground-level 6-lane boulevard be constructed as a replacement.

A two year study conducted by MassDOT engineers, elected officials, and various other interested parties has resulted in the recommendation, outlined in the report entitled Grounding McGrath: Determining the Future of the Route 28 Corridor Study.

The proposed roadway would consist of three lanes running in each direction, with traffic lights at major intersections. A planted median would run its length, and parkland bordering is also recommended.

Several options were considered regarding the fate of the structure. Ultimately, it became the opinion of those engaged in the study that not only would the grounding of the structure be more cost efficient in the long term, but that traffic flow and the general quality of the immediate environment would be greatly improved. Pedestrian access was also considered an important component of the study's eventual recommendation. Continued on page 16

Tis the winter concert season Somerville schools share the music

By Elizabeth Sheeran

No matter what kind of holiday you're celebrating this time of year, Somerville school kids are ready to bring music to your ears.

The Somerville Public Schools' winter concert season opened last week with Friday's kindergarten performance at the Capuano Early Education Center, followed by last night's concert at the Brown School. After a full roster of school music events this week and next, the season will eventually wrap-up with a Martin Luther King -themed concert at the Kennedy School in late January.

At the East Somerville Community School, which finally re-opened this year after a devastating 2007 fire, this Friday's winter concert will be the first in the school's new 350-seat auditorium. "It's definitely a big moment for us," said music teacher Adam Epstein. "This year we'll all be under one roof again for the first time." The state-of-the-art East Somerville auditorium will also play host to



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Music teacher Adam Epstein rehearses with first graders for this week's winter concert in the new auditorium at the East Somerville Community School.

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The Somerville Times has finally received the city permits, and we have many new boxes out on the streets as of this morning. Wherever you go throughout Somerville you will now see our boxes, with more to come over the next few months. We recently went through the new permit process here in Somerville and finally, after four weeks, we were approved. With the great help of City Clerk John Long we have our permits. You can't miss us. Just look for the tall red boxes with the white and black lettering "The Somerville Times" all across the city and, again, more are to come over the next several months. We are also enlarging our distribution across the city, adding new places you can find The Times, thereby making it the largest locally owned and operated newspaper right here in Somerville.

Also, next week we have joining The Somerville Times another editor who comes to us with many years of experience as being editor to several of Gatehouse's papers on the south shore. Experienced and well qualified, you will agree, with full degrees in journalism. We will let him introduce himself in the paper, giving his experience and qualifications. We here at The Times are excited and we know the city will be as well. We will only tell you his family is originally from Somerville, and he used to work in Somerville. We will continue to offer original homegrown stories about issues of importance here in Somerville, and our fulltime editor and reporter will be making significant contributions to our efforts in bringing you the best in local news. Nothing else but Somerville is in The Somerville Times. *****

West Somerville Neighborhood School Night at The Somerville Public School Tree Lot at Foss Park on Broadway, Wednesday, December 11, 2013, 4-8 p.m. Wreaths are \$15 The school gets \$5 for every wreath sold. For trees under \$49 they get \$5 dollars per tree sold. For trees over \$49 they get \$10 dollars per tree sold. Buy your Christmas Tree on Wednesday December 11 and SUPPORT WSNS PTA!

We congratulate all the winners in the recent "Best of Somerville" awards. This year more so than in the past we had many phone calls, emails and actual letters from Continued on page 11

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TheSomervilleTimes.com **Comments of the Week**

Response to Resident seeks clemency for pet

Jim says:

That dog has to be put down, no question. Its sad and unfortunate, but a dog mauling someone's child is much sadder. We have laws about dangerous animals for public safety and I can't think of any reason to make an exception here.

steve says:

he didnt maul a child! a dog and dogs owner were hurt the owner needing stitches. this poor dog never had a violent history.... well now its up to a judge.... and shell probably get an attorney and hundreds of supporters and who knows maybe even a protest. if terrio kills that dog theres gonna be hell to pay!

617 says:

Steve, How do you know the dog's history? It says the dog is 6 YEARS OLD and the woman just got the dog only months ago. This dog has been in Somerville for 9 months (still isn't licensed) and it's already mauled a man's hand causing permanent damage? If this dog goes on to maul a child people will be calling for heads to roll. Are you prepared to take that gamble?

Boston Kate says:

Steve - don't blame April Terrio for this. The fault lies with the mastiff's owner. Ms. Terrio is very responsive to people's concerns. I had to call her about a dog in my neighborhood, and she was very fair, to me and the dog owner.

This mastiff went after the shepherd, not the shepherd's owner. The shepherd's owner was bitten, because he, instinctively, tried to separate them. 30 years ago, my neighbors dog ran out her door in into the path of a car. He wasn't badly injured, and I ran to the dog to touch him and try to comfort him. He, also instinctively due to his trauma, bit me, though not very hard. I think the mastiff should be saved, registered and trained. The dog should I think the owner should be fined and trained in the responsibility that comes with dog ownership - a fenced in front yard is called for, if the dog always comes to the door when it is opened. A little dope-slap for the owner couldn't hurt either.

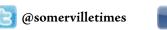
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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

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 what you think about Partners HealthCare moving to Somerville's Assembly Row at the former IKEA site. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.



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By Erica Scharn

Three Superintendents, four Mayors, and six new or reconstructed schools later, Ward 2 Somerville School Committee member Teresa Cardoso is retiring from her position after 22 years of service.

Born and raised in Somerville, Cardoso became the first Portuguese-American bilingual elected official in the city. Now Somerville's longest-serving School Committee member, she has decided to retire after more than two decades of service to spend more time with her family. Mayor Curtatone and the Board of Aldermen submitted a citation honoring Cardoso for her years of service. In her remarks presenting the commendation November 26, Ward 2 Alderman Maryann M. Heuston said that she considered Cardoso a very good friend and mentor.

"She always had the pulse of the community, first and foremost," said Heuston. "Teresa embodies all that is right and good about an elected official, and all that is right and good about a person who cares about her city and her community. She is also a symbol of comfort."

Cardoso's journey began with her involvement in the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), including serving as President for six years, at the then-Lincoln Park Community School, where her daughter was a student. In 1991, Cardoso testified at a School Committee budget hearing because one of the Lin-

coln School teachers - the only female teacher in the seventh and eighth grade team - was potentially going to be cut due to budget issues.

After she testified, her colleagues told her that she should run for School Committee; the Ward 2 seat had become vacant that year. Cardoso said that was the furthest thing from her mind, and that she hadn't had any political ambitions. But further support from her family and friends prompted her to run, and she won the 1991 election after a friendly race.

Cardoso said that in her first years of service (which were marked by major changes brought on by education reform in 1993), the Committee tackled full-day pre-kindergarten and full-day kindergarten. "We were one of the first cities in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to have full-day kindergarten that you don't have to pay for," said Cardoso.

Reflecting on the School Committee's work over the past 22 years, Cardoso said that with the Web site and other technologies, things have become more transparent and user-friendly. She said that she thinks it has become more student-oriented, and less top-down.

Another highlight for Cardoso was the building of several schools while she was on the School Committee. Cardoso said, "The most important one to me was the new Argenziano School [Lincoln Park Community School]. We desperately needed a school



Teresa Cardoso received a special commendation from the Board of Aldermen and Mayor Curtatone at the most recent Board meeting, honoring her 22 years of service as a Somerville School Committee Member.

rebuilt on the Lincoln Park site, so I was very, very proud and excited to be part of that and be part of the advisory committee and see it through." On December 5, Cardoso's family, friends and colleagues had a retirement party for her at the Dr. Albert F. Argenziano School, where her daughter teaches. "I will never forget all the people that came and made it very special for me. It was good to look back and see all the friends that I have made over the years," said Cardoso.

A couple of years ago, Cardoso switched to part-time hours at her day job. She had been working full-time as an office manager at a law firm while attending School Committee meetings, PTA meetings and associated events. Now that her husband has retired and she has two young grandchildren, she said that she wants to be home more. So after talking to her family and friends. she came to the decision to retire from the Committee.

"My goal has always been that it's the kids first. If it's not good for the kids, then it's not going to happen," Cardoso said. "That's where my heart and soul is." She said that in her opinion, this requires 150%.

But the community can expect to see Cardoso around. She has long been involved in the community - including co-founding the Friends

of Lincoln Park in the 1980s - and said that she's sure that she'll still be volunteering in the city in the coming years.

"It's been a very good experience. I will miss it," said Cardoso."It's kind of hard to just come to a halt. I don't think that'll happen. I think for the winter months I'll slow down a bit. It'll be nice to kick back and have my grandchildren stay for dinner and hang out for a little while."

"I just want to thank everyone who has supported me and encouraged me and befriended me," Cardoso said. "It's been a long, great 22 years. I've thoroughly enjoyed it, and I hope that I've made a difference in someone's life along the way."

'Tis the winter concert season CONT. FROM PG 1

Thursday's All City Middle School Concert, and to the second annual El Sistema Community in Harmony event next week. Last year's middle school concert had to be moved to Tufts University when Hurricane Sandy damaged the Somerville High School auditorium, leaving staff scrambling to find alternate performance space on short notice. With the high school auditorium still out of commission these days, Somerville High music students will perform in the field house next week. Somerville music teachers said the winter concert tradition is not so much about performing seasonal music. It's more about capping off the first part of the school year by showcasing work the students have been doing since September.

off for the winter break," said Epstein. "We like to give our students as many chances as possible to practice performing, which is an important skill for them to build."

of finding new ways to engage students in learning music."

The Somerville Public Schools' philosophy is that every student can and should benefit from music education, regardless of ability. In younger grades, every student will perform in the winter concerts. And at the middle and secondary school levels, vocal and instrumental performance ensembles are open to every student who wants to participate. But that doesn't mean the musically gifted don't get a chance to shine. Epstein said the music program is one more way students can hone a talent in an area they can excel in, and that's especially important for kids who don't always stand out in traditional academics. "For many students, performing music is one of their greatest joys at school," said Epstein. And any time of year is the right time for a little joy.

Somerville Public Schools 2013-2014 Winter Concerts:

Friday, December 6, 9:15 a.m. Capuano Early Childhood Center*

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m. Brown School, at West Somerville Neighborhood School*

"It's a chance to share with the community the progress the students have made, before they go

"For many

students, performing music is one of their greatest joys at school,"

Cathy Ward, a new music teacher this year at the Brown and Capuano schools, said the department sets citywide learning goals for music students, and teachers choose musical selections that fit the curriculum. "Something really special about the Somerville Music Department is that we focus on the process and not so much on the end-product," said Ward. "Somerville is ahead of the game in terms

Thursday, December 12, 7 p.m. All City Middle School Concert, East Somerville Community School Friday, December 13, 8:30 a.m.

East Somerville Community School

Tuesday, December 17, 9:15 a.m. Winter Hill Community Innovation School

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m., El Sistema "Community in Harmony," East Somerville Community School

Thursday, December 19, 9:15 a.m., Healey School

Thursday, December 19, 9:15 a.m. West Somerville Neighborhood School

Thursday, December 19, 7 p.m. Somerville High School, Field House

Friday, December 20, 9:15 a.m., Argenziano School

Thursday, January 30, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Kennedy School

For more information go to www.somerville.k12.ma.us. *Concert date prior to Somerville Times print publication

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Nothing 'safe' with these kids

Police were dispatched to an Ossipee Rd. residence last Friday on reports that a group of juveniles had been spotted dragging a safe into the basement there.

Upon arrival, police questioned the legal guardian of the juvenile that resided at the address. They were reportedly told that the kids were around back of the house in the backyard.

As the officers entered the backyard area, escorted by Juvenile 1 and his guardian, they reportedly observed two others juveniles and one 20-year-old, Christopher Richards, standing in the yard. The officers soon spotted a safe that was placed under the porch, lying on its back.

The officers noted that the door of the safe appeared to be heavily damaged, as if attempts had been made to break into it.

Officers further noticed several tools lying nearby, such as a crowbar, screwdriver, nail, puller, etc., according to reports.

Police also reportedly observed a powdery substance on the walls of the safe that also appeared to be on the clothing of the suspects.

The boys initially refused to remove their hands from their pockets, but they were eventually pat-frisked and then questioned as to what they were up to, police said. The suspects reportedly just looked away and didn't answer the officers' questions, according to reports.

Juvenile 1's guardian, when

questioned on the matter, reportedly said that she had heard the sounds of banging coming from the backyard and that at one point juvenile 1 had come into the house and said "something about a safe."

Officers separately questioned each boy, after advising them of their Miranda rights, and one of them reportedly indicated that the safe might belong to a relative, an aunt.

All four suspects were placed under arrest and charged with breaking into depository, receiving stolen property over \$250, and possession of a burglarious instrument.

The safe was taken to the police station where it was eventually opened. It reportedly contained \$6,880 in U.S. currency, 2 digital cameras, miscellaneous gold and silver bracelets, rings and earrings, 3 boxes of blank checks, 1 red Nintendo 3DS, personal papers, passports, and a rubber piggy bank full of coins.

Alleged shoplifter almost as sneaky as a puma

Police were called to the Marshall's Department Store on McGrath Hwy. last week on a report of a detained shoplifter.

Arriving officers conferred with store loss prevention personnel and were told that a shoplifting suspect, identified

as Crystal Bielakowski, 30, of Cambridge, was spotted attempting to remove concealed items from the store without paying for them.

Bielakowski was reportedly spotted removing the price tag and sensor from a pair of Puma sneakers, then placing them into her purse, according to the store employees.

As she was followed through the store Bielakowski reportedly took bottles of perfume out of their boxes and placed them in her purse as well.

When she attempted to walk past the checkout area without paying she was detained by loss prevention personnel and brought to their office to await arrival by the police.

A surveillance video was provided to the officers by

the store employees, who told them that Bielakowski was suspected as being a shoplifter at a Marshall's store in Boston as well.

Bielakowski was placed under arrest and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

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Crime Tip Hotline: 617-776-7210

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Arrests:

Crystal Bielakowski, 30, of 240 Albany St., Cambridge, December 2, 11:35 a.m., arrested at 22 McGrath Hwy. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Paul Venuti, 34, of 76 Ship Ave., Medford, December 2, 1:59 p.m., arrested on warrant charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license, receiving stolen property under \$250, unarmed robbery, and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Anubia Deoliveira, 30, of 10 River Rd., December 4, 8:07 p.m., arrested at home on charges of disorderly conduct, threat to commit a crime, resisting arrest, and assault and battery.

Carl Donaldson, 55, December 4, 10:10 p.m., arrested at 180 Somerville Ave. on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Ave., December 5, 6:17 p.m., arrested at 70 Hudson St. on charges of threat to commit a crime, assault and battery, and assault and battery with a daned at Fitchburg St. on charges of trafficking in cocaine, drug possession to distribute, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Christopher Richards, 20, of 8 Holton St., Medford, December 6, 1:41 p.m., arrested at 55 Ossipee Rd. on charges of breaking into depository, receiving stolen property over \$250, and possession of a burglarious instrument.

3 Juveniles, December 6, Davi Silva, 27, of 85 Central 1:41 p.m., arrested at 55 Ossipee Rd. on charges of breaking into depository, receiving stolen property over \$250, and possession of a burglarious instrument.

December 2, 8:47 a.m., police reported a theft at Lowell St.

December 4, 7:25 p.m., police reported a theft at 258 Elm St.

December 5, 2:14 a.m., police reported a theft at Sunset Rd. December 5, 11:20 a.m., police reported a theft at Grant St.

December 5, 10:08 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

December 6, 1:44 p.m., police reported a theft at 180 Somerville Ave.

December 6, 4:02 p.m., police

Vehicle Theft:

December 5, 2:17 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Broadway.

December 8, 8:39 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at 259 McGrath Hwy.

Assault:

December 3, 4:37 p.m., police reported an assault at New Hampshire Ave.

December 3, 7:14 p.m., police reported an assault at 77 Middlesex Ave.

Jeuris Contreras, 25, of 33 Farragut Ave., Medford, December 3, 12:34 p.m., arrested at Broadway on charges of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license and unsafe operation of a motor vehicle, and on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Joseph Burns, 43, of 148 Sycamore St., December 3, 11:11 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of assault and battery. Omeron Khan, 18, of 16 Otis St., December 4, 12:55 p.m., arrested at 13 Fountain Ave. on a charge of felony daytime breaking and entering.

gerous weapon. James Killackey, 30, of 66 Fifth St., Cambridge, December 6, 10:07 a.m., arrested at 400 Somerville Ave. on charges of trespassing, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

Manuel Farias, 40, of 152 Glen St., December 6, 12:50 p.m., arrested at Fitchburg St. on charges of trafficking in cocaine, drug possession to distribute, and conspiracy to violate drug law.

Carlos Jimenez-Vazquez, 25, of 12 Johnson Terr., Boston, December 6, 12:50 p.m., arrest-

Robert Foley, 50, of 172 Mystic Valley Pkwy., Arlington, December 7, 4:56 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

Mike Bento, 32, of 41 Thomas St., Medford, December 7, 7:00 p.m., arrested at 240 Pearl St. on a charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Incidents:

Theft:

December 2, 11:35 a.m., police reported a theft at 22 Mc-Grath Hwy.

reported a theft at Michigan Ave.

December 8, 10:09 a.m., police reported a theft at Barton St.

December 8, 3:05 p.m., police reported a theft at Somerville Ave.

Robbery:

December 5, 1:20 p.m., police reported a robbery at 403 Highland Ave.

Breaking & Entering:

December 6, 12:48 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway. December 6, 1:41 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Ossipee Rd.

December 3, 9:24 p.m., police reported an assault at Sycamore St.

December 4, 8:07 p.m., police reported an assault at River Rd. December 5, 5:49 p.m., police reported an assault at Central St.

Disorderly Conduct:

December 4, 10:38 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 150 Glen St.

December 6, 1:05 a.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at Beacon St.

Drug Violation:

December 6, 12:50 p.m., police reported a drug violation at Fitchburg St.

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Somerville Police seeking to identify suspect in **Santander Bank robbery**

On December 5, 2013 at approximately 1:10 p.m. a medium built, white male in his late 30's, wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark colored pants, entered the Santander Bank 403 Highland Avenue Somerville, Ma. 02144 and robbed the teller of an undetermined amount of cash. No weapon was shown.

The suspect approached a teller and handed a note demanding money. The only attempt to shield his face was while he was apparently talking on his cell phone. The suspect fled in an unknown direction in the Davis Square area.

The FBI Task Force and Somerville Police are asking for your assistance in identifying the suspect depicted in the photo provided by the



banks surveillance cameras. The Massachusetts Bankers Association is providing a reward for information leading to the identity, arrest and conviction of the suspect, and any accomplices who may have assisted him in the commission of this crime.

If you have information or can identify this suspect, please call the FBI Task Force at 617 742-5533 and/or the Somerville Police Criminal Investigation Division at 617 625-1600 extension 7220.

City recognized for childhood health and nutrition campaign

Somerville's Shape Up Somerville initiative, spearheaded by Mayor Curtatone, has been recognized by The National League of Cities (NLC) for completing key goals for health and wellness via the Let's Move! Cities, Towns and Counties (LMCTC).

First Lady Michelle Obama has promoted LMCTC as an important part of the Let's Move! Initiative, which seeks to find solutions to the childhood obesity problems in our country.

Speaking of the city's accomplishment, NLC President Marie Lopez Rogers, mayor of Avondale, AZ, said, "Local elected officials play a critical role in addressing childhood obesity in our country and communities, and we com-





gramming and parks expansion to school food services, and from urban agriculture and farmers markets programs to transit-, pedestrian-, and bike-friendly development strategies. Through the partnership with LMCTC and the support of the National League of Cities and First Lady Michelle Obama, recent accomplishments have included securing interagency collaboration, through Head Start, to build a Family Learning Collaborative and health food program for preschool students; offering universal free breakfast to students in grades K-8, with the addition of fresh salad bars in all schools by the end of the 2013-14 school year; and the creation of policies and ordinances around school recess, urban agriculture and zoning, multimodal transit options (including painting more than 30 miles of bike lanes in the last three years and a regional bike share program), and increasing numbers of play spaces for resident of all ages."

"In Somerville, every policy decision we make is guided by one orienting value: making our community an exceptional place to live, work, play and raise a family. Our work on core issues such as increasing access to fresh, wholesome foods and opportunities for physical activity has helped us to cultivate a healthier, happier, and more productive community." said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "With the support of First Lady Michelle Obama and LMCTC, we continue to make great progress in all of these areas, and we are honored to again be awarded for our efforts at the local level." More than 370 cities, towns and counties are participating in LMCTC. Each month, NLC recognizes local elected officials who achieve key benchmarks for the five LMCTC goals. To date, NLC has awarded 1,274 bronze, silver, and gold medals to recognize local elected officials across the country for their progress.

The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week



Illuminations By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Everyone has heard of Thomas Edison, but did you know he had a Somerville link? Charles Williams, who lived at One Arlington Street at the corner of Lincoln Street in East Somerville had a flourishing fire telegraph business in the 1860s and 1870s. Charles was an early pioneer of electronics and was on the cutting edge of this early technology. He was a go-to person in the Boston area for people who had ideas but didn't have the means or the equipment to bring them to fruition.

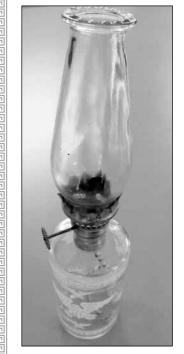
The most famous person to benefit from experimenting in Williams' shop was Alexander Graham Bell. His first outside telephone call went from Williams' Court Street shop in Boston to his house in East Somerville.

A not-so-well-known fact is that Thomas Edison's first two inventions were created in that same shop in 1869. The first was a political vote counter that, after a lot of



hard work and time, was turned down by Massachusetts and Washington, D.C. lawmakers. After being rejected, young Tom vowed to do more research before spending time on shop fabrication. His next invention was a ticker tape device for Wall Street. This time he did his homework first, and the ticker tape is still used today.

Thomas was married on Christmas Day, 1871, one the darkest days of winter. But later Edison's greatest invention, the incandescent light bulb, would make it one of winter's brightest. Edison went on to acquire over 1,200 American Patents, with the incandescent light bulb being his most famous.



Somerville has a unique history of lights compared to most New England Governor Wintowns. throp, the first leader of Massachusetts, settled at Ten Hills. He appreciated light early on when he was lost in unfamiliar woods and had to spend a terrifying night alone. He wrote that lighting a campfire kept wolves at bay until the morning.

mend those leaders being recognized for their achievements in taking action to improve healthy eating and physical activity in their communities."

Shape Up Somerville was awarded with three medals, two gold and one silver, in recognition of positive results in motivated youth in the city to increase their physical activity and improve their eating habits. The city's childhood nutrition programs, including free nutritious meals, were also recognized.

According to the city: "In the ten years since its inception, Shape Up Somerville has been successfully integrated into every aspect of municipal policy-making, from recreation pro-

A few Somerville highlights include:

+ Paul Revere commenced his ride through Somerville toward Lexington af-

ter receiving a message of two lanterns hung in the North Church.

• On the night of June 16, 1775, Colonel Prescott and two Sergeants holding lanterns led the way along Washington Street for 1,500 Americans who would be in the midst of the battle of Bunker Hill the next day.

+ Eight years later at the end of the Revolutionary War, the citizenry of Somerville would honor General Washington and General Lafayette who traveled along this road by lighting candles in their windows. Continued on page 14

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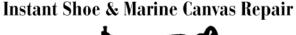
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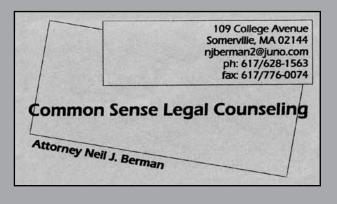
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Over 50 Years Experience





The Somerville Times **'Community in Harmony' Winter Concert**Presented by Somerville musicians of all ages

By Robert Summers

Starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 17, the El Sistema Somerville youth orchestra and other gifted Somerville musicians of all ages will perform at the 2nd Annual "Community in Harmony" concert at the new East Somerville Community School Auditorium, 50 Cross Street.

The program will include Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker, Pachelbel's Canon, Bach's Minuet No. 2, Beethoven's Ode to Joy, Handel's Hallelujah Chorus and other holiday favorites.

This concert is a collaboration of musicians from throughout the city, including the Somerville High School Chorus and the All-City Chamber Orchestra. The "Community in Harmony" title is emblematic of Somerville's community-wide commitment to music, and to promoting social change through music. "This concert showcases the amazing depth of musicianship that exists in Somerville, and truly highlights the beauty that comes from a collaborative effort," said El Sistema Somerville Director, Diane Cline. "Community in Harmony is just that, a community coming together to harmonize and celebrate the season. This is an incredibly inspiring concert. We hope you'll join us and experience it for yourselves."

Now in its second year of existence, El Sistema Somerville virtually doubled in size from its inaugural year to a current enrollment of 70 young musicians from grades three through five. Students are under the guidance of Ms. Cline and a dedicated team of music instructors that includes Claudia Garcia, Silas de Oliveira, Serena Eades, Pamela Cumming, and David Palombo. The group's first con-





El Sistema Somerville youth orchestra is tuned up and ready to perform at the 2nd Annual "Community in Harmony" concert at the new East Somerville Community School Auditorium next week.

cert of the season on October 29 included 10 musical pieces and was a phenomenal success, with approximately 250 people in attendance.

El Sistema Somerville is modeled after the El Sistema program that started in Venezuela in 1975, and is the first El Sistema program in the United States to be founded by a municipal government that is fully integrated with a public school district music department.

El Sistema Somerville is an intensive afterschool program that includes 10 hours per week – 2 hours daily – of music instruction and rehearsal, body movement, and academic tutoring support. The goal of the program is to provide access to music education and to celebrate music through performance while supporting character development and social skills, and engaging the community in the process.

Students in the program receive daily music instruction, coaching and mentorship from a five-member team of faculty members and accomplished musicians in their own rights. Students also benefit from a 25-member team of volunteer music mentors. A 25-member volunteer Advisory Council also provides program support, along with an active group of community partners that includes the Somerville Arts Council, Conservatory Lab Charter School, Target Corporation, RISO Printing, Johnson String, Acoustic String of New England, New England Conservatory of Music, Longy School of Music, and Tufts University.

To volunteer as a music mentor or homework helper for El Sistema Somerville, contact Diane Cline at dcline@k21.somerville. ma.us or (617) 629-5400, x3716. For more information about El Sistema Somerville, visit www. sistemasomerville.org.

Somerville's Illuminations Trolley Tour this weekend

The annual Illuminations Trolley Tour of East and Central Somerville is scheduled for Saturday, December 14, with tours departing from City Hall Concourse beging 4:30 p.m. The 45 minute tours will showcase holiday light displays in our own Somerville.

Tour tickets will be available at the Blue Cloud Gallery, 713 Broadway. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and seniors. For more information, visit www. somervilleartscouncil.org.

The Somerville Bicycle Committee will hold the Somerville the same evening. Meet at 5:50 p.m. in front of the main entrance to Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave. (next to City Hall). They will depart promptly at 6 p.m., riding for about an hour.

Wear warm clothes and light up your bike — the more lights,



Tours leave from (and return to) Somerville City Hall where coffee, hot chocolate and cookies are served.

Entertaintment at City Hall includes choral music and craft activities for children. Illuminations Bicycle Tour, a wintry night-time ride amongst warmly lit homes. The Somerville Bicycle Committee holds this event in conjunction with the Somerville Arts Council's Illuminations Trolley Tour the merrier! Costumes are encouraged but not required. They suggest a \$5 donation to support the Somerville Arts Council. After the ride, enjoy hot drinks, treats, and good cheer at City Hall.



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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll call votes in the House or Senate last week. The House and Senate are meeting only in brief, informal sessions until January and there will not be any additional roll calls until that time. This week, *Beacon Hill Roll Call* reports local senators' final roll call attendance records for the 2013 session.

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.



and Winchester.

The Senate held 232 roll call votes in 2013. Beacon Hill Roll Call tabulates the number of roll calls on which each senator was present and voting and then calculates that number as a percentage of the total roll call votes held. That percentage is the number referred to as the roll call attendance record.

Only 15 of the Senate's 40 members have 100 percent roll call attendance records.

The senator who missed the most roll calls is Sen. Harriette Chandler (D-Worcester), who missed 48 roll calls (79.3 percent attendance).

The second worst record belongs to Sen. Marc Pacheco (D-Taunton), who missed 24 roll calls (89.6 percent attendance).

Third worst belongs to Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry (D-Boston), who missed 23 roll calls (84.9 percent attendance). Her record is based on only 153 roll calls because she won a special election and did not enter the Senate until June.

Rounding out the top five worst are Sens. Cynthia Stone Creem (D-Newton) and Benjamin Downing (D-Pittsfield), who both missed 18 roll calls (92.2 percent attendance).

SENATORS' FINAL 2013 ROLL CALL ATTEN-DANCE RECORDS

The percentage listed next to the senator's name is the percentage of roll call votes for which the senator was present and voting. The number in parentheses represents the number of roll calls that the senator missed.

Sen. Sal DiDomenico	99.1 percent (2)
Sen. Patricia Jehlen	100 percent (0)

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

AUTOMATIC TAX CUT ON JANUARY 1 - The state's Department of Revenue confirmed that sufficient economic growth in 2013 under the terms of a 2002 law will result in a tax cut for millions of Bay State taxpayers beginning in 2014. The cut will come from a reduction in the income tax rate and long term capital gains tax from 5.25 to 5.2 percent effective January 1, 2014. This is only the second year that this automatic tax cut was

possible ballot questions in the November 2014 election say they have filed more than the required 69,911 signatures, certified by local election officials, with the secretary of state as part of the long process to get their proposed law on the ballot. If the signatures are certified by the secretary of state, the question would then be sent to the Legislature and if not approved by May 6, 2014, proponents must gather another 11,485 signatures by July 2, 2014, in order for the question to appear on the November ballot.

Questions include repealing the indexing of the gas tax to inflation, limiting the number of patients a nurse can care for at one time, expanding the state's existing beer and soda bottle deposit law to require a deposit on bottles of most other carbonated and non-carbonated beverages, making casino gambling illegal, hiking the minimum wage from \$8 per hour to \$10.50 per hour and requiring employers to give sick days to employees.

The voters in 2012 approved ballot questions that allow medical use of marijuana and require auto manufacturers to sell to non-dealer repair shops complete repair information and diagnostic tools. They rejected a proposal to allow terminally ill patients with fewer than six months to live to obtain medication they can self-administer to commit suicide.

REQUIRE TRAINING AND EDUCATION FOR LOCAL BOARDS (S 1092) - The Public Health Committee held a hearing on legislation that would require members of local boards of health, conservation commissions, planning boards, and zoning boards of appeal to take an annual free education and training course developed by the state.

BODY PIERCING AND TATTOOS (H 1889) -

The Public Health Committee's hearing also included a proposal that would direct the Department of Public Health to establish rules and regulations for the licensing and regulation of body piercing and tattoos. Supporters say the measure will create a statewide law to ensure sanitary and safe body piercing and tattoo practices. They noted that currently individual cities and towns regulate the practice, creating a hodge podge of regulations that vary across the state.

ACCUSED KILLERS (S 1950) - The Senate approved a new version of a measure that would prohibit the next of kin charged with the murder of a spouse or other family member from claiming the body. The proposal also allows the accused murderer to appeal the denial to a Probate and Family Court and requires the court to act on the appeal within two days. The House has approved a different version of the bill. The Senate version now goes to the House for consideration

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,

triggered. The first time was in 2011 and resulted in a tax cut in 2012.

The tax cuts do not need the approval of the Legislature. They are part of a system devised by the Legislature when it approved a \$1 billion-plus tax hike package in 2002. The package set the long term capital gains tax at 5.3 percent and froze the income tax rate at 5.3 percent instead of allowing it to drop to 5 percent in January 2003 -- a reduction that was approved by voters in 2000. The 2002 law also includes an automatic trigger that reduces both taxes by one-half of one percent each year that the state's economic growth is at least 2.5 percent until each tax is reduced to five percent. The 2013 growth is 3.99 percent. The Department of Revenue estimates that the tax cuts will reduce state revenue by \$65 million in fiscal year 2014 and \$132.5 million in fiscal year 2015.

The legislation is championed by Ginny Marcheterre, whose 19-year-old daughter Heather was murdered in 2010. Funeral services for Heather were delayed for more than a month because Kyle Alleyne, her daughter's husband, the alleged killer, refused to release the rights to her body. A court eventually ruled that the mother and family had legal rights to Heather's body. In February, Alleyne was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"Big business opponents have already started their 'trash

2014 BALLOT QUESTIONS - Sponsors of several

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talk,' calling this proposal a 'tax.' The public isn't going to swallow that nonsense." - Ken Pruitt of the Environmental League of Massachusetts, on the initiative petition to expand the state's existing beer and soda bottle deposit law to include other beverages.

"A vibrant economy demands a public transit system that caters to the residents, students and tourists it serves." -Gov. Deval Patrick on the MBTA's announcement that it will launch weekend late-night bus, subway and light rail service beginning next spring.

"We know we remain David facing a very powerful, deep-pocketed Goliath. But we also know how that story ended and we are hopeful voters will have the chance to turn away this wrong-headed law in November." - Repeal the Casino Deal Chairman John Ribeiro on a proposed ballot question that would repeal the law allowing casinos in Massachusetts.

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tion." - Senate President Therese Murray on whether she a total of 44 minutes while the Senate met for a total of supports constructing a casino in her hometown.

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.

15 minutes.

Mon. December 2	House 10:32 a.m. to 10:39 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.
Tues. December 3	No House session No Senate session
Wed. December 4	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. December 5	House 11:04 a.m. to 11:41 a.m. Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:14 a.m.
Fri. December 6	No House session No Senate session

"Plymouth doesn't need a casino. It's an historic destina- During the week of December 2-6, the House met for Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com





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COMMENTARY

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Taking the time to develop rat solutions, good public policy



By Joseph A. Curtatone

We all wish that sometimes we could snap our fingers and solve problems. Car suddenly breaks down and needs repairs? Fixed. Sudden illness requiring an unexpected trip to the doctor? Healed. Bug in your computer's software? Zapped. This is impossible, as we all know. An investment of time and research to identify the problem and find the appropriate solution is needed first. It's the same with public policy. Good public policy takes time, research and analysis of data and facts. A knee-jerk reaction won't solve anything, at least not for long. Effective policy takes careful, prudent action based on a long-term strategy that is only possible after you've done your due diligence. And that's exactly what we did with our plan to battle rats in Somerville.

We've seen the increase in rat complaints: from 457 calls between January and November of 2011, to 679 calls during the same time period last year, to 658 this year, a decrease from last year, but a high number of complaints nonetheless. We didn't ignore it, but we also didn't waste resources deploying short-term gimmicks that only yield patchwork, short-term results. Instead, while continuing and stepping up our existing rodent control efforts, which are on par with those of other cities, city staff began to study the issue. We looked for trends in rodent sightings data, researched best practices nationwide and then developed a long-term holistic approach that addresses the problem from all angles. We didn't want to settle for what was good enough in other cities. We wanted to take what was working best and then develop a plan that would combine the most promising approaches in the best comprehensive pest management plan. We proposed our strategy only after we examined the facts, analyzed data and did the research on how to best apply your tax dollars to the problem.

The first question we asked: are we alone in this problem? The answer is emphatically "no." The increase in reports of rodents mirrors increases in Boston, Chicago and New York. So it's not just Somerville. That's of little comfort to residents who spot burrows on their property, but it does rule out the idea that Somerville is Rat City. Knowing that Somerville isn't alone in facing more rodent complaints begs the question: What do these cities have in common? The answer—backed up by data is milder-than-usual winters. Reported rodent sightings increased in 2009 and then spiked after the winter of 2012, the warmest year on record for the United States. Without winters cold enough that naturally suppress rodent populations, rats continue to reproduce, resulting in increased sightings.

We can't make winters colder on our own, so what can we do to combat this problem? We formed an interdepartmental Rodent Action Team to coalesce a year's worth of work by various city departments into a unified, holistic plan based on their review of what we've been doing, what the data we've collected tells us about the issue and what's been done elsewhere. The city can continue baiting public properties, but what about private property owners who discover an infestation but can't afford to properly address the problem? Our new Residential Rodent Control Assistance Program will offer up to 2,000 qualifying homeowners each year—which reaches nearly onethird of owner-occupied one-tothree family homes in the entire city—free one-time rodent control services, in exchange for those property owners undertaking preventative measures like clearing debris from yards.

There's one thing rats can't survive without and it's obvious: food. To deny rodents a food source, we're proposing a uniform residential trash barrel program, through which residents will use city-issued plastic trash bins with attached lids that would prevent rats from getting at trash. At the business level, the new Code Enforcement Officer hired by Inspectional Services in October has *Continued on page 17*

Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte What happened to toys?



Originally published December 22, 2007

My kids Christmas lists include a Play-Station 4, iPads,

iBooks and laptop computers. As my friend comedian Bob Marley noted, when we were kids we had an Etch-a-Sketch instead of a laptop.

What happened to just plain old toys? My cousin Carol had a Chatty Cathy, which was great until the pull-string broke, then it was just another doll. I remember toys like the Kenner's Girder and Panel building set. Lincoln Logs and Erector Sets were also cool toys. Those Aurora Racecar sets were awesome! One year Vac-U-Form was big. It was a small contraption that you plugged in and it heated small plastic sheets that you would press over and mold. It made flimsy little cars, boats and army men. The smell of melting plastic was sickening. Remember Secret Sam? It was made around 1965 by Topper. It was a plastic attaché case with an assault type spy rifle you would assemble. It had plastic bullets and a concealed camera that would actually shoot while in the case! I had one as a kid so I bought one on eBay last year. One year for a gift I got that small plastic model of the 20 Mule Team that Borax put out. One of my favorite toys was

that little grey submarine that you put baking soda in to make it rise and sink.

Then there were the classic Lionel Train sets. I had one on a huge board in the cellar. I loved dropping those smoke pellets into the smoke stack. Then one day it was gone. I didn't play with it enough so my father gave it away. He was like the Santa Claus of Davis Square. He also gave away my accordion.

I used to buy my sister 45 rpm records for Christmas. I got them at The Record Shop in Davis Square. Every time you bought a record there you got a coupon. If you saved enough coupons, they'd give you a free 45. I remember the guy with the glasses in there watching us like a hawk thinking we were going to rip him off. I found out his brother owned the record store in Porter Square. It was called Bernie's. Records always made a great gift. I remember the year I got The Beatles' Magical Mystery Tour. It's still in a moldy box in my cellar. In 1964 I bought my sister Petula Clark's hit Downtown on a 45. My son Jimmy was in the attic and pulled out an old LP record. He held it up and said: "Look dad, a big CD!" How many of us went to Christmas parties at Cabot Farms on Broadway near Powder House Square? The fading fa-

cade is still there as a memory of all the

Boy Scout breakfasts and other functions

that were held there over the years.

Back to the old toys. The big place to get some of these toys was of course Child World at the Wellington Shopping Plaza in Medford. We also went to Bradlees, Zayre and JM Fields. There were GI Joes, Barbies, and Lite-Brites and so much more. One year there was a toy called Mr. Machine. He was a walking robot with a square head. I didn't get one. I got a Slinky that always got tangled up and twisted out of shape.

In 1964, after The Beatles stormed into our lives, I asked for a guitar. I remember looking in all the hiding places for it, but it wasn't until two years later that I finally got it. It was a small acoustic guitar that was purchased from Butler's Music store in Davis Square, and my music career was off and running. One of the greatest Christmas gifts I ever got was a small transistor radio! I still remember the smell when I opened it. I would take that radio to bed with me every night. The little earphone was the best invention ever! I'd listen to WMEX and WCOP. I never missed Arnie "Woo Woo" Ginsburg and Dick Summer's "Loving Touch." Those little transistors came from Radio Shack. Today, kids want gifts that will set you back serious cash. One year I bought my son Joey a handheld PlayStation and he lost it. I look in the kid's old playroom (yes there are still toys in there!) and see



all the crap I bought for Christmas' past. Like "Moon Shoes." I went nuts looking for those stupid things and they used them a total of five times. I almost killed myself tripping over one of them.

I remember going to my dad's company Christmas party. He worked at the W.R. Grace near Alewife. To get to the hall that the party was held in we had to step over iridescent puddles of glowing goop. We got a gift, and a small box of those hard, colorful Christmas candies with the filled centers – ahhh the memories!

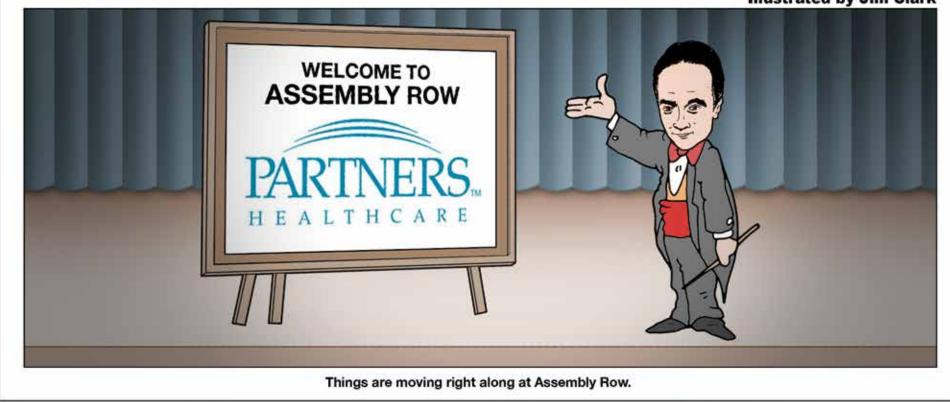
Today, we have to be careful about toys with lead paint in them and especially choking hazards. Each year a lot of toys are thankfully recalled. I started giving away all the Hess Trucks I bought for my son over the years. Each year he would play with it for five minutes and then it would end up behind the couch with last years' Hess Truck. *Continued on page 16*

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The View Of The Times



The announcement that Partners Healthcare will be placing a huge administrative office complex at Assembly Row is a welcome one, and we should be welcoming the organization with open arms.

This impressively large and well-operated company should prove to be quite a positive and dynamic addition to the Assembly Row mix.

that Partners is a tax-exempt non-profit organization and will not be directly contributing to the city's economy as a strictly commercial entity, there are peripheral benefits that will become apparent as the complex settles in and flourishes in its new location.

While some voice concerns over the fact

Some 4,500 employees will be assim-

ilating into the local economy, availing themselves of the goods and services of Somerville merchants and service providers.

Additional contributions to the city will be made by Partners and, along with the prestige that comes with hosting such a highly regarded organization, a win/win situation has taken place, making winners

of all concerned.

Kudos to the developers, city representatives, and all the others who helped to negotiate and ultimately seal the deal that has been made.

We are confident that this is just the beginning of great things to come for Assembly Row and the city at large over the years to come.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

residents around the city voting for their favorites. We were very pleased. To the winners we have a beautiful certificate to hand out. If you're not contacted in the next couple of weeks call Bobbie here at The Times – 617 666-4010 – to make an appointment to come in and get your certificate. Who knows? Maybe we'll take a picture of you as well, and do a nice little story about you, letting all the residents know a little more about you. *****

Some people are confused, and we find ourselves trying to explain why another paper has started partially using the old name of The News, asking,"Why is there another paper?" We can't answer that, but what we can say is that The Somerville Times is the only paper owned and staffed by Somerville residents. We are the same staff members and writers that used to constitute The Somerville News. We suggest that you read us and then the other paper and then decide which is which. We know for a fact you'll be able to tell the difference. By the way, some time in January we will announce another local person who will be an owner of our paper. Look for it come mid-January. *****

ville. We wish a big Happy Birthday to a good friend, David Bell, whose family goes back a long time here in Somerville. A wonderful and close friend who's well known as well, Bill Murphy, formerly of Winter Hill, Ten Hills. Ray Zonghetti's birthday is this week and he's known by many here in the Ville. In particular, he's very active in the Chamber of Commerce. We wish him a Happy Birthday. A very nice lady, Stacy Hersey-Buckley, is celebrating this week as well. A great lady from a great family here in the Ville, Happy Birthday. Another Villen, Cheryl Callahan, is celebrating this week and we wish her all the best. Also, Happy Birthday to James Casserly, another Villen here. Luis Rosa from the Ville is also celebrating this week. He's a self employed contractor. Vanessa Leigh Oppedisano is celebrating this week too. We wonder if she's related to Patty?

son. Merry Christmas to our many readers. We have a special poem that was written by a local Somerville person. It will be in our Christmas edition. We're sure you're going to like it. It's very nice and positive. Please remember to shop locally here in Somerville and support the many independent business owners who have invested in our city and need our support to maintain a vital and important part of our community.

Charlie LaFauci (x6672 or clafauci@ k12.somerville.ma.us). Teens can also sign up by calling the Library Teen Space at (617) 623-5000 x2936.

Spring registration for Somerville Youth Soccer is now open, and closes Sunday, January 5, 2014 for all 8 age categories, ranging from UToddler to U18/U19. To register, or for more information, visit the Somerville Youth Soccer League website at http://blog.somervillesoccer. The Somerville Public Library was one us. Click on the Registration tab on the top menu for age group descriptions and additional details about the program. Financial Aid is available. *****

Happy Birthday this week to several of our Villens here and about Somer******

If you would like for us to announce your birthday or you have someone who is having a birthday and you want Newstalk to mention it, or if you have another Newstalk item, you can send it by email to thesomervilletimes@yahoo.com to be considered for publication.

****** We wish everyone a great Holiday sea-

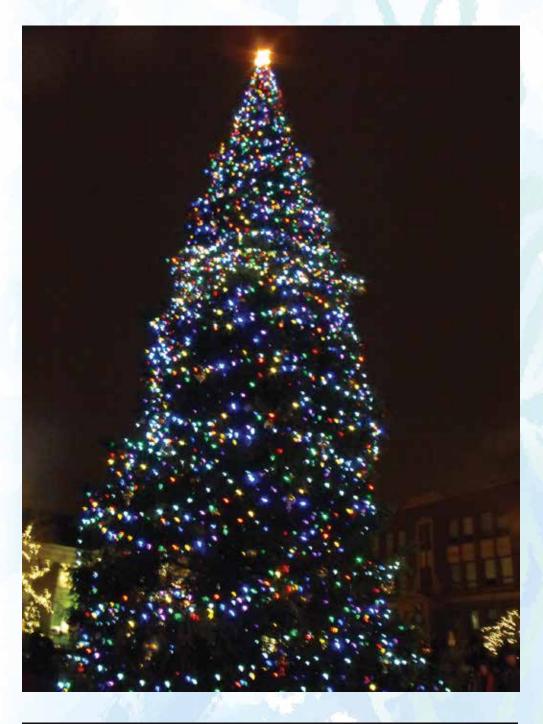
of only 10 libraries selected from more than 200 applicants nationwide to participate in the "StoryCorps @ Your Library" pilot program with the American Library Association, supported by funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Somerville's "Every Teen Has a Story to Tell" project will capture oral histories shared by teenagers and their loved ones, to be preserved at the National Library of Congress. The Somerville Public Schools is one of several community partners supporting the Somerville Public Library on this exciting project. All school librarians have been trained in the StoryCorps project and are able to conduct StoryCorps oral histories at their schools. Students in grades 6-12 are encouraged to participate. Contact

New winter Learn-To-Skate classes for Children, ages 4 1/2 and up, and Adults in Somerville, on Sundays at 2:30 PM, at the Veterans Memorial Rink, 570 Somerville Ave. in Somerville, start Sunday, December 8 at 2:30 p.m. Classes also available in Cambridge Simoni Rink and Medford LoConte Rink. Use hockey, recreational or figure skates. Beginner, intermediate and advanced classes are available. For information and to register, call Bay State Skating School at 781-890-8480 or visit online at www.BayStateSkatingSchool.org. Celebrating 45 years! Gift Certificates available.

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Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony

The city's annual Christmas Tree and Menorah Lighting Ceremony took place last Thursday night on the City Hall concourse, followed by a meet and greet with Santa Claus in the Somerville High School Highlander Cafe.

















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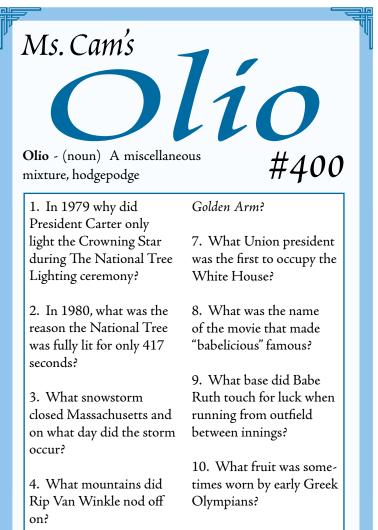
Saint Clement High School rises to the top

Saint Clement School has just completed an exciting and successful fall athletic season. The smallest school in the Catholic Central Small League, Saint Clement fields fall teams in soccer, cheerleading, and volleyball for girls and football for boys.

The motivated and dedicated coaching staff has a total of twenty-five years of experience at the school and emphasizes participation more than victory. This year the Anchors enjoyed both. Center midfielder Taisha Dupre was named a league all-star for soccer and fellow junior Jessica Popken for volleyball.

The cheerleaders concentrated on supporting the football team rather than competing themselves so the success on the gridiron reflects the excellent performance of the Anchor cheering squad. And what success the football team achieved! They were undefeated in their league and finished the season 10 and 2. The Anchors scored 398 points for the season, an average of 36.18 per game and had 162 points, an average of 14 per game, scored against them.

Quarterback Michael Sullivan completed 118 passes for 2,102 yards, scored 30 touchdowns, and contributed 6 two-point conversions. Deron Hines as running back carried 121 times for 1,017 rushing yards, 10 touchdowns, and 6 two-point conversions and as linebacker effected 96 tackles. Wide receiv-



11. Who was the next American in space after



St. Clement School excelled in 2013 fall sports, thanks to the dedicated coaches and participants in football, volleyball, soccer and cheerleading.

er/safety Khaneil Bruce earned 1,206 receiving yards and 21 touchdowns, and wide receiver/cornerback Junior Oyaronbi 1,143 yards, 13 touchdowns, and 3 two-point conversions. The team won the Catholic Central Small League title and took home the Division 6 North championship trophy. They beat the defending super bowl champions, Cathedral High School, twice and attained a rank of 57 in the Boston Globe Sports Writers' rankings.

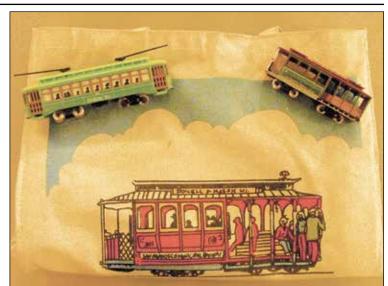
Anchormen Junior Oyarombi, Michael Sullivan, Connor Sullivan, Will Rennie, Casey Baptiste, Brandon Williams, MacAllen Marcelin, Larnell Coleman, Marcus Carvalho, Deron Hines, Khaneil Bruce, and Paul Catalano were chosen as Central Catholic League All-Stars, and Deron Hines, Khaneil Bruce, and Paul Catalano were named league Most Valuable Player, Offensive Player of the Year, and Defensive Lineman of the Year respectively.

Saint Clement School, pre-K through Grade 12, is an elementary and college preparatory school located on the Somerville-Medford line with a student body representing 35 communities in Greater Boston. Good luck to the Anchors basketball and hockey teams, cheerleaders, and elementary school pep squad.

Historical Fact of the Week CONT. FROM PG 5

• In 1853, when Somerville's Charles Tufts was asked what he intended to do with his large parcel of land in the western part of the city, he answered, "I will put a light upon that hill." This light brightly burns on in the form of Tufts University.

• Outside lights were first introduced to Somerville to protect her industry. It was during



all organic compounds contain?

6. What city was the set-

ting for the Frank Sinatra

movie The Man With The

5. What element do

Sheppard?

12. What is the word "viscosity" defined as?

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APARTMENT RENTALS

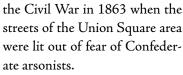
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Somerville, as part of Charlestown, was settled before Boston. As such, she is old enough to have experimented with all sources of lights from torchlights and candles, to whale-oil lamps and kerosene lamps, and on to gas jets (which components can still be found in some of Somerville's older houses) as the sources became more expedient. At this time of year when winter is at its darkest, outside lights are at their brightest. Light travels at 186,000 miles per second. To put it in perspective, in the time it takes to clap your hand, light travels around the earth seven and one half times. Every year the Somerville Arts Council sponsors its Illuminations Tour, which provides trolley rides throughout Somerville's illuminated streets. So if you get a chance, catch some of it and enjoy the tour.

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🔎 The Somerville Times -Partners HealthCare moving to Assembly Row

The state's largest private employer, Partners HealthCare, will be the first major industry tenant to take up occupancy in Somerville's new Assembly Row neighborhood. The nonprofit healthcare provider plans to build up to 1.1 million square feet of new mixed-use office space in several phases on the former IKEA parcel in Assembly Square. Approximately 4,500 administrative employees are scheduled to move by late 2016 into the first two buildings, which will follow Assembly Row's active, urban streetscape design approach with retail on the ground floor and offices above.

"This is fantastic news for Somerville and the region. While Partners consolidates here to save on costs and achieve its goal of maintaining affordable healthcare, Somerville will be moving forward with exactly the type of smart, transit-oriented development and quality job growth that the community called for in our 20-year Somer-Vision Plan," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Such a renowned industry leader as our anchor

tenant fuels our momentum as we work to attract new businesses and jobs to areas targeted for transformation in Somerville, including Union Square, Boynton Yards, InnerBelt and Brickbottom. So while Partners' decision is certainly a milestone for Somerville, it also validates a long-range planning approach to the type of regional economic development that's made possible by quality public transit."

Partners, a tax exempt nonprofit, has agreed to make municipal services contributions to the city that are still being negotiated but will eventually total more than the tax payments IKEA would have made. Nonetheless, by consolidating 14 of their existing administrative offices in the Greater Boston area to the Somerville site, Partners estimates it will save \$10 million annually while increasing efficiency. They have also committed to a project labor agreement for the construction of the site.

"I am thrilled that Partners HealthCare will be coming to Assembly Row. The entire area is already one of the most vibrant sections of the city, with new restaurants, retail outlets, residences and an MBTA stop all being developed. The addition of thousands of jobs will help boost Somerville's overall economy and further stimulate development in Assembly Square," said U.S. Representative Michael Capuano, who helped secure federal funding for critical infrastructure improvements in Assembly Square.

The first two Partners buildings on the site will be built in two phases by Federal Realty Investment Trust (FRIT), the developer of the 56-acre mixeduse, transit-oriented Assembly Row development currently under construction, which will include 1.75 million square feet of commercial space, 500,000 square feet of retail, a 12-screen AMC Theater, a Legoland Discovery Center, a hotel and 2,100 residential units. Assembly Square appealed to Partners due to the Orange Line access created by the coming Assembly Square T-stop, the close proximity to Boston and the opportunity to build to their specifications. In addition to the initial 700,000 square feet of office space that Partners will own, 150,000 square feet of ground floor retail will be constructed and owned by FRIT.

"Assembly Square is a brilliant locational decision on the part of Partners HealthCare, for both its own employees and for broader long-term regional sustainability," said Wig Zamore, a founding and active member of both the Mystic View Task Force and Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership. "The Assembly Square site will be next to the state's first new T-stop in a generation, an Orange Line stop opening in the Summer of 2014 that will connect roughly 200,000 Orange Line riders, 650,000 other railbased transit riders and 250,000 bus riders daily, which is exactly the point of transit-oriented development. So not only will there not be excess car traffic from this decision but due to the T-stop, the development transportation profile was able to remove 50,000 vehicle trips per day, the full number of new vehicle trips per day enabled by the \$20 billion Big Dig project." Partners' headquarters will remain in Boston and no clinical or hospital-based facilities will be affected. All staff moving to Somerville are in administrative support services. But long-range discussions include the possibility of some research and development space in the third phase of the build out.

"Partners' 4,500 employees will add to Somerville's daytime population, supporting the restaurants, shops, amenities and the services our local businesses offer, and that means not only greater tax revenue for Somerville but greater tax revenue for the Commonwealth. But this is just the beginning," said Mayor Curtatone. "Our goal goes beyond creating the upper story tenancy that supports the shops and restaurants. We want to really highlight what Assembly Square and Somerville could be, which is an expansion of the research and development economy that is so important to this region and that is tied to the academic and research institutions nearby. This will shine a bright light on this opportunity and lead the way for many more."

City receives \$2M grant from HUD

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the City of Somerville's Lead Program Manager Daniel Hauck announce free de-leading for 120 Somerville housing units. Made possible by a \$2.1 million continuation grant from the Office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the program includes de-leading services which frequently include new windows and doors.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for residents to easily and efficiently ensure the safety of their homes," Hauck said. "Not only will this benefit families with children six and under who live there or visit regularly by safely removing harmful toxins, but program participants are also eligible for window and door replacement related to lead abatement, which will ultimately provide better insulation and reduced home heating costs."

With 94% of its housing stock built before 1978, Somerville is currently ranked the 11th most at-risk community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for risk of childhood lead poisoning. All homes built before 1978 may be at risk of containing lead, and homeowners and residents are encouraged to call the Lead Hazard Abatement Program for information on lead testing.

It is estimated that the funds will help protect almost 5,000 children from the dangers of lead paint over the next two decades. On top of a \$1,500 per unit tax credit, the Lead Hazard Abatement Program offers 0% interest grants to income eligible homeowners and investor owners in the City of Somerville to make their properties lead-safe. Tenant relocation costs including hotel, food, and kennel services will also be reimbursed by the City.

The Lead Hazard Abatement Program is designed to provide an incentive for property owners to comply with lead laws,

create safe living environments for families with children and maintain affordable rental units. For those residents who do not have children six and under who live there or visit regularly but are income eligible, the Housing Division also offers 0% interest loans through the Rehabilitation Program.

For more information please contact Daniel Hauck at (617) 625-6600 ext. 2587 or Vicki Wairi at (617) 625-6600 x 2588.

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MIDDLESEX Division Docket No. MI 13P5552EA **CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION**

Estate of: **Grant Fieldon Brown**

Also known as: Grant Brown

Date of Death: 07/23/2013

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Jeffrey L Brown of Somerville MA and Carolynne H Brown of Somerville MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:

Jeffrey L Brown of Somerville MA and Carolynne H Brown of Somerville MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

10:00a.m. on 12/31/2013

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

This estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, Hon. Peter C Di Gangi, First Justice of this Court.

Date: December 03, 2013

Register of Probate

Tara E. De Cristofaro

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

1)	Chevy		Vin # 1L47V61107109
2) 1997	Honda	Accord	Vin # 1HGCD5608VA189358
3) 2000	Audi	A6	Vin # WAULH64B0YN097197
4) 2002	Mitsubishi	Eclipse	Vin # 4A3AC44GX2E001184

Date of Sale: Dec. 30, 2013 Time: 12:00 PM Location: 160 McGrath Hwy. Somerville, MA. 02143

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The Somerville Licensing Commission is accepting applications for ONE available City Owned Wine and Malt Restaurant License. Interested parties may obtain applications online at Somervillema.gov or at the City Clerks Office, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. The deadline for applications will be December 31, 2013.

HAPPENINGS SENIO R CENTER

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:

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):

"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 a.m. 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. At Ralph & Jenny Center. Join a great group in learning to crochet or share your projects you are working on.

Trip Corner:

Concord Museum - "Celebration of Trees" - December 20

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. Holland and 10:00 a.m. Thursdays at R&J. \$3.

Walking Club - at R&I - Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Fit-4-Life LBT - Tuesday and Thursday Evenings. Fit-4-Life General - Wednesday & Friday Mornings. 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

December 12

Holiday Festival at Holland Street Holland Street Center Current Events|10 a.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

December 13

Holiday Festival Holland Street Center Bingo|12:45 p.m. 167 Holland Street 617-625-6600 x 2300

December 16

Holiday Inn Dance Holland Street Center Moonlighters 10:30 a.m. Lunch|11:30 a.m. Fit-4-Life C|1 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

December 17

Multi-cultural Day at Cross Street **Holland Street Center** Strengthening Exercise 9:15 a.m. SHINE by apt|10 a.m. Happy-healthy Holidays 12 p.m. 167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

Ralph & Jenny Center Cards & Cribbage 10 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

Cross Street Center Festival 10:00 - 12:30 English Conversation 10:30 a.m. Bereavement Group|3 p.m. 165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

December 18

Holland Street Center Fit-4-Life A & B&C Lunch|11:30 a.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

For the Commission Andrew Upton Vito Vaccaro John J. McKenna

Attest: Jenneen Pagliaro **Executive Secretary**

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December 11

Hansom AFB **Holland Street Center** Fit-4-Life A & B Lunch|11:30 a.m.

Ralph & Jenny Center Cards & Cribbage|10 a.m. Bingo|12:45 p.m. 9 New Washington Street 617-666-5223

Check out our Facebook site for photos from our events and exercise and tips for everyday healthy living at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA.

What happened McGrath grounding to toys? CONT. FROM PG 10 **CONT. FROM PG 1**

I have fond Christmas memories with my family. We didn't have a lot of money, but my parents always made it a very special day. I hope my kids' memories are as good as mine. I know their gifts won't smell smoky like the fire damaged salvaged ones we got from The Bargain Center did.

The report can be found at http://www.massdot.state. ma.us/groundingmcgrath/Documents.aspx. Those interested in commenting on the proposal are encouraged to contact ethan. britland@state.ma.us. Written

comments may be mailed to Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Office of Transportation Planning, Re: Grounding McGrath Study Comments, 10 Park Plaza, Suite 4150, Boston, MA 02116.

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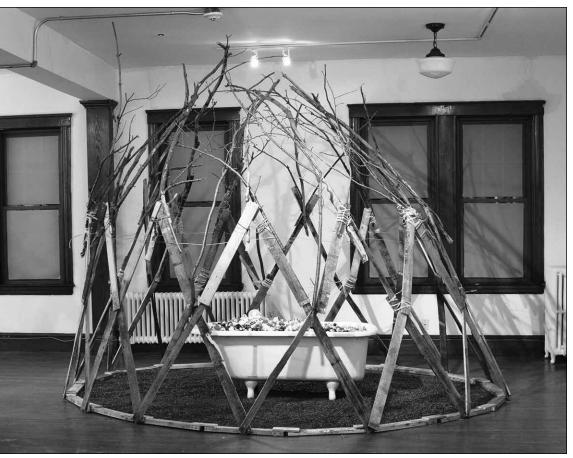
Home: What we hold sacred

The Nave Gallery will host a group exhibition from November 16-December 15 in its main gallery space in Teele Square. Featuring 10 regional and national artists, Reliquary focuses on the home as defined through concepts of enclosure, concealment, display, and the sacred and/or profane.

The group exhibition is curated by Susan Berstler, artist and director of the Nave Gallery and Nave Gallery Annex, and presents work by Berstler, Molly Blumberg, Skott Chandler, Carla Blakely Collins, Jennifer Drinkwater, Conny Goelz-Schmitt, Kris Hatch, Stephanie McGuinness, Jeanette O'Connor and Sara Romani.

The inspiration for *Reliquary* came from the gallery's collaboration with the Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC). As part of the Nave's programming, the gallery hosts Wrap Around, an annual sale of handmade goods with proceeds benefiting SHC. Over the last two years, the sale has expanded into public art events where areas of the city have been "yarnstormed," or covered in knitted or crocheted swatches. As part of this year's program, Reliquary was conceived.

"Reliquary is a show that speaks to issues of home and homelessness," says Berstler. "While I knew that I wanted the show to be reflective of what



Home Equals, 2013 by Susan Berstler – reused pallet board, branches, cocoa shells, bathtub, rubber ducks.

people hold sacred, much of the work in it revolves around the theme of 'home.' It wasn't intentional, and it is a less common definition of the word 'reliquary.' The works illustrate how shelter, or more specifically, home, can be a shrine to what we hold sacred. My own installation piece, Home Equals, places common household items - rubber ducks and a clawfoot bathtub - in a temporary shelter based loosely on a Mongolian yurt, constructed from packing pallets and tree branches. The ground covering - cocoa shells donated by Taza - looks like dirt but smells chocolate. The piece is a juxtaposition of elements taken from both traditional and improvised shelters." Other artists in *Reliquary* work with inspiration from their own homes in very different ways. Skott Chandler's pinhole photographs are taken from the unusual vantage point of the ceiling in his Chicago apartment. The long exposures show ghostly figures and movements, including Chandler and his dog as they move across the bedroom, dining room and kitchen.

"... a show that speaks to issues of home and homelessness"

In What You Leave Behind, Stephanie McGuinness explores how life events manifest themselves within the realm of private spaces through oil painting. Jeannette O'Connor's mixed media sculpture, Begotten, reuses common materials,

including foam, to create a dry hostile environment that nonetheless appears to be about to sprout new growth.

Reliquary runs until Sunday, December 15. An artists reception will take place from 3-5 p.m. on the 15th. The reception is open to the public.

Reliquary is part of The Wrap Around Project, and is supported in part by the Somerville Arts Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

Artists Closing Reception: Sunday, December 15, 2013, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Nave Gallery, 155 Powderhouse Blvd, Somerville, MA 02144. Exhibition Dates and Hours: November 16-December 15; Saturdays and Sundays, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

What You Leave Behind, 2013 by Stephanie McGuinness – Oil on Canvas.

Taking the time to develop rat solutions, good public policy CONT. FROM PG 10

already yielded demonstrable results after only a month, bringthat dumpster are regularly inspected, maintained, cleaned and licensed with the city.

ty Management, as used by the New York Metropolitan Transing in 117 new applications for portation Authority. Biotechdumpster licenses and ensuring nology company Senes Tech, Inc. will bring to us a proposal for a limited test run of humane, cutting-edge program that reduces rats reproductive capabilities through bait that does not affect

other species or human and does not enter the food chain because it's metabolized by rats within 15 minutes.

for the obvious and we don't attack only the symptoms after they arise. The same way we can't plan that strategically addresses arrest our way out of crime, we the problem with the best poscan't trap our way out of rats, we need to prevent the problem too. So we research, analyze data and make sure we're addressing the source of the problem. Only af-

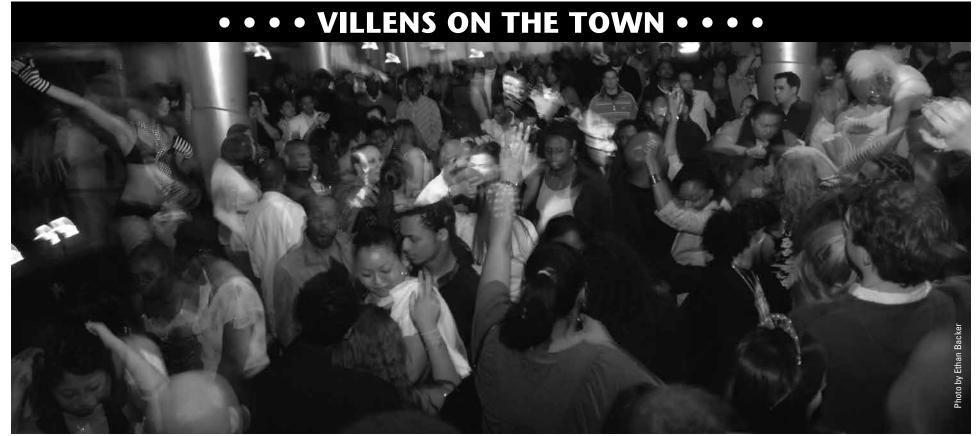
ter city staff has done that work can we come forward with a sible policies, so we can have a long-term solution. That's how you create good public policy. And that's how we solve problems in Somerville.

Finally, we want to pilot innovative ideas like Rodent Fertili-

Every city has rats. What's different in Somerville is that we have rat data and a rat plan. This is how we address every issue. We don't guess, we don't settle



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FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Wednesday December 11 Central Library Middle School Writers Conference Alan Ball 617-776-6862

12:30 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

East Branch Library Rosalita's Puppets in Rudolph the Red-Nosed Dragon Megan Forsell|617-623-5000 x2970 3 p.m.-4 p.m.|115 Broadway

East Branch Library Book Group for Kids Ages 9-12 Cathy Piantigini 617-623-5000 x2950 7 p.m.- 8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Thursday December 12

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

West Branch Library Make 3D Paper Snowflakes with Thy Toeum| 617-623-5000 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.| 40 College Avenue

FridayDecember 13

Central Library Preschool: Storytime for 2 year

Avenue Sunday|December 15

Central Library StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000 x2910 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. |79 Highland Avenue

Veteran's Memorial Rink Free public skating 3:30 p.m.-4:50 p.m.|570 Somerville Ave

Monday December 16

Central Library Math & Science Homework Help For Teens 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

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

Tuesday December 17

Central Library Homeschool reading group ages 9 – 11 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

West Branch Library Preschool: Storytime 10:30 a.m.-11 a.m.|40 College Ave

Central Library StoryCorps Interviews Maria Carpenter|617-623-5000 x2910 2:30 p.m.- 5 p.m.|79 Highland Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes! 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Burren Backroom series 7:30 p.m. Comedy @ 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 PA'S Lounge

345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

Orleans Restaurant and Bar Trivia

65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Precinct Bar

70 Union Sq|617-623-9211 Bull McCabe's Pub The Nephrok All Stars

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|617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille 608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

Radio Bar Up: DaveCrespo CD Swap!! Last Of The Independents|House Boat Supreme 379 Summer St 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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Orleans Restaurant and Bar 65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Precinct Bar Watts With The Bluebirds|Free Show

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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:WMFO Best Of On The Town

with Mikey Dee Showcase: This Blue Heaven|Brian Carpenter and the Confessions|Eksi EksoThe Daily Pravda 8PM \$10 21+ 379 Summer St Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Cover Up 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 **Orleans Restaurant and Bar** DJ

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

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

Radio Bar Down: Flux Fortuna featuring Michael Robert Todd, formerly of Coheed and Cambria|Lizzy Pitch|Justin Newhouse

olds

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

Central Library

Teen Game Day Cynthia or Ron 617-623-5000-2936 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

Veteran's Memorial Rink

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

Saturday December 14

Central Library

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Wednesday|December 11

Johnny D's

The Commander Cody and his Modern Day Airmen|The Darlings 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Thursday December 12 Johnny D's

Annual Boston Christmas Cavalcade for the Homeless All proceeds to benefit the Somerville Homeless Coalition \$25 suggested donation. All donations, big or small, will be accepted at the door Chandler Travis Philharmonic|Merrie Amsterberg|Sal Baglio|The Philharmonic Trombone Shout Band|The Athol Thingerth 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Flatt Rabbit grassy Thursdays 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

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Arts at the Armory The McNeil Voice Studio Showcase 7p.m.-9 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre

Slutcracker-A Burlesque 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Friday | December 13

Johnny D's 8 Feet Tall 17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Radioactive Rustlers |6 p.m. The Figgs \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room

379 Summer St.

Arts at the Armory

Golden Bloom and The Grown up Noise 8p.m|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Somerville Theatre

Slutcracker-A Burlesque 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Saturday December 14

Johnny D's Chris Smiter|Lonely Heartstring Band|Molly Tuttle and John Mailander 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Tom Hagerty Band |6 p.m. The Figgs \$10 cover |9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. Back Room Spitting Vinnies 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

Precinct Bar

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Radio's White Trash Christmas Party: Deviled Egg Cookoff!! Civil Warblers|Thunderbloods|Slim Jim & The Mad Cows|, TBA. \$10, 21+, 8PM 379 Summer St

Somerville Theatre Slutcracker-A Burlesque 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Sunday December 15

Johnny D's The English Beat|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Welcome Jingle Bell Run runners to the Sally's finish-line party! |Noon Sourmash Christmas Party! Fine music & memories 3 p.m David Paige, Brittany Moffitt

|8:30 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

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Somerville Theatre Slutcracker-A Burlesque 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Monday December 16 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 Ave|617-666-3589

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Radio Bar 379 Summer St

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Tuesday December 17

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Sally O'Brien's Bar Chandler Travis Three-O 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers|8:30 p.m. Back Room Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

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379 Summer St

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17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar Free Poker, lots of prizes!

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

The Burren

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65 Holland St|617-591-2100 Precinct Bar

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

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Radio Bar UP: DAve Crespo CD Swap!!: The Inebriations 379 Summer St

CLASSES AND GROUPS

Wednesday | December 11 Third Life Studio Belly Dance with Nadira Jamal | Level 2 7:30 p.m. | Level 2 | 33 Union Sq|www.nadirajamal.com

Thursday|December 12

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

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 December 13

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Saturday December 14

Arts at the Armory Winter Farmers' Market 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m The Davis Flea presents the Second Annual Holiday Vintage Market 11 a.m. 6 p.m./Performance Hall/191 Highland Ave

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

Illuminations Trolley Tour/Bike Tour begins at 4:30 p.m.|City Hall

Concourse|93 Highland Ave

Sunday December 15

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 | December 16

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.nadirajamal.com

Tuesday December 17

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

Arts at the Armory Prenatal Yoga 7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland Ave Third Life Studio The Art of Group Singing For Women

with Susan Robbins,www.libana. com 7 p.m.- 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

Wednesday | December 18

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

Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m. Front Room Exile on Elm Back Room Burren Backroom series 7:30 . .

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DECEMBER 11, 2013 21 🔎 The Somerville Times Autographs: A signature area of collecting

By Kenneth Gloss

During this end of the year period many of us find ourselves signing our names on credit card purchases such as groceries, holiday garb, monthly homely services and a of course the requisite holiday gifts for family and friends. One can image how many times celebrities and other high-visibility personalities need to sign their names.

Collecting autographs has become more and more popular in recent years, as people have realized autographs are a great way to not just form a collection but also form a connection to the person whose signature you hold. When you read and touch a letter signed by a former president, or correspondence between two famous people, it's like discovering a story in and of itself.

Presidential signatures are one of the most popular areas of autograph collecting. Most collectors prefer handwritten letters on presidential stationary, written while the president was actually in office. That is more valuable than from the days before he became president or in the days after he left office.

Another element that can make a difference in the value of a piece is its historical significance. A note from President John F. Kennedy thanking someone for a campaign donation isn't worth nearly as much as a two to three page letter talking about the Cuban Missile Crisis, which would sell for a few hundred thousand dollars more. The better- known presidents are worth more, and are easier to authenticate, because there are more examples of their handwriting.

However, the rarest of presidential signatures is that of

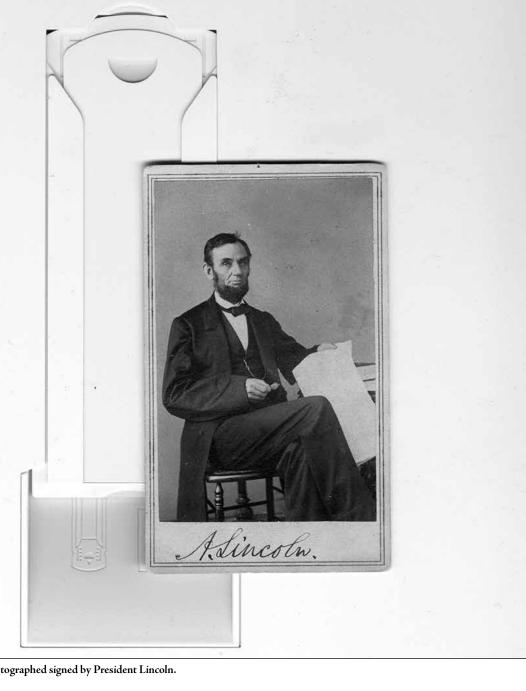
William Henry Harrison. He was president only for a short time and had pneumonia for most of his one-month presidency. There are very few signed documents left behind from his tenure and collectors find it very difficult to complete their presidential collection with Harrison.

If collecting presidential signatures, bear in mind the advent of the auto-pen. After President Kennedy, many presidential documents were either signed by secretaries or signed by automatic pens. These have become so good that it's nearly impossible to tell the electronic version from the real signature. If it's a quick thank you to a stranger, the chances are good that the president didn't sign it himself. However, if it's a letter to a close friend, he may have written his own name at the end. Your best bet is to deal with a reputable dealer who knows what they are doing, has vast experience in authenticating autographs and will stand behind their items, especially when it comes to sports memorabilia, one of the biggest areas of fraud.

If the cost of collecting presidential autographs is too high, consider collecting the signatures of first ladies. Generally, these autographs don't sell for as much money, but be forewarned that they may be hard to get because first ladies generally don't write as many letters.

The interesting part of collecting the letters of first ladies is that they tend to be more personal. I once came across a particularly memorable collection of Grace Coolidge's letters, written to a friend of hers. In one of them, she wrote, "When you're here, if you have time, please come to the White House for lunch. I understand





A photographed signed by President Lincoln.

if you're too busy." It struck me as funny that a First Lady would say that she'd understand if someone was too busy to come to the White House. One of the more heart-wrenching books I came across was a copy of the inaugural addresses of from Washington to Kennedy. President John F. Kennedy was planning to sign and inscribe for all of his closest friends as a Christmas present in 1963, but he was assassinated in November. His widow, Jacqueline Kennedy, had the gift list and wrote an inscription to each of those people. Inside the

history. E-mails disappear, but letters last and when you look at those archives, you can see the past. When you look at an author's manuscript and see their hand-written notes, you actually see the thought process that went into that book, into every draft.

For example, I once held a first edition of Isaac Newton's Mathamaticas that was worth \$100,000 to \$200,000. As I looked at it, I realized it was his personal copy. He had hand-written changes in it, his own notes and discoveries. Just holding it was an experience

them, to that moment in history. A great deal of collecting isn't just finding the item, it's really about where you bought it, from whom you bought it—it's the experience. In your collection, that's where the fun of collecting is really found.

Kenneth Gloss is the owner of the Brattle Book Shop in Boston's Downtown Crossing. It is one of the oldest antiquarian bookstores in America. 2013 is The Brattle Book Shop's 64th year of Gloss family ownership. For further information about book collecting, the shop and Ken's free and open lectures, visit www.brattlebookshop.com or call 1-800-447-9595. He has appeared from time to time on PBS' popular "Antiques Roadshow."

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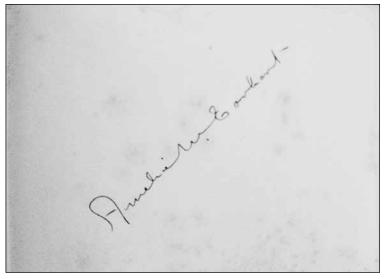
A letter signed by FDR

book, she had written a two- to three-paragraph note that was touching and incredible. This book was worth tens of thousands of dollars.

You can also personalize your collection to your interests. I knew a man who collected presidential autographs, but only if they discussed food. For him, it was much easier to secure letters from earlier presidents because back then, we had an agriculture-based economy as opposed to modern presidents who don't tend to discuss that topic in day-to-day business. This subject fit his interests because he was a chef who loved American History.

To me, letters are a source of

and it sent tingles up my spine. To me, when you collect autographs, you're holding something that that person held and touched. It brings you closer to



Amelia Earhart's signature.

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7:30am	Life Matters	6:00pm	France 24 World News (Free Speech TV)	12:30pm	Somerville's Most Interesting Places	7:30am	Eckankar
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	6:30pm	Chatting with History	1:00pm	Play by Play	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
9:00am	Somerville Neighborhood News	7:00pm	Sound Off (Veterans Programming)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	Cooking with Georgia and Dez
9:30am	Somerville Newspaper Reading	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou	2:30pm	Hello Neighbor	9:30am	Neighborhood Cooking
10:30am	Art at SCATV		,	2:30pm 3:00pm	Telemagazine	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
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3:00pm	Medical Tutor	10:00am	Energy Theater	7:00pm	Energy Theater	3:30pm	Esoteric Science
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10:00pm	Creepy Castle	6:30pm	Reeling the Movie Review Show	10:00am	International Church of God	8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
Thursday.	December 12	7:00pm	Real Estate Answers Show	10:30am	Hello Neighbor	9:00am	Somerville News Reading
6:00am	Atheist Viewpoint	7:30pm	Western Mass Media Justice Network	11:00am	The Folklorist	10:00am	Contemporary Issues in Science
7:00am	Creating Cooperative Kids	8:00pm	Visual Radio	11:30am	Basic Buddha	12:00pm	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)
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1:00pm	African Television	7:00am	Youth Programming Time block	6:00pm	Abugida TV	6:30pm	Holiday package
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/Candy	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	7:00pm	African Television Network	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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Sunday, December 15

3:30pm:

7:00pm:

12:00am:	A Talk by Former Mayor Eugene Brune
1:00am:	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting
2:45am:	POW-MIA Memorial Chair Dedication
3:15am:	A Very Seriously Somerville Christmas
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9:15am:	The Aldermen's Hour
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EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15

Wednesday	, December 11
9:00am:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert
10:00am:	SHS Football vs. Cambridge
	Thanksgiving Game
12:00pm:	SCAP Community Gameshow
1:00pm:	MIAA State Final SHS Boys Soccer
	vs. W Springfield
4:00pm:	Our Schools, Our City - SPS Music
4:30pm:	Highlander Forum - Boys Soccer
6:00pm:	Capuano Center Kindergarten Concert
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Thursday, D	December 12
1:00am:	Our Schools, Our City - SPS Music
1:30am:	Highlander Forum - Boys Soccer
9:00am:	2013 SHS Fall Sports Rally
10:30am:	MIAA Div Semifinal SHS Boys Soccer

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12:30pm:	SHS Football vs Beverly
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1:00am:	City Hall Christmas Tree Lighting
2:45am:	POW-MIA Memorial Chair Dedication
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13 POW Experience in Somerville 1864-5 School Committee Meeting - LIVE Tuesday, December 17

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Friday, December 13

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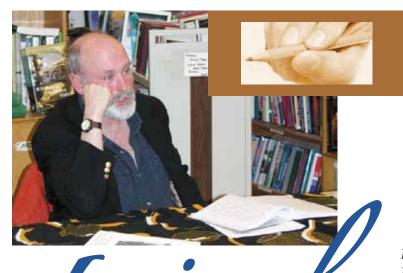
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Celebratory Ibbetson Street Reading at the Arts Armory Dec 17, 2013 7 p.m.

Ibbetson Street Reading for Issue #33 and #34 Date: Tuesday, December 17th- Starts at 7:00 P.M. The Center for Arts at the Armory 191 Highland Ave, Somerville, MA 02143

Hello to all my poet friends,

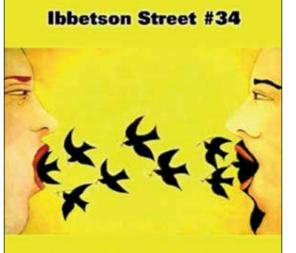
I hope that everyone had a pleasant Thanksgivingkkah.

Here is the final list of those contributors who have signed on to read their poem that is published in either issue #33 or Issue #34 of the Ibbetson Street literary journal.

This reading is part of the First and Last Word Poetry Series curated by Somerville residents Gloria Mindock and Harris Gardner. Please remember that there is a \$4.00 admission charge, per person, to the event even though you may be one of the readers. This is because we have to pay rent no matter who reads in the First and Last Word Poetry Series. It's not so bad when you consider that it supports Arts at the Armory, a non-profit.

The list is as follows:

Kathleen Aguero David Blair Jessie Brown Ruth Chad Dennis Daly Krikor Der Hohannesian Kirk Etherton Roberta Flynn Tim Gager Bridget Galway Harris Gardner Mary Hampton





Elizabeth Hanson William Harney **Richard Hoffman** Doug Holder Jennifer Jean Robert K. Johnson Lawrence Kessenich Marilene Phipps-Kettlewell K.T. Landon Jennifer Matthews Gloria Mindock Tomas O'Leary Ralph Pennel Denise Provost Gayle Roby Wendell Smith Kathleen Spivack Michael Todd Steffen Bert Stern Keith Tornheim Teisha Twomey Margaret Young Thomas Yuill

Erik Fitzpatrick has been writing for the past 24 years. He enjoys writing poetry and working with imagery and also writes in the horror fantasy genre. He teaches creative writing workshops in Boston and has read his poetry at various venues in the area. This is his first publication in The Somerville Times.

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COURAGE

I stepped outside, Into a sheet of cold rain, The sky a hazy grey, The wind stirring among the trees, The trees look like crooked hands, With palms raised and fingers splayed, Accepting the rain, As if it was their Eucharist, Their communion with God, I realize nature is a part of God, As well as a part of me, It is simple epiphanies, like these, That give flowers, The courage to bloom.

– Erik Fitzpatrick

To have your work considered for the Lyrical send it to: Doug Holder, 25 School St.; Somerville, MA 02143. dougholder@post.harvard.edu

From on page 14 Ms. Cam's



1. In honor of the Ameri- cans being held hostage in Iran	7. Ronald Reagan – he was President of the Screen Actors Guild from
	1947 to 1952
2. The number of days they were being held	8. Wayne's World
3. The Blizzard of '78 – it occurred on February 6	9. Second base
,	10 Figs

4. The Catskills

5. Carbon

6. Chicago

10. Figs 11. Virgil Ivan Grissom

12. The ability of liquid to resist flow

oetry by Collins, Aguero, Skoyles, Penne nd more ... Steve Glines on "A Literary ditor's Complaint"

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