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# City addresses open space, environment, and energy issues



The Somerville Board of Aldermen's Special Committee on Open Space, Environment, and Energy has been studying the issues of playing field use, turf choices, and related matters, seeking best practices policies.

### By Sal Ghamo

At the most recent Board of Alderman meeting, Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang delivered a report on the subject of the Special Committee on Open Space, Environment, and Energy.

The first item discussed was the use of city playing fields by "non-Somerville" leagues. Director of Recreation, Jill Lathan, recently provided a defense of the field rental practices, and explained how she believes that residents of all ages should be able to use the fields in Somerville.

In Lathan's spirited speech she explained how some locations, such as Dilboy Stadium, are regional fields and therefore their use cannot be restricted just to Somerville residents. Lathan stated, "Every sport, every youth sport, got all the fields that they wanted last year. This spring there will be extra fields Continued on page 4

# The King of Knight Moves board game café makes his move

### By Margaux Maxwell

Knight Moves functions as a public living room. The space showcases odd lamps and old chairs, rare books, odds-and-ends, watchamachalits, a communal grand piano and over 1,000 board games.

Devon Trevelyan, owner of the café, located in Brookline's Coolidge corner, wears a checkered newsboy hat and spreads out a deck of cards.

"We have all sorts of people come in here: bros who want to play cards against of humanity or a group coming in and playing dungeons and dragons, and they are sitting right next to each other, kids that would never hang out together in high school come together," said Trevelyan.

Knight Moves is in its second year of operation and offers in-house access to an extensive board game library for an entrance fee. Experiential learning workshops are held in the space for gifted children during its off hours hosted by co-owner Joanna Cutts. Continued on page 6



Devon Trevelyan of Knight Moves is dealing out a new hand as he and partner Joanna Cutts prepare for the opening of a new franchise in Somerville next month. - Photo by Margaux Maxwell

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The Massachusetts State Presidential Primary is next Tuesday, March 1. The polls are open here in Somerville from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. This is your chance to make a difference. The lines might be long, but Tuesday's vote is going be very important. Most today are voting ideology, and maybe that's the reason why some of these candidates have taken a lead in both parties.

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The new mayor of Medford, Stephanie Muccini Burke, will be hosting a breakfast this coming Sunday over at the at the John Brewer's Tavern, Highland Avenue on the Malden/Medford line. The suggested donation is \$100. Mayor Burke is the first woman elected Mayor of Medford, and is a very nice person. We wish her the very best of luck in her tenure as mayor of our neighbors over in Medford.

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Coming on March 11, "Flashback Friday" at the Somerville City Club. Do you still have that poodle skirt? Maybe your bellbottoms and platform shoes? What about those ripped jeans or hammer pants? Break them out! Take a journey back in time and dance the night away to songs from the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. Costume dress optional. Join in on Friday, March 11, 7:00-11:00 p.m. at Somerville City Club, 20 Innerbelt Rd., Somerville. Tickets are \$15. There will be a cash bar, raffle tickets and 50/50's. Adults only. All proceeds benefit The Somerville PTA Scholarship Dinner Dance.

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# TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

### Response to: From bad to worse

### Matt says:

well said. It is shameful to sell the cities future over things not happening fast enough. We have a fixed amount of land and as much time as we need to build what we want to accomplish those goals. Lets to it right and bring jobs rather than rushing to build housing.

### S'villian says:

So if offices require a lot less space per worker now than they once did. And we can reduce the average amount of built space per housing unit from 1,100 square feet to 900...wouldn't there be a lot less "cramming" of jobs and housing units into Union Square/Boynton Yards because Inner Belt will never develop? ...as compared to using the original numbers in SV? Wouldn't using those original assumptions have resulted in more development?

Bill, aren't you highlighting a reduction in floor space but an increase in jobs/housing...meaning smaller buildings but achieving more goal? Sounds more efficient.

### BMac says:

The development at Innerbelt and Brickbottom is coming, it just won't come on line fast enough to meet the benchmarks set by Somer Vision, so we have to adjust our expectations from other parcels accordingly. But this is where we caught a break. Office spaces do indeed require a lot less space per worker now – down to 125 to 225 square feet per person from 350 square feet per person. Even the biotech offices that seem to be presented as the holy grail here only have higher space requirements (up to about 500 square feet per person for lab space) for a small percentage of their staff. Yes, we need commercial space, but the fact is we can plan to get more workers in less space due to the market reality that companies are buying less space per worker now than before 2008. That frees up more of the square footage in this particular area (because that's what the change applies to – staff are not proposing to change the balance of commercial and residential for the entire city) for more housing WHICH WE ALSO NEED to help address the skyrocketing demand (and correspondingly stratospheric costs) for residential space.

The 60/40 split was never meant to apply to each location individually, but as an over all total for new development. So we would need to see a balance being made elsewhere.

### UnionSq resident says:

The fact of the matter is, there is a massive demand for housing in Somerville and not a huge demand for commercial space. If you build it, they won't necessarily come...we'll just end up giving companies tax breaks to locate here. Better to build the housing which we know is in demand.

### JM says:

I am a homeowner Somerville, and I have lived in many states and cities in the US. In my opinion, the residential tax reduction to Somerville homeowners after one year if VERY VERY generous. In my opinion, there is absolutely no reason why I should get a large reduction after one year. I live in Somerville I expect to pay my fair share like everyone else who lives here. I have also lived abroad and I have never heard of a massive real estate reduction for residents. The city cannot afford it obviously.

### Matt says:

UnionSq resident, i disagree, we need to look at the bigger picture. We don't want to be relegated to just be a bedroom community because it is not sustainable (economically or socially). We need to have balance.

### MarketMan says:

There is a lot of demand for both commercial and residential units. The problem is that for commercial, people don't find what they need. And for residential, you can just build cheap modern crap, call it "luxury" and then expect the same demand for those units. One of the things that attracts people to Somerville is the character of the old architecture. Builders of residential community need to do a better job with design. The large apartment/condo buildings I see in Assembly and other places around town are just ugly. Sure, it's my opinion but I'm sure that others share the opinion.

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# **Board of Aldermen begins exploration** of synthetic cannabinoid ban

### By Josie Grove

Nationally, synthetic cannabinoids are second only to marijuana in use by high school seniors. Alderman-at-large Dennis Sullivan is concerned about the substances in Somerville. "Kids are using it. It's having a negative effect," said the alderman. He is particularly concerned about the synthetic drugs being marketed to children. "Lego, White Tiger, it looks like a cartoon, Scooby Doo."

That's why, at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen in late 2015, Sullivan proposed to ban the substance in Somerville. Last Tuesday night, the board's Legislative Matters discussed initial steps to enact such a ban.

Sometimes called "spice" and "K2," synthetic cannabinoids are not marijuana, but are dried plants that have been sprayed with a chemical that imitates the active ingredient in marijuana, tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). "These substances really have nothing to do with cannabis," said Bill Downing, a member of Massachusetts Cannabis Reform Coalition's board of directors. "We have almost zero experience with synthetic cannabinoids, their effects are almost completely uninvestigated, and some of them seem to be very, very dangerous substances," he said.

Despite a federal ban, synthetic cannabinoids are available in Somerville for two primary reasons. First, synthetic cannabinoids are difficult to regulate because manufacturers change the chemical formula to keep ahead of regulations. Second, the federal ban must be enforced by federal agents.

The city of Boston banned synthetic cannabinoids in August 2015, punishable by a \$300 fine. Alderman Sullivan wants to follow suit. The Somerville Board of Aldermen does not have the power to make selling synthetic cannabinoids a criminal offense: like Boston, the most they could do would be to levy a \$300 fine.

Sullivan wants to make sure that enforcing the ban would be an effective way of preventing use of the drugs. "The next step is to have Somerville Cares About Prevention, the department that handles drug use and drug abuse in the city, and also the health department, to take a look at the issue of synthetic marijuana and give a report back," said Sullivan.

I want to get a perspective from SCAP whether it's an effective way to combat this," said Sullivan. "I just want to get their take on it, and make sure we're not wasting resources that could be applied in other areas."

Sullivan also want to gather more comprehensive data about the drugs' use in Somerville from surveys already administered to high school students. "I'm just one set of eyes," he said. "I've gotten a couple of calls as an alderman, as a professional law enforcement officer I've seen people under the influence of it."

The other consideration for Sullivan is the resources required to enforce the ban. "We have an opiate problem, it's a big problem, people are dying. I want to make sure our limited resources, our precious resources, are applied in the best way.

"Is it worth doing?" he asks. "That's what I want to know."

Downing does not think a ban addresses the root cause of the



The Somerville Board of Aldermen is considering implementing a citywide ban on cannabinoids, as has been done recently in Boston.

problem. "The most important point here is that no one would bother taking, or even making, synthetic cannabinoids if cannabis were more regulated and available and available as a legal product," he says. "The only reason people are using synthetics is that it's illegal and it's expensive for people to get cannabis because of the prohibition. It's

forcing a public health crisis."

Downing's solution? "I would guess that by offering legalized cannabis that you're going to be seeing a lot less of this synthetic stuff out there."

For now, Sullivan just wants to get the synthetics out of Somerville. "I don't see any benefit of it at all. I don't see any benefit of having it for sale in the city."



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# EWEEKIN CIR By Jim Clark

# Still some dishonest people in this world

Police were dispatched to the All Checks Cashed outlet in Union Square last Wednesday morning on reports of a larceny from a person.

Upon arrival, officers met with the victim of the larceny, a woman who was reportedly badly shaken up by the incident and was having trouble breathing. She was being tended to and comforted by employees and patrons of the establishment. She was taking oxygen from tanks that she had brought with her to the location.

The victim reportedly told police that she was conducting her regular monthly business at the establishment, paying bills, getting a money order to pay her rent and withdrawing some cash for personal use.

The money order and cash was placed in a plain white envelope for the victim, who reportedly set it down on the counter as she looked for her keys in her pocketbook.

According to the victim, she absent-mindedly left the envelope on the counter as she left to go next door to a neighboring market. When she realized that she left the envelope behind she immediately returned to All Checks Cashed to look for it, but it was no longer on the counter. She recalled that a man was standing in line waiting for service as she conducted her earlier business, but now both he and the envelope were gone.

The cashier called 911 for police assistance, as well as calling the cell phone number of the man who was suspected of taking the envelope. The man in question, Timothy Jones, had furnished his name and contact information while cashing a check earlier.

When the cashier called the number Jones supplied, the man

who answered said that it was a wrong number and the call was terminated. The cashier reportedly told police that the voice on the phone sounded the same as Jones' which she had heard earlier as he cashed the check.

The cashier reportedly called Jones again and told him that she was certain he had taken the envelope and was going to report the incident to the police. Jones reportedly denied taking the envelope, and did not claim that the cashier dialed a wrong number. Again, he discontinued the call.

The responding police officers

reviewed surveillance video of the incident and reportedly observed Jones scoop up the envelope and leave the area after the victim went next door.

As the officers radioed information about the incident in, another officer reported that a man fitting Jones' description approached him and turned over the envelope, claiming that he had found it.

He reportedly told the officer, "I guess there's still some honest people in the world."

Jones was subsequently located and placed under arrest for larceny of a person over 65.

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### **Arrests:**

Timothy Jones, of 2 North St., February 17, 12:07 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a charge of larceny of a person over 65.

Michael Taylor, of 20 Charlestown St., February 17, 6:18 p.m., arrested at Middlesex Ave. on warrant charges of carrying a dangerous weapon, larceny over \$20, and shoplift-

ing by asportation.

Brian Giguere, of 9 Ford St., Revere, February 18, 6:52 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of larceny over \$20 and conspiracy.

Andrew Chagaris, of 31 Central Ave., Revere, February 18, 6:52 p.m., arrested at Assembly Row on charges of larceny over \$20 and conspiracy.

Sean Loughrey, of 53 Second St., Medford, February 21, 12:40 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of leaving the scene of property damage.

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provided at Tufts, in Medford, and also more use of Dilboy so that youth sports leagues will be adequately serviced by our fields."

Several aldermen expressed their concerns about a number of issues regarding the fields in Somerville. This includes overused fields (fields having more time to rest), overall quality of the fields, and making sure youth sports get all the fields that they need as well as high quality fields in the future.

Another item on the agenda regarded the pros and cons of artificial turf, which have been a key topic of debate and discussion in Somerville for a long time. Alderman Niedergang addressed the issue, commenting briefly on a statement by Brad Rawson, The Director of Transportation and Infrastructure. Rawson stated, "The administration has been intensively studying this issue and they will be making recommendations, and a report, at the Fields Master Plans presentations that are coming up in March."

There are two dates for idenpresentations planned concerning the artificial turf issue in Somerville. The first presentation is Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m. that will take place at the Somerville Community School. The second presentation is Wednesday, March 9 at the West Somerville Neighborhood School.

Alderman Niedergang also discussed the tree cutting this fall by Eversource. Communication was improved after some back and forth between Somerville representatives and Eversource, as well as the eventual firing of an Eversource manager whom would not comply with regulation standards. The abuse from Eversource has stopped, and a positive and respectful relationship has reportedly been established.

Other items the Special Committee dealt with include the use of curbside bioswales to reduce rainwater runoff, the application of recycling in apartment buildings, close attention to the surfaces of playgrounds and other



Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang reported the Committee's progress to the Board of Aldermen at their latest regular meeting.

open spaces, and the Globe Direct circulars in plastic bags that used to litter the communities porches, driveways, and sidewalks. The committee has been working on these issues assiduously, and feel that they are on the way to solving them.

# Arrest warrant issued for suspect in Malden homicide

### **By Charles Lane**

Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan and Malden Chief of Police Kevin Molis have announced that an arrest warrant has been issued for the suspect in the murder of Colleen Russell, 36, of Malden and for larceny of a motor vehicle.

The suspect has been identified as Kenneth Manning, 35, of Malden. Manning has brown hair and is 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighs approximately 265 lbs. The public should not attempt to approach Manning and should contact law enforcement immediately if they have any information regarding this investigation.

Surveilance of SuspectManning was last seen wearing dark pants and a dark hooded sweatshirt on February

16, 2016 in Somerville. The victim's car was recovered in Somerville; however there is no evidence that leads authorities to believe that the suspect has an affiliation with Somerville. Manning is known to carry a knife as well as to abuse controlled substances. Manning has several distinctive tattoos including a large cross on the back of his neck, a tribal tattoo on his left bicep, and the grim reaper on his left calf.

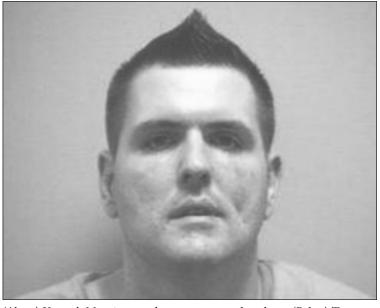
On February, 15, 2016, at approximately 9:00 p.m. Malden Police received a call from two family members of the victim requesting a well-being check. Officers immediately responded to the victim's address at 500 Broadway in Malden. Upon arrival, authorities gained entry to her apartment and located her body. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

The cause of death has been determined to be sharp force injuries by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Officers also found signs of a struggle inside the apartment.

Anyone with information on this case should contact the Massachusetts State Police at (781) 897-6600 or the Malden Police Department Tip Line by phone (781) 397-7171 or by text at 847411 (tip411).

This case is being investigated by the Malden Police Department and Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office. The Assistant District Attorney assigned is Suzanne Kontz and the Victim Witness Advocate is Danielle Demeo.

This is an ongoing homicide investigation and no additional details are being made available at this time.



(Above) Kenneth Manning, murder suspect currently at large. (Below) Tattoo on the back of Manning's neck. (Bottom) Surveillance video image.





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# The King of Knight Moves board game café makes his move CONT. FROM PG 1

With a huge community base across the river, the café will open a second location at 1159 Broadway in Somerville mid-March.

"The market for places where people can come together is not very good. We want to provide that, a place where all demographics can come together. Families, dates, seniors, graduate students, college students, everyone," said Trevelyan.

Trevelyan opened the original Brookline café at 1402 Beacon Street while working as a chess instructor at a neighborhood puzzle and game store called Eureka!. Trevelyan met Joanna while teaching her two sons, who was offering workshops by Boston intellectuals out of her house to children at the time.

"Rather than buying plastic for children to play with, I wanted to bring them into the world," said Cutts.

Sasha, 12-year-old student at the Sage School in Foxborough, Massachusetts, a school for gifted children, is developing her passion for cosmetics by learning how to make lipstick and shampoo.

"Last week I learned about how Keratin is one of the essential proteins in hair. I'm also learning how skin works," said



A Knight Moves customer at the piano.

— Photo by Margaux Maxwell

Sasha of Cutt's program called Cogitania.

Many locals have become ingrained in the very fabric of the business.

Sarah Silvestri, former Brookline High School student, developed a passion for baking at age six while watching her mother make dough. Growing up with the dream of becoming a pastry chef, she was suddenly diagnosed with celiac disease in her freshman year of high school, a condition causing hypersensitivity to gluten, commonly found in flour. Silvestri only let the limitation fuel her when she became the best gluten-free baker in town, serving "any event from soccer team parties to weddings," according to her website http://www.sarahsbakery.com/. Silvestri was the main pastry supplier for Knight Moves until she started college and closed her business.

The new location will offer in-house access to up to 1,000 board games and will sell traditional café fare, Equal Exchange coffee and pastries sources from a local baker. The café does not have the same BYOB option as its Brookline location due to the legal status of BYOB businesses in Somerville. Cogitania will not be offered at this location at the time of writing this article.

Once in service, the café will be open seven days a week from late morning into the evening (exact hours TBA). The entrance fee will be \$10 Thursday-Sunday and \$5 Monday-Wednesday.

### A sweet math tip

By Jennifer Valentine

Let me tell you a story about math, karma, and candy. It's sweeter than it sounds, I promise. You see, I work at a candy store, and this particular candy store started a jellybean counting contest. We had a bunch of old jelly beans and put them in a giant martini glass, and we charged people fifty cents to guess how many beans were in there. The winner got a \$50 gift certificate for the store. It was a fifty for fifty guess lotto. They never told



me how many were in there, and I am pretty sure employees couldn't guess anyways.

Now, the store next door to us got robbed one day, and a nice police detective came in and asked us to review our security footage to see if we could gain any new information on the suspect. My manager wasn't in, so I asked for his card and an estimated time for us to review the feed. He gave it to me and I passed the information along.

A week later he came into the store and bought some candy for his son as a weekend treat, and I asked him if they ever found the guy. They didn't, and that's too bad. I don't know why, but when I rang up the officer's candy purchase, he told me to keep the change as a tip. It was fifty cents.

There are a few things I could do with fifty cents, namely putting it in my change bank at home, or buy a couple sticks of gum. But, I dunno. I didn't.

What I did do is pull up the formula for a cone on my phone and contemplate the best manner to figure out how many beans were in that martini glass.

The volume of a martini glass may be found as follows:  $V = \pi (r2)$  (h/3)

There are some days when I am glad that I paid attention in school. This is one of them. So, I took that little formula and counted the diameter of the beans across the top of the martini glass, halved it, and then multiplied it by itself. I wrote the number down. Then I counted the number of jellybeans going up the side and divided that number by three and wrote it down. I took those two numbers and multiplied them by each other and then multiplied them by 3.14 to get the total number of jellybeans according to the best of what math could tell me.

That fifty cent tip was entered into the fifty for fifty jelly bean guessing contest under the detective's name and phone number found from his dropped off business card. And last week the contest ended while I was on vacation.

Guess who my boss told me won the contest when I came back? A very surprised police detective, that's who. I hear he came in and spent that gift certificate on his son's birthday present. Now, it doesn't always pay right off to be nice and tip people, but in this case it did. And I personally can't think of a sweeter reward for showing kindness to our fellow human beings. It also shows how paying attention in math class really pays off.

# Dorothy's Corner

### BY DOROTHY DIMARZO



### Homemade Granola

So, you enjoy granola and have a favorite brand you purchase only to see its been discontinued when you go shopping to replenish your stash. Maybe you're bored with the same old thing anyway. Why not try making your own? It's easy and you can use your choice of ingredients.

When shopping for ingredients for this recipe, I suggest purchasing them from the bulk section of the market to keep the cost down. I also suggest not skipping the orange oil in this case. This ingredient truly adds a unique flavor that separates it from any other granola you ever tasted. The oil can be purchased either online at a baking supply site or at a specialty food store. For extra shelf life, store the oil in the refrigerator.

- 3 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup raw cashews (whole or pieces)
- 1 cup slivered almonds
- 1 cup unsweetened coconut flakes
- 1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 tsp orange oil (for baking)

1 1/2 tsp cinnamon 1 tsp kosher salt 1 cup dried cherries roughly chopped 1/2 cup dried apricots, sliced 1/2 cup dried cranberries 1/2 cup pumpkin seeds

Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Line a 1/2 sheet pan (18"x13"), with parchment paper. In a medium bowl, add the rolled oats, cashews, almonds and coconut flakes. Mix well and put aside. In a small bowl, add the canola and orange oils, honey, cinnamon and salt. Whisk until completely blended. Pour the wet ingredients over the oat mixture and blend well. Pour the mixture onto the sheet pan. If you don't have a sheet pan this large, use multiple sheets. The mixture should be spread out evenly for proper baking. Place pan on the top 1/3 of the oven. Bake for 1 hour, stirring the mixture every 15 minutes. In the meantime, in a small bowl or a large measuring cup, add the cherries, apricots, cranberries and pumpkin seeds and mix well and put aside. Once the granola is done, take it out of the oven and let it cool for about 20 minutes. Once



cooled, place the contents of the and mix the sheet pan into a large bowl, add the tight contain remaining ingredients of dried fruit 8-1/2 cups.

and mix thoroughly. Place in an airtight container. Yields approximately 8-1/2 cups.

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# Former 'Meet the Press' host speaks to Tufts students

By Haley ED Houseman

On Thursday of last week, the Tuft's campus played host to David Gregory, a prominent television journalist, author, and former moderator of NBC News' Sunday morning talk show *Meet the Press*.

Most recently known for his book, How's Your Faith? An Unlikely Spiritual Journey, Gregory spoke to students and community members about his history in media, the productive outcomes of setbacks in a career and the insights his new faithfulness has yielded. He spoke at length about the tempestuous role of faith in the American life and its unexpected relevance to him later in his own life. Students were then able to ask questions directly, mostly speaking to journalism as profession.

Gregory has been working in journalism for more than 25 years, in a career spanning many breaking news story including the killing of Osama bin Laden and four presidential elections. He served as a White House

correspondent during the tenure of George W. Bush, where he had both close ties and conflicts with the administration. He drew controversy through his reportage and roles in recent years, including while serving as a moderator for *Meet the Press*. It is this milieu that serves as a backdrop in his recent book, prompting a new consideration of spiritual concerns and personal history.

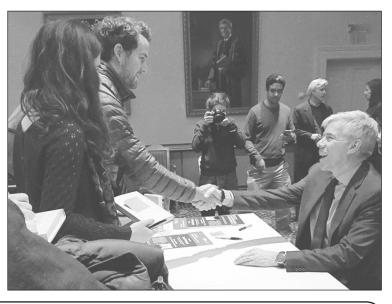
The lecture was presented as part of the Tisch College Distinguished Speaker Series, launched in 2014, which aim to educate and engage students at Tufts, "providing them with opportunities to interact with leaders from diverse fields."

After the question and answer period with students, attendees were able to receive a copy of Gregory's new book and get it signed. Students eager for an opportunity to meet the newscaster lined up and waited patiently to shake the author's hand and receive a signed copy. Student interest was high, and Gregory seemed delighted to speak to the budding journalists.



 $\label{eq:continuous_prop_section} \begin{tabular}{ll} Journalist, author, and former moderator of NBC News' Sunday morning talk show Meet the Press, David Gregory lectured and met with students at Tufts University last week. \\ -- Photos by Haley ED Houseman \\ -$ 





## Somerville awarded \$200,000 to create Fab Lab at Somerville High

A \$200,000 Urban Agenda grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Office of Housing and Economic Development opened the door for Somerville to begin preparations for a Fabrication (Fab) Lab that will prepare Somerville High School students as well as the general public for innovation jobs. The lab, which will be outfitted with prototyping tools such as 3D printers and laser cutters will offer technical classes, lab time, and special programs for both students and the general public. The Fab Lab will be housed in the former auto body shop in Somerville High's Career and Technical Education (CTE) center, and is anticipated to open to the public starting this summer. SHS students will be able to enroll in Fab Lab elective courses starting September 2016.

The Somerville Fab Lab project leverages partnerships between the public and non-profit education sectors and private technology companies to help high school students and experienced workers develop a range of transferable 21st century skills – such as automation and design, critical thinking, and group collaboration – that industry leaders consider critical to success in today's highly competitive markets. The space will also support a community-based model of technological entrepreneurship. The general public and entrepreneurs will be able to use the Fab Lab after school hours during the week for technical classes or for their own light-prototyping, encouraging the continuing growth of Somerville's innovation sector. The Fab Lab will consist of three parts:

- A "Fab Academy" run by the Somerville High School CTE center, available to all SHS students during regular school hours starting in September 2016 through elective courses;
- An evening program designed and implemented by sprout & co., a STEAM education non-profit organization in Somerville, in collaboration with the Somerville Public Schools. Sprout will also lead the Fab Lab's technical courses.
- A "Youth Entrepreneurship" mentorship program targeting economically disadvantaged students in Somerville. The program will be run by local startup incubator Canopy and will operate out of the Somerville Fab Lab and Canopy's headquarters in Davis Square.

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Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



Rep. Christine Barber

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



Rep. 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. 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. - Consisting of the cities of Cambridge, wards 9 to 11, inclusive, Medford and Somerville, and the town of Winchester, precincts 4 to 7, inclusive, in the county of Middlesex.

THE HOUSE AND SENATE: There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. *Beacon Hill Roll Call* has obtained the 2015 official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the Legislature's 157

state representatives from January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015. The list reveals that representatives collected a total of \$239,732. Combined with the \$63,590 that the state's 38 senators collected as reported in a recent *Beacon Hill Roll Call*, the grand total for both branches is \$303,322.

Under state law, per diems are paid by the state to representatives "for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse." These reimbursements are given to representatives above and beyond their regular salaries.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a representative resides and its distance from the Statehouse. The Legislature in 2000 approved a law doubling these per diems to the current amounts. The payments range from \$10 per day for legislators who reside in the Greater Boston area to \$90 per day for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 per day for those in Nantucket. Representatives who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston's Statehouse most often collect the highest total of annual per diems.

Some supporters of the per diems say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They argue many legislators spend a lot of money on travel to the Statehouse and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions. Others say that some legislators accept the per diem but use all of the revenue they receive to support local nonprofit causes. They say that not taking the per diem would leave that money in the state's General Fund to be spent on who knows what.

Some opponents argue most private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. They say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes, and funding for important programs has been cut. Others say the per diem is especially inappropriate given the 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's gas tax that the Legislature approved in July 2013.

The 2015 statistics indicate that nearly one-half (78) of the state's 157 representatives have received reimbursements ranging from \$18 to \$8,730, while a little more than one-half (79) have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that representatives must meet in order to collect the per diems.

The representative who received the most per diem money in 2015 is William "Smitty" Pignatelli (D-Lenox) who received \$8,730.

The other nine representatives who received the most are Reps. Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown), \$7,622; Patricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield), \$7,200; Nicholas Boldyga (R-Southwick), \$6,996; Timothy Madden (D-Nantucket), \$6,800; Robert Koczera (D-New Bedford), \$6,795; Paul Mark (D-Peru), \$6,300; John Scibak (D-South Hadley), \$5,700; Michael Finn (D-West Springfield), \$5,478; and Anthony Puppolo (D-Springfield), \$5,400.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES' PER DIEMS FOR 2015

The dollar figure next to the representative's name represents the total amount of per diem money the state

paid him or her in 2015. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the representative certified he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period. Representatives who have not requested any per diems have "0 days" listed. That is not meant to imply that these representatives didn't attend any sessions but rather that they chose not to request any per diems.

Rep. Christine Barber \$1,260 (126 days) Rep. Denise Provost \$1,490 (149 days) Rep. Timothy Toomey \$0 (0 days)

### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

NEW LAWS TAKE EFFECT - Several new laws approved by the Legislature and signed by Gov. Charlie Baker in November have now taken effect. Most laws become effective 90 days after the bill is signed by the governor. Here are some of the new laws:

SPINAL CORD INJURY (S 2109) - Makes several changes in the operation of the Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund that provides medical cure research services for individuals with spinal cord injuries. The fund formerly was funded by a \$50 surcharge assessed against any person who seeks reinstatement of his or her driver's license. The bill would raise the surcharge to \$100 for a second reinstatement and \$150 for a third.

The measure requires that all revenue from the surcharge go to the fund. Under prior law, the state's General Fund received some of the revenue. It also renames the fund the Thomas P. Kennedy Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund, honoring the late state senator, who was a quadriplegic confined to a wheelchair following an accident in 1971. He passed away in June at the age of 63.

FLAG HOLDERS (H 3173) - Makes it a crime to destroy, mutilate or deface an American flag, veteran's commemorative flag holder or a commemorative flag holder representing service in both the police and fire department. Offenders would be sentenced to up to five years in prison. Prior law applied only to tombs, monuments, gravestones, trees, shrubs and plants.

FREE ACCESS TO STATE PARKS FOR VETER-ANS (H 3243) - Provides Purple Heart recipients free access to state parks, state forest recreation areas and state reservations. Prior law provided free access only for disabled veterans and handicapped persons.

### SELLING VETS' GRAVE MARKERS (H 1306)

Imposes up to a \$5,000 fine for a first offense of selling or attempting to sell a stolen veteran's grave marker. A second and subsequent offenses would trigger up to a five-year prison sentence. Some of these markers are made of bronze and are a target of scrap metal thieves who steal and sell them.

STOLEN VALOR (H 1641) - Makes it a crime for a person to misrepresent himself or herself as a veteran. Violators would be subject to a one-year prison sentence and/or a \$1,000 fine.

POLICE SHOOTINGS (H 3480) - A bill pending before the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security would create a seven-member Independent Police Conduct Review Board to investigate and reach a verdict in all fatal and non-fatal shootings and any other allegations of misconduct by police and other law enforcement officers. The board would decide whether the officer involved in the shooting engaged in misconduct

### Beacon Hill Roll Call continued



or acted inappropriately. Any officer found guilty would be fired and banned from working in law enforcement in the Bay State for ten years and be forced to give up his firearm for ten years. An officer convicted of misconduct in a non-shooting incident would be disciplined with penalties ranging from a public reprimand to loss of his or her job.

The board would consist of the presidents of four organizations or their designees including the Massachusetts Coalition of Police Officers, the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts, the NAACP of Massachusetts and the Neighbor to Neighbor Massachusetts Education Fund. The governor would appoint a retired judge; the attorney general would appoint a person with experience prosecuting criminal cases; and the general and the chief counsel of the group that provides free legal advice to indigents would appoint a person who has experience representing defendants in criminal cases.

USE OF UNDUE FORCE (H 3479) - Another proposal pending before the Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security would create a 13-member special commission to investigate methods to prevent the use of undue force by police officers. The commission would be charged with analyzing methods and practices that would reduce the likelihood of undue force by police officers. The commission would then make recommendations for changes that should be made to existing law.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special Gov. Baker Edition

Gov. Baker was on WGBH Radio 89.7 FM with talk

show hosts Jim Braude and Margery Eagan last week for his monthly appearance on "Ask the Governor."

"I've been waiting to strangle somebody all day. I'm just waiting for somebody who looks like they deserve to be strangled." — On last week's issues on the MBTA including problems with the third rail that led to smoke and panicked Orange Line passengers kicking open windows.

"I think one of Massachusetts' big problems economically is our energy costs are very high. That means we should be aggressive about investing in a whole variety of energy sources that will help us reduce our carbon footprint." — On rising energy costs.

"I'm a parent. I have three kids. Where they went to school was probably one of the most important decisions for my wife and me." — On schools and charter schools.

"I'm just not a big believer in litmus tests as a general rule, period ... I don't think we should rule people out based on one thing." — On whether his choice to fill an opening on the state's Supreme Judicial Court should have to pass a litmus test on specific issues.

"I think the 70-year-old limit, I don't know where is it came from ... is not an unreasonable statute." — On the law requiring judges to retire at age 70.

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 leg-

the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of February 15-19, the House met for a total of 12 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 14 minutes.

Mon. February 15 No House session
No Senate session

Tues. February 16 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:15 a.m. to 11:22 a.m.

Wed. February 17 No House session No Senate session

Thurs. February 18 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:08 a.m. Senate 11:08 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Fri. February 19 No House session
No Senate session

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Address Description DOM List Price Sale Pri									
60Trull St	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 1h bath Cottage	11	\$359,900	\$415,000					
36 Sewall St	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Colonial	51	\$489,900	\$429,000					
10 Emerson Street	6 room, 3 bed, 2f 0h bath Cottage	75	\$499,900	\$550,000					
29 Highland Rd	9 room, 5 bed, 1f 1h bath Victorian	8	\$849,900	\$920,000					
26 Fairmount Ave	8 room, 4 bed, 3f 2h bath Colonial	60	\$1,389,900	\$1,350,000					

1		Recent Condominiums Sold in Somerville Over	the Past Month		
1	Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price
	26 Pinckney St U:1	2 room, 0 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	2	\$144,900	\$151,000
	326 Broadway U:21	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Low-Rise	19	\$289,000	\$284,000
	17 rose st U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	1	\$295,000	\$300,000
	111 Woodstock U:6	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath Garden	75	\$299,900	\$285,000
	39 Franklin Street U:1	3 room, 1 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	77	\$340,000	\$330,000
	14 Kenneson Rd U:A	6 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Townhouse	15	\$449,900	\$480,000
	34 Skehan Street U:34	4 room, 2 bed, 1f 1h bath Townhouse	36	\$495,000	\$487,500
	37 Dimick Street U:1	6 room, 3 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	16	\$538,000	\$545,000
	47 Glen St U:1	5 room, 2 bed, 3f 0h bath Townhouse	70	\$557,999	\$548,000
	11 Powder HouseTerrace U:1	7 room, 2 bed, 1f 0h bath 2/3 Family	5	\$560,000	\$609,300
	82 Highland Ave U:2	4 room, 2 bed, 2f 0h bath Low-Rise	95	\$609,000	\$600,000

Recent Multi-Family Homes Sold in Somerville Over the Past Month:							
Address	Description	DOM	List Price	Sale Price			
18 Webster St	2 unit, 10 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	14	\$624,900	\$631,000			
951 Broadway Street	2 unit, 11 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	30	\$775,000	\$815,000			
293 Alewife Brook Parkway	2 unit, 17 total room, 5 total bedroom 2 Family	96	\$829,000	\$825,000			
39 Oliver Street	3 unit, 15 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	69	\$850,000	\$800,000			
40 Atherton St	2 unit, 9 total room, 3 total bedroom 2 Family	66	\$889,000	\$875,000			
41 Columbus Ave	2 unit, 17 total room, 8 total bedroom 2 Family	51	\$1,099,000	\$1,000,000			
29-31 Magnus Ave	3 unit, 16 total room, 6 total bedroom 3 Family	83	\$1,191,000	\$1,100,000			

# **COMMENTARY**

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# In Somerville, we're deadly serious about happiness



### By Joseph A. Curtatone

I talk a lot about our mission of making Somerville a great place to live, work, play and raise a family, and there are good reasons why. If you live in a great neighborhood and have a good job and lead an active, engaged lifestyle and are able to raise your children in a stimulating environment, then you're likely to be happy. I mean, that's the American dream isn't it? If you put in the work, you can have a dignified, rewarding life.

Our country was founded on the principle that everyone has the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. So happiness is not some throwaway line or frivolous goal. It's an important factor in quality of life, which is why it was baked right into our Declaration of Independence. That's why we continue to survey Somerville residents about their happiness. It matters and your local government should be doing its best to help you lead a happier life.

Obviously, local government (or any level of government) can't affect every aspect of your happiness because government services don't touch every area

of your life. Yet we should understand the factors that go into making you happier that we can influence. Good schools, safe streets, effective public services and an attractive community are among them. Everybody in Somerville deserves those things and they need to be core competencies for local government. Your satisfaction with how we deliver those services matters too.

That's why it's so gratifying to see the overall happiness score in our survey climb to 7.8, out of 10. Previous surveys averaged 7.5 and 7.7. The highest scores went to city satisfaction and civic pride. We're pretty happy to see that we're inching in the right direction. That doesn't mean everything is perfect and that we're all overwhelmed with joy, but Somerville residents generally like how life is treating them.

Two of the areas in local government that got high marks were community events and information about City services. We've put a lot of effort into both of those areas. When it comes to community events, Somerville is not blessed with a lot of geography. We don't have large public spaces and recreational areas. We have to make our own fun. Arts and open streets events, farmers markets, summer movies and holiday parades and celebrations enrich our community. We make sure we've got a lot going on inside our 4.1 square miles, and that effort brings us together as a community, builds our pride, showcases our artists, and provides a whole lot of free arts, culture and entertainment

Living in Somerville also means you never have to wonder about what's going on with City services. You are a 311 call or email or direct message away from getting the answer. We have a 24/7/365 system designed to make sure whatever information you want is available to you whether its via our website, social media, or our 311 call center. Jackie Rossetti's robo calls are so popular someone recently wrote a song about them and others have sent her flowers. Our Somer-Viva team puts out all our info in three languages to ensure no one is left out. We invest in keeping you informed because information access is good government in action. In Somerville, you can always contact a human being who will get you an answer by phone, email, Facebook post or tweet. I am not surprised to see high levels of satisfaction with our public information system.

Yet we don't just send out a happiness survey to get pats on the back for our successes. We truly want to understand the issues that our residents are struggling with. Satisfaction with city services in three areas did decline slightly. Trust in the police decreased from 3.9 to 3.75 out of 5 and we suspect this reflects national issues around policing

rather than specific local experiences, but we will keep an eye on this going forward. Meanwhile, we will continue our investments in the police programs that have been so positively received here including community policing, de-escalation training, and jail diversion programs for persons with mental health or drug addiction issues.

Satisfaction with the public schools also declined slightly from 3.5 to 3.3 out of 5. Though this amount of decline is not considered statistically significant, we will still monitor going forward if this is a trend or an anomaly. Without question, we will also continue our investments in the schools and to build on the phenomenal gains our students have made in the past decade. Just this week we announced our partnership with Harvard's By All Means educational program, which aims to take an innovative approach to closing achievement gaps associated with socioeconomic status. And we announced the construction of a Fab Lab at the high school that will prepare students for the high-tech jobs of the innovation economy. Through investments in the basics from language arts, science and math to enrichment programs, arts and recreation, we are working to educate the whole child and the survey will help us measure satisfaction with that.

Finally, the biggest issue identified in the survey is the cost of housing. While we knew

that was a problem, the happiness survey provides us with a baseline measure for the level of concern in our community. Housing costs scored a 2.6 out of 5, which put them right at the tipping point. As I've mentioned before, this is a difficult issue for one small city to tackle by itself. We are up against regional market forces here. Greater Boston needs 435,000 new housing units built in the next 25 years to keep up with demand and that will require a regional solution.

Here in Somerville, though we are already at work. City Hall does not have a direct say in the private housing market, but we do not intend to sit by helplessly as prices rise. We have a slate of existing affordable housing initiatives and the Sustainable Neighborhoods Working Group has proposed new, bold efforts that we are currently reviewing. The happiness survey may not be needed to discover that housing costs are a concern, but it does help justify that we as a city pour our energies into making sure that the people who want to stay here can stay here - and the survey will provide another tool for tracking our progress.

We are deadly serious about happiness. No matter how high we score in any one area, there is always room for improvement. The old song "Don't Worry, Be Happy" didn't get it quite right. Our job is to worry so that you can be happy.

## Greenhouse Gas Inventory sets goals for City's Net Zero 2050 plan

The City of Somerville took an im- carbon neutrality by giving us a clear di- inventory illustrates emissions generat- oil, the fuels we use to heat our homes efforts to reduce the entire Somerville community's contribution to climate change. The city released its Green House Gas Inventory (the Inventory), which provides a baseline of total carbon emissions within city limits both by municipal entities as well as residents and visitors. The Inventory will be used to track progress on the city's Net Zero 2050 goal to become carbon neutral by mid-century. The results of the Inventory identify emission sources and provide data helpful for setting measurable short-term carbon reduction goals. Somerville's Office of Sustainability and Environment (OSE) oversaw the Inventory as part of the Sustaina Ville Initiative.

"The Greenhouse Gas Inventory is a critical step in our efforts to achieve

portant step forward this week in its agnosis of the issues we need to tackle ed as a direct result of city government in the winter. over the next several years," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Without action, our emissions will continue to rise, so we will continue to measure our municipal operations and community emissions on a regular basis to track our progress toward reaching our 2050 goals. Having this vital information opens the door for all of us, as a community, to get to work finding the best strategies for cutting our emissions and making real, measurable progress in reducing our contribution to climate change."

The city developed two sets of emissions inventories: The community inventory represents total emissions from activities occurring within city limits, such as vehicle trips, home and business energy use, and solid waste generation. The local government operations actions, such as energy consumption in schools, and emissions from the city's vehicle fleet).

### Somerville Emissions By the Numbers: 609,565 metric tons

For the 2014 baseline year measured by the Inventory, Somerville's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions were 609,565 metric tons, over two-thirds of which come from building needs like electricity, heating and cooling. Put another way, a forest 185 times the size of Somerville would be required in order to sequester all of our carbon emissions for one year. Somerville's per capita emissions, however, remain below both the state and national average. Some other key findings from the Inventory include:

• In the residential sector, 76% of emissions come from natural gas and heating

- \* Transportation accounts for about one-third of emissions. Personal vehicles account for 98% of transportation emissions, and transit is just 2%.
- In Somerville's municipal operations, 85% of emissions come from buildings, with 65% coming from school buildings.

"To understand how we can reduce climate change-causing emissions, we need to know how much we're emitting and where our emissions are coming from. You can't manage what you can't measure," said Oliver Sellers-Garcia, Director of OSE. "The city and members of our community are eager to roll up their sleeves and start making changes, and, with this study, we have a better idea of where to begin."

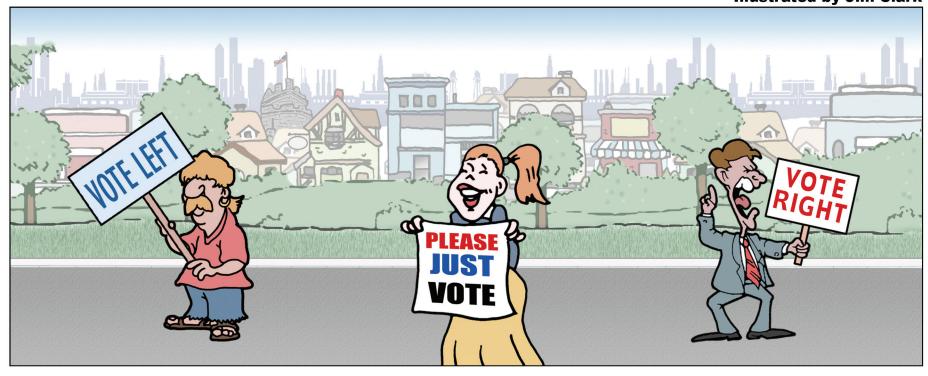
### What the city's doing

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# COMMENTARY

# SIGNS OF THE TIMES

# Illustrated by Jim Clark



# **Our View Of The Times**

Whichever way you're leaning, be sure to get out there and vote!



It goes without saying that not everyone gets their way when election time rolls around. There are winners and losers, the satisfied and the disgruntled. As passionately as we may feel about our pet issues of interest, the inevitable day comes when our convictions are put to the test and the results are set in stone, for better or worse, depending on which side you are

standing on.

The beauty and genius of our political system is in its very existence. Unfortunately, it is too easy to take it for granted. It is no cliché to say that there are many in this world who are denied the right to shape their homelands' laws and determine their own destinies. We are truly blessed in having this privilege, and we

must always express our appreciation of it by getting out there and voting whenever possible. There is no excuse for apathy. It is every American's duty.

So, for those of you who will faithfully executed your civic duty next week and vote in the state primary election, your fellow citizens salute you. Whether or not your candidate of choice prevails,

we can all take pride in the fact that our system still works, and the people have

Whether one leans to the left, or right, or gently wavers in the middle, we must all understand that we have much more that binds us together than what tears us apart. The system works, and because of that we are all winners.

### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

For tickets, email Kristine Vallery at afaspta@yahoo.com.

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Happy Birthday to a lot of our friends and fellow Villens here this week: A big happy birthday to our good friend Denise Racicot Kallis, a nice lady who still has that special sense of humor she's been known for. We wish her the very best of birthdays. Another old time friend who is also a nice lady, Celia Taylor, whom is a caring and loving person who sees good in everyone is also celebrating this week. We hope she has a great birthday. A guy who is very popular here in the city is also celebrating this week. We wish Rod Kreimeyer, the Best Pest guy, a happy birthday as well. Happy birthday to another good guy, Sean Fitzgerald, who is very involved in the city. Happy birthday to another good friend, Eamon Fee, who is celebrating this week as well. Old time Somerville Villen Sam Natale is celebrating this week, so happy birthday to him. Another one on our list this week is a lady who deserves a special day on this, her birthday, Nancy Trane. Bob better do the cooking. To all the others we may have missed, please have a great birthday. If you want to have a friend or relative

mentioned here, let us know.

There's a new website in town. Check

it out at www.somervillema.com. The Somerville Times is on the site. Also check out www.medfordma.com.

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Those who might be interested in obtaining certification for firearms should look up the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. They offer an extensive program at the end of which you receive certification for Massachusetts/NRA Certified Firearm Safety Classes. They run a class once a month, which is limited to 10 people and we hear that this is the place to go to learn safety when handling guns. Email gunclub@ earthlink.net for more information and or go to their website at www.lawrencerodandgunclub.org and read up about the course.

The East Somerville Reunion is being planned for this coming June 25 at the Somerville City Club, across from Hol-

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iday Inn. They have a Facebook page set up to take reservations: East Somerville Reunion 2016. The first reunion was very successful, with well over a 100 people attending, and lots of old friendships were restarted. If you grew up in East Somerville in the 60's, 70's and 80's you should set aside the date and make your plans to attend. You won't be disappointed.

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We hear a new restaurant is about to open in Union Square. Named "Juliet," it will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. The owner tells us that he's looking to open very soon, within days or weeks. We're looking forward to trying it out. If you do so first, let us know what you think. Oh, the address is 257 Washington Street, across from St. Josephs. If you remember Sherman's Café then you'll know where Juliet is. We wish them the very best. The owners seem like nice people, and guess what? They also live here in the Ville!

It's a good thing the DPW commissioner was on a cruise last week and there were no storms of four inches of snow to hit the city while he was away, causing all the businesses to be closed again. We hope he had a good vacation!

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There will be no tax decrease again this year in Somerville. Those lawsuits the mayor has decided to file against the developer of the Casino in Everett will cost us huuuuuge. The mayor and most of the aldermen haven't seen or fought for a tax reduction in so many years

they wouldn't know a savings if it hit them in the face. It will be interesting to see how much money is spent on new job creations this year and overtime paid to favorite employees. Just saying!

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Frank Kelly Healing Service – A Mass will be held at St. Catherine of Genoa Parish, located at 179 Summer St. Somerville, MA, in the lower Church on Friday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. Following the Mass a healing Service will be conducted by Frank Kelly. Kelly received many gifts from God following a near death experience. As his relationship with God grew it became clear to him that God wanted to use him as his instrument to bring healing and love to all. Frank now travels around the country praying over people and giving them insights into their lives. Please come and join us the first Friday of March for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and healing

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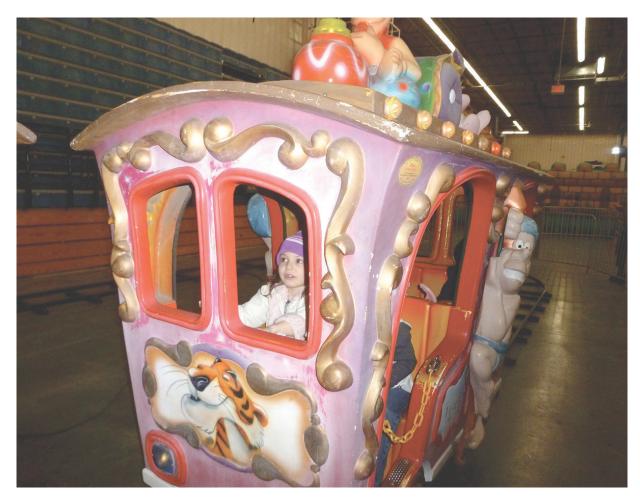
Villari's Martial Arts Center welcomes the community to its open house on Saturday, February 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 54 Union Square in Somerville. Activities will include classes for children, a self-defense class for adults and Continued on page 16

# **Kids Fun Fair**

Aleppo Shriners' Auditorium in Wilmington held the Commerford Zoo Kids Fun Fair during the February school vacation. They offered rides, games, and a unique chance to interact with exotic animals.

Shriners, or Shrine Masons, are known for their colorful parades, distinctive red fezzes, and their official philanthropy, the Shriners Hospitals for Children, which is often called "the heart and soul of the Shrine."







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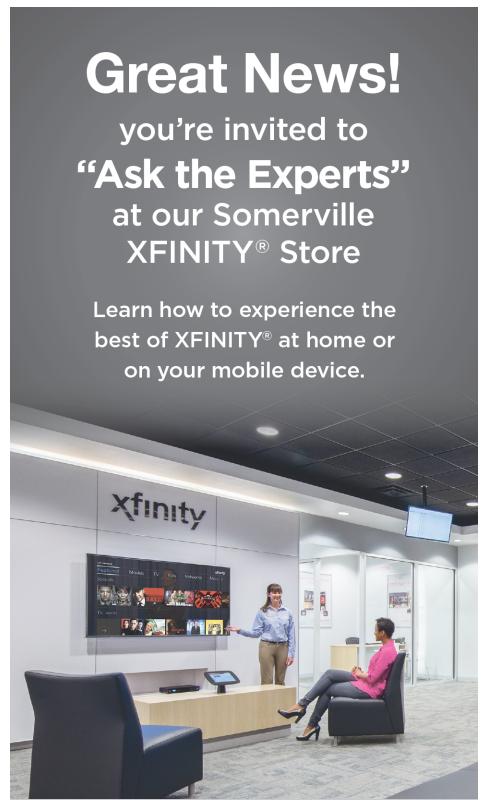




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# **SPORTS**

# Mass. A.G. Maura Healey's Girls Basketball clinic



Massachusetts State Attorney General and former Somerville Pride Coach Maura Healey held a girls basketball clinic at the Somerville High School Gymnasium on Tuesday, February 16. Girls of all ages were treated to a skills and activities session, as well as a motivational speech on pursuing excellence by A.G. Healey. The event was sponsored by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Recreation Department.

# Ms. Cam's

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. Who did Margaret Thatcher succeed as leader of the Conservative Party?
- 2. Whose book Sexual Politics was a landmark in feminist thinking?
- 3. On The Munsters TV show, what was Lilly's maiden name?
- 4. What is Robert Redford's real first name?
- 5. I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair came from which Broadway show?
- 6. Where did the TV show Buffy the Vampire Slayer take place?

- 7. At age 6, what did country singer Chet Atkins use to string his first musical instrument, an old discarded ukulele?
- 8. In 2000 BB King recorded the song Riding with the King with which other legendary guitarist?
- 9. What famous star appeared in Paula Abdul's Rush, Rush video?
- 10. Who was the original drummer for Nirvana?
- 11. What element gives amethyst its violet color?
- 12. What famous American boxer was named Arnold Raymond Cream at birth?

Answers on page 17

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# **Etienne places second**



Somerville High School Track and Field athlete Gabrielle Etienne finished second at the Massachusetts State Finals on Saturday at the Reggie Lewis center. Her second place throw of 40'11.5" was her personal best throw of her career and set a new SHS record in the Shot Put. The previous record of 40'7" was set in 2009 by Jessica Masse. Pictured with Etienne is throws coach Carl Stauffer.

# SHS Girls drop final game of the season





The Somerville High School Girls basketball team played their last game of the season Monday night at the SHS field House. Newburyport won the game but the girls played hard all year and look forward to playing again next year. Six senior players were presented with roses before the game.

— Photos by Bobbie Toner

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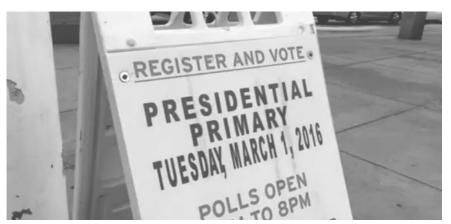
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# What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

In this episode of *Somerville Neighborhood News*, you will find out everything you need to know about voting in the March 1 Presidential Primary before heading out to the polls.

Political Icon Tip O'Neill coined the phrase, All Politics is Local. Even in a presidential election knocking on doors and manning the phones to ask for votes is an integral part of the campaign. SNN hits the sidewalk with some volunteer campaigners. Two thirds of Somerville residents are renters, and many of those are young and have no ties to the city, and no political involvement. Getting young voters to participate is good for them and for the process. Young Somerville takes on the issue.



February is Black History Month. Sometimes history is taking place right in of us. Somerville's first Poet Laureate, Nicole Terez Dutton shares one of her poems with us. The rocky ride of the Green Line Extension began more than a decade ago. *SNN* looks back at how and why the GLX project came about through the 2006 documentary *Off Track*.

All these news stories and more in *Somerville Neighborhood News* #59. *Somerville Neighborhood News* is a production of Somerville Community Access Television, made by professional journalists, volunteers and staff. The half-hour news show has as its mission to provide a lively, informative newscast focusing on the events, issues and information impacting Somerville residents. *SNN* airs Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. on SCATV Ch.3 and online at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.

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

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

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING** 

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

191 Beacon St: (Case #ZBA 2015-79) Applicant Well Built Construction Company Inc. and Owner Clayton & Jean Peabody, are seeking a Special Permit to substantially modify a nonconforming structure, by replacing an existing garage with three residential units and a small commercial space. RB Zone, Ward 2.

31 Dane Ave: (Case #ZBA 2015-91) Applicant Anthony Fava, seeks a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to substantially alter a non-conforming structure on an undersized lot. The applicant also seeks relief for two parking spaces under SZO §9.1.3. RB Zone. Ward 2.

14 Tyler St. (Case #ZBA 2015-117) Applicant, TBD Brewing LLC, and Owner, JWF, LLC, seek a Special Permit to establish an approx. 4,400 sf Drinking Establishment under SZO §7.11.10.6.b, a Special Permit for parking on a separate lot per §9.13.d and shared parking under §9.13.e. IA zone. Ward 2.

15 Warwick St: (Case #ZBA 2016-03) Applicant CRM Property Management Corp. and Owner Chupacabra LLC are seeking Special Permit to modify a nonconforming structure by substantially renovating a 2-family structure. RB Zone, Ward 5.

116-118 Holland St: (Case #ZBA 2016-05) Applicant and Owner, Silva Realty 2 LLC, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review to substantially modify a nonconforming structure by adding 4 additional units. RC Zone, Ward 7.

285 Washington St & 17 Hawkins St: (Case #ZBA 2016-06) Applicant & Owner RPI Washington Hawkins LLC seek a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure in 2 phases to add an approximately 1,000 sf addition and make other exterior alterations and under §4.5.1 to change nonconforming uses to non-medical office under §7.11.7.1.c. NB/RC zones. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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### Docket No. MI15D4522DR

**DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING** 

Lamarque, Icylyn aka Icylyn Whittaker vs. Lamarque, Jerry

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** 

**The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Department** 

208 Cambridge Street

Cambridge, MA 02141

### To Defendant:

**MIDDLESEX Division** 

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown of the Marriage 1B

The Complaint is on file at the Court.

An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party .SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

**Icylyn Lamarque** Icylyn Whittaker 32 Summer St. Apt 1 Somerville, MNA 02143

your answer, if any on or before 03/22/2016. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of

Witness, Hon. Edward F Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 9, 2016.

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

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### **PURCHASING DEPARTMENT** IFB # 16-68

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

**Lincoln Park Construction Services** 

An Invitation for Bids (IFB), including all specifications, may be obtained online:

http://www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or from the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland

Ave., Somerville, MA 02143 on or after February 24, 2016. Sealed bids will be received until Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all

bids if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing. Please contact Alex Nosnik, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3400, or

email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information, and bid packages.

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

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181 Washington Street: (Case #PB 2016-03) Applicant & Owner Somerville Community Corporation seeks a Special Permit to establish an approx. 2,400 sf office on the ground floor of the building per SZO §7.13.A. CCD55 zone. Ward 3.

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

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### **CCOMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, SS.

**Superior Court No.** 2015-6507

To: Davis Square, LLC, of parts unknown

Whereas a complaint has been brought against you in our Superior Court within and for The County of Middlesex, wherein the plaintiff, Canback & Company, LLC, a limited liability corporation with a principal place of business in Cambridge, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, whereas the plaintiff, Canback & Company, LLC, requests the Court to determine that judgement enter for the plaintiff against the defendant Davis Square, LLC, as set forth in the Complaint filed in said court on November 23. 2015.

Upon the foregoing Complaint, it is ordered by the Court that the plaintiff notify the said Defendant, that on May 9, 2016 or within twenty (20) days from the said day cause their written appearance and written answer of other lawful pleadings to be served upon Eric Weibust, Esquire Seyfarth Shaw LLP, Two Seaport Lane, Seaport East, Suite 300, Boston, MA 02210, and defend against said complaint according to law, if said corporation intends to make a defense, otherwise the said complaint may be adjudged and orders and Judgements may be entered therein in its absence by publication of an attested copy hereof in the Somerville Times, newspaper circulating in Somerville, Middlesex County Massachusetts, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be two months at least before the said May 9, 2016.

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**Deputy Assistant Clerk** 

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demonstrations by their children's and adult demonstration teams. Children's classes for ages 4 to 6 start at 10:00 p.m., ages 7 to 16 start at 11:00 a.m. Adult self-defense class starts at 12:00 p.m. and all classes are free of charge and open to the public. For more information please call Master Brad Rogers at 617-625-5070 or email at villaris@

villarisomerville.

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MassDOT and the MBTA are currently working through a reevaluation of the Green Line Extension project, focusing on four key areas: project management; redesign; re-procurement; and the development of a reliable cost estimate and schedule. This reevaluation has been

prompted by significant cost overruns on the project, and is expected to be complete and submitted to the MassDOT Board of Directors and the MBTA Fiscal & Management Control Board in May. In order to seek public ideas and input on the reevaluation, MassDOT and the MBTA will be holding the following public meetings over the next two months the first one will be held at the Wednesday, March 2 at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Open House/ Presentation and Q&A from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*\* Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and Ward 6 Alderman Lance Continued on page 20

## Greenhouse Gas Inventory sets goals for City's Net Zero 2050 plan

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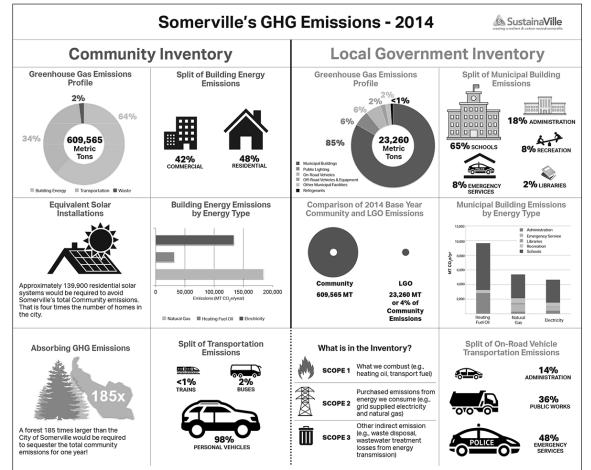
made marked progress toward its 2050 goals. With the help of funding from the state's Green Communities program, there is improved efficiency in Somerville school buildings. In 2015, the city added four electric vehicles to its fleet, and installed three electric vehicle charging stations throughout the city for residents and visitors to use free of charge. In 2016, all city streetlights will be converted to energy efficient LEDs, reducing approximately 600 metric tons of GHG emissions per year.

### What you can do

• Make your home as energy efficient as possible. Get a free home energy assessment through the Somerville Energy Efficiency Now program, and take advantage of rebates for energy efficiency upgrades.

- + Consider renewable energy for your home. (Somerville will launch "Solarize Somerville" in 2016! Stay tuned for the roll out of the program!)
- Consider switching to alternative transportation modes a few days each week, like the T or a bike (Hubway!).
- Sign up for notifications from SustainaVille, the city's climate change initiative.
- Somerville Climate Action will be hosting a screening of the film "This Changes Everything" on February 28, 2016, at 5 p.m. at the Armory, located at 191 Highland Ave. City staff have been invited to share more information on the inventory and the next steps in the city's climate change planning.

For more information, visit www.somervillema.gov/sustain-aville.



# Somerville to join Harvard By All Means consortium

### By Charles Lane

The Harvard Graduate School Education (HGSE) announced today the selection of six cities, including Somerville, for a new multi-year initiative -- By All Means: Redesigning Education to Restore Opportunity -- aimed at developing comprehensive child wellbeing and education systems that help eliminate the link between children's socioeconomic status and achievement. By All Means will be operated by HGSE's Education Redesign Lab. In addition to Somerville, other participating cities in the initiative include Oakland, CA; Louisville, KY; Providence, RI; Salem, MA; and Newton, MA.

"While our recent efforts at education reform have yielded some great successes in certain places, overall, we have failed to achieve equity, we have failed to eliminate persistent achievement and success gaps," said Paul Reville, founding director of the Education Redesign Lab and former Massachusetts Secretary of Education. "Schools alone, as currently conceived, can't do the job of educating all children for success. We can do better. By All Means will help light the way." He explained that "Education reformers across the country set out decades ago to eliminate the correlation between zip code and educational success. We've failed at that so far. These courageous mayors and superintendents are now re-embracing the challenge and are willing to rethink their child wellbeing and education systems to achieve the goal of equity."

The cities chosen to be part of the By All Means consortium demonstrate a distinguished record and a broad conception of their roles in ensuring children's success. Working with the Education Redesign Lab, mayors of each city will create and lead "Children's Cabinets" composed of superintendents, heads of health and social services, recreation, cultural and arts activists, and other key community leaders. Working together, these cabinet members will brainstorm and design new, effective strategies - aimed at closing persistent achievement and opportunity gaps -- for meeting all children's needs in their communities.

Throughout the course of this multiyear initiative, a series of high-profile national meetings will connect entrepreneurial and committed city mayors, superintendents, and public officials directly with the expertise of Harvard faculty, design leaders, and influential policy, research and practice leaders in the movement to re-conceptualize 21st century education. The meetings will invigorate a national public dialogue about how to take the most promising school and community

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innovations to scale, and address potential challenges that arise.

"By All Means is a bold, ambitious design project," said HGSE Dean Jim Ryan, "that I believe will have a profound effect on the way we think about and provide education in the coming century. Addressing the persistent inequality in educational access and opportunity will take a comprehensive, strategic, and evidence-based approach, and I'm thrilled that Paul Reville is taking a leadership role in this work."

"We are extremely excited about this new partnership with the Education Redesign Lab and for the incredible opportunities and strategies for success this will leverage for our students," said Somerville Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "In Somerville, we take a community-wide approach to student achievement and education, and we look forward to working with our partner communities through By All Means to strengthen our own approach, and collaborate on innovative new ideas for future success."

"This is a truly innovative initiative, one that takes a holistic approach to the needs of the student and to the community supports and resources we must bring to bear in order to best help our students succeed," stated Superintendent of Schools, Mary Skipper. "Somerville has



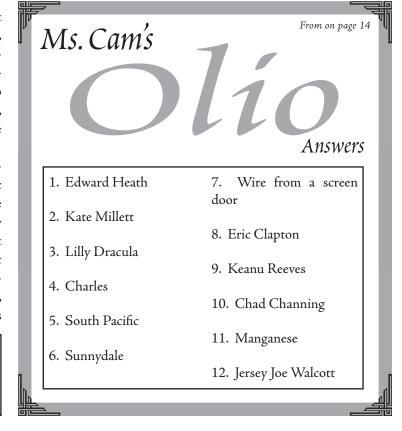




long recognized the incredible value of teamwork in education. We are thrilled to be a founding member of this consortium, and look forward to building on our collaborative work in support of youth, and to learning from other communities equally dedicated to this transformational work."

Launched in 2015, HGSE's Education Redesign Lab's mission is to design an integrated,

comprehensive set of systems for education and child development that will ensure all students, especially economically disadvantaged, have a fair chance of mastering the skills and knowledge necessary for success. To achieve this, the Education Redesign Lab engages in research, field work, convening, and advocacy, and a national design process to support the development of this vision.



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### **CHILDREN AND YOUTH** Wednesday February 24

**East Branch Library** Preschool: Storytime

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

**Central Library** 

Teen Empowerment 3:30 p.m.-6 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Thursday February 25

**Central Library** 

Preschool: Storytime for 3 to 5 year

10:30 a.m.-11:15 a.m.|79 Highland

### Friday | February 26

**Central Library** 

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

### Saturday Febraury 27

Central Library

Family Yoga with Erin Carter 11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Monday February 29

**Central Library** 

Sing Along with Matt Heaton 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Tuesday March 1

**West Branch Library** 

Preschool Storytime 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.|40 College Ave

**Central Library** 

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages

Tammy McKanan-617-591-0216 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.| 79 Highland Avenue

**Central Library** 

Somerville High School Anime Club 2:45 p.m.-4:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

### Wednesday | March 2

**East Branch Library** 

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

**Central Library** 

Somerville Positive Forces 1 p.m.-3 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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499 Broadway|617-629-5302

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

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The A-Beez – Funk & Soul 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen** 

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

Joshua Tree Bar & Grill Pub Trivia

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

**Thunder Road** 

Bearly Dead – Wednesday Night Grateful Dead Residency 8 p.m.|379 Somerville Ave

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17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Suzanne McNeil, Trick Wallace Band 8

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Acoustic/Bluegrass|9:30 p.m. Backroom Series: 7 p.m.

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Dub Down Reggae 366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

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

**Somerville Theatre** Awkward Compliment's Thursday

Night Comedy Night 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

**Thunder Road** 

Sarah & The Wild Versatile:8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory The Loop

7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** Strange Behavior 8:30 p.m. 255 Elm Street

### Friday February 26

Johnny D's

Amy Black Farewell to Johnny D's! Heavy Metal Horns 25th Anniversary Reunion. Original lineup 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Jim Coyle & The Barroom Gentlemen Pete Sutton, Mick Mondo & Streaker,

The Vivs do The Kinks, Electrolux Combo & Al Janik do The

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Thunder Road The Jauntee (Psychedelic/Funk)|8

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Noisey Presents:Black Tusk, Holy Grail, Gozu, Beware the Dangers of a Ghost Scorpion! 8 p.m.

Arts at the Armory

The Arts Fuse's Fusical 6 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** 

Peter Rowan with Very Special Guests Harvey Reid & Joyce Andersen|7 p.m. 255 Elm Street

### Saturday | February 27

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch World Music/ CRASHarts presents: Pedrito Martinez Group 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Patsy Hamel Band |6 p.m. HearNowLive presents presents Harry Jay Smith & The Bling, Daniel Miller & The High Life, Nate Livingston & The Madness \$10 cover|9 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room: Bluegrass Session|2 p.m. The BagBoys|5 p.m. Irish Session|9:30 p.m.

Back Room Backroom Series | 7 p.m. Scattershot|10 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

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**Thunder Road** 

Kid's Union Dance Party!|3 p.m. Christian McNeill8 p.m. 379 Somerville Ave

**Davis Square Theatre** 

Shit-Faced Shakespeare 6 p.m. Old School Game Show|8 p.m. 255 Elm Street

### Sunday | February 28

Johnny D's Jazz Brunch The Pretentious Fools Noam Weinstein - On Waves (album release) featuring Anita Sunahin & Rose Polenzani, plus a set by Tim Gearan & Russell Chudnofsky

17 Holland St.|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar Paul Ahlstrand Quartet 7:30 p.m.

335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589 The Burren

Front Room Beatles Brunch|11 a.m.-3 p.m. John Gannon & Friends Irish Session|3

**Back Room** 

Alan Kaufman & Friends Old Timey|5 p.m.

Burren Acoustic Music Series 8 p.m. 247 Elm Street 617-776-6896

**Bull McCabe's Pub Dub Apocalypse** 

Bluegrass

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 **Highland Kitchen** Sunday Brunch Live Country &

150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Orleans Restaurant and Bar Game Night

65 Holland St|617-591-2100

Sunday Night Live Music

Samba Bar & Grille Live Band & DJ

608 Somerville Ave|617-718 9177

**Thunder Road** 

379 Somerville Ave

Arts at the Armory Janet's Planet: Music Lessons for Humanoids

1 p.m., 3 p.m.|Café This Changes Everything - Movie

Screening 5 p.m.|Performance Hall

Cafe Rags 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

### Monday February 29

Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comic Meritus Showcase (Last Stand-Up Show Ever) Stump! Pub Trivia 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Shawn Carter's Cheapshots Comedy Leap high for 5 Years of Marley Monday with The Duppy Conquerors

reggae|10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Sally O'Brien's Bar

The Burren Front Room Bur-Run Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. Back Room

247 Elm Street|617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge Americana Mondays

8 p.m.|345 Somerville Ave On The Hill Tavern 499 Broadway|617-629-5302

**Bull McCabe's Pub** Stump! Team Trivia

366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045 Thunder Road The Murdock Manor Stripped Sets Monday Night Residency

**Davis Square Theatre** You're The Expert 7 p.m.|9 p.m.|255 Elm St

379 Somerville Ave

Tuesday | March 1 Johnny D's Junior Brown + Vince Thompson & The Next Fun Thing

17 Holland St|617-776-2004 Sally O'Brien's Bar

**TBA** 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

Back Room

The Burren Front Room Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/ lazz|8:30 p.m.

Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|8 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

PA's Lounge Open Mic Night 345 Somerville Ave

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

**Bull McCabe's Pub** The Ghetto People Band

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Highland Kitchen First Tuesday of the Month|Spelling Bee Night hosted by Victor and Nicole of

The fun starts at 10:00p.m. 150 Highland Ave 617-625-1131

Samba Bar & Grille

PJ Ryan's

Woods 7 p.m.

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8200 **Thunder Road** Ebass Open Mic Hosted by George

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

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

379 Somerville Ave ONCE Lounge & Ballroom Heavy Metal and Pizza in the Lounge|8 p.m.

**Davis Square Theatre** The Teaseday Club 8 p.m.|255 Elm St

156 Highland Ave

Wednesday | March 2

Johnny D's

Box Office Open 4-7pm Bar & Restaurant Closed. 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Free Poker, lots of prizes! 6 p.m.|335 Somerville Ave|617-666-

The Burren Front Room Exile on Elm

Back Room Back Room Series |7:30 p.m. Comedy Night With Steve Ma-

cone 10 p.m.

247 Elm Street 617-776-6896 P.A.'s Lounge

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Pub Trivia

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150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131 Samba Bar & Grille

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177 Joshua Tree Bar & Grill

8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617) 623-

Arts at the Armory

7 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave **CLASSES AND GROUPS** 

Thursday February 25

Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage

**Central Library** Community Cooks Board Meeting

6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave West Branch Library Learn English at the Library! (Session 1) 6 p.m.- 7 p.m.

(Session 2) 7:15 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

First Church Somerville Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step

p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor). For more info call: 781-762-6629

40 College Avenue

Saturday Febraury 27 **Central Library** 

Family Yoga with Erin Carter

program for people with problems

with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30

11 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Ave Arts at the Armory Somerville Winter Farmers' Market

9:30 a.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 Sunday | Febraury 28

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

Enter upstairs, meeting is in base-

Monday Febraury 29 **East Branch Library** Learn English at the Library!

(Session 2)7 p.m,-8:15 p.m.

(Session 1) 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

115 Broadway Tuesday | March 1

**Central Library** 

Learn English at the Library! 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.|79 Highland

### Wednesday | March 2 **Central Library**

Board Game Night 7 p.m.-8:45 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO DO!

### HAPPENINGS: CENTER $N \mid O$

Welcome to our centers. Everyone 55+ is encouraged to join us for fitness, culture, films, lunch and Bingo. Our centers are open to everyone from Somerville and surrounding communities. 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.

All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. (617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(617) 666-5223.

Bereavement Support Group - Monday, February 1st and running for 12 weeks from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at our Holland Street Center. Have you recently experienced the loss of a loved one and are in need of support? Contact Natasha at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional info or to register.

**Berklee College of Music Series** – This is a free event. Outings to see the country's next big vocal, instrumental and theatre stars! Pre-registration is required. Very limited seating. Please call 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Thursday, February 25: Bass Department Student Concert; Thursday, March 10: Eighth Annual Guitar Night: R&B/Funk Showcase; Monday, March 21: Maggie Scott: Vocal Jazz Series. 7:30 p.m.

Lights, Camera, Action! "This Is East" Film Premiere -Wednesday, February 24 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at our Cross Street Center located at 165 Broadway. This film recognizes and promotes East Somerville's identity during a time of change for the neighborhood. This free event includes refreshments – seating is limited - Please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot.

Supper & Bingo – Wednesday, February 24 at our Holland Street Center. Check in time of 4:45 P.M. - \$30 fee includes dinner, dessert and bingo cards. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for additional information or to reserve your spot.

Senior Health Insurance 101 - Starts on Monday, February 29 and will meet the last Monday of each month until June 27th - 10:00 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – Are you covered? Are you looking for affordable insurance? Come and learn about Medicare, Medicaid and much more. Please contact Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 for additional info and to sign up.

Living Frugally on a Fixed Income - Beginning, Tuesday, March 8 and running every Tuesday for 6 weeks ending on Tuesday, April 12th at our Holland Street Center from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. in our conference room. Please call Suzanne at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 for further information and topics for each week.

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – Monday, March 14 at the WHYC - 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. - \$10 fee limited seating and transportation. For more information please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

St. Patrick's Lunch & Show at Aqua Turf – Wednesday, March 16 - Departing Somerville at 8:30 A.M. on a luxury Silver Fox Coach to Connecticut's famous Agua Turf Club - \$79 fee includes your transportation, a delicious family style luncheon (salad, corned beef & cabbage or pasta w/meat sauce or baked scrod, potatoes and vegetables, rolls & butter, complimentary glass of wine or beer, coffee / tea) Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to reserve your spot or for info.

Forget Me Knot Group –Wednesdays from March 16 through June 15th from 1:00 to 2:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center – A 3 month support group about memory and aging. Our Forget Me Knot Group hopes to answer questions & provide educational, emotional and social support. Please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 if you should have any questions, require additional information or to reserve your spot

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

Friendly Caller Program - Do you know someone who

could benefit from a friendly call? Maybe you are feeling isolated and want someone to talk to - or you just want someone to listen. Please call Natasha at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 to sign up for our "Friendly Caller" Program. Please note that the Fit-4-Life Walking & Talking Group is on hiatus until Spring Time. We will keep you posted.

St. Patrick's Day Super Bingo scheduled for Thursday, March 17 at our Ralph & Jenny Center is SOLD OUT.

The Pine Grove Dude Ranch trip scheduled for May 15 through May 20 is BOOKED SOLID. Call Connie at 617-625-6600, ext. 2300 to have your name put on the waiting list. This trip, costing \$449 pp/dbl and \$499 pp/ single includes round trip motor coach transportation, 5 nights deluxe accommodations, 3 great meals each day and a wide variety of entertainment and programs.

Everyone is welcome to join our monthly Book Club. We meet the first Friday of each month at our Holland Street Center from 10 to 11:30 AM. March 4: "Critical Mass" by Sarah Paretsky. Copies of book choices available at the Somerville Public Library main branch, under COA book club account. If you have any questions, please contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email her at JLotti@Somervillema.gov

### **LGBTQ EVENTS:**

LGBTQ Event Night – An Evening with Pat Jehlen - Monday, March 21, 5:30 PM in the Atrium of our Holland Street Center – Join us as we welcome Senator Pat Jehlen as we discuss the Special Legislative Commission on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Aging Report. More information to follow – if you have any questions or require additional information please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or MBastardi@Somervillema.gov

**LGBTQ Advisory Group** –This group meets the 2nd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies. Our next meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2016. We are looking for new members who would like to serve on the Advisory Group. Please call Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600, ext. 2316 or email at MBastardi@Somervillema.gov if you have any questions or if you should need additional information. \*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBTQ events or the Advisory Group, please contact Maureen Bastardi at

617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her at MBastardi@

LBT Women Fit-4-Life - Fitness and Nutrition Classes. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings starting at 6:00 P.M. \$10 a month fee - scholarships available & it just might be covered under your insurance. We have available slots and would love to have you. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our Health & Wellness Coordinator, Chris Kowaleski at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

### **STAY ACTIVE:**

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Walking & Talking Group – Starting on Monday, May 4th at 8:30 A.M. – out of our Holland Street Center. We'll take a gentle 30 minute walk around the community every Monday - meeting in the downstairs lobby of the Holland Street Center. For more information or to sign up please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315.

The award winning Fit-4-Life Program is NOW at our Cross Street Center - 165 Broadway - And there are still some open spots. A unique combination of exercise and nutritional support opportunity under the direct supervision of a certified exercise trainer and participate in individual and group counseling with a nutritionist. The cost to you is \$10.- a month that gives you access to fitness & nutritional Fit-4-Life classes each week. Limited scholarships are available - Need more information? Please contact Chris Kowaleski our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600 ext. 2315 or email him at CKowaleski@somervillema.gov This is for older adults 55+ Space is limited so sign up early.

### Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

### **Mondays:**

8:30 Walking / Talking Group (H) 8:30 Fit-4-Life Group C (H)

12:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi (H) 1:00 Fit-4-Life (H)

### **Tuesdays:**

9:15 Strengthening - \$3 per class (H) 10:30 Fit-4-Life Cross Street\* (C) 1:00 Dalcroze Eurhythmics - \$2.00 (H) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life (H)

### Wednesdays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life\* Group A (H) 9:00 Fit 4 Life\* Group B (H) 12:00 Fit 4 Life\* Group C (H) 5:15 Zumba for All - \$3 per class (H)

### Thursdays:

9:00 Yoga (H) 9:30 Strengthening - \$3 per class (RJ) 10:30 Fit 4 Life (C) 6:00 LBT Fit 4 Life\*

### Fridays:

8:45 Fit 4 Life\* Group A 9:55 Fit 4 Life\* Group B

11:00 Nutrition Counseling with Mimi

\*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration\*\*If you are interested in our Yoga classes, please call Chris Kowaleski, our Health & Wellness Coordinator at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2315.

### **Upcoming Schedule**

Holland = (H) Ralph & Jenny = (RJ) Cross Street = (C)

### Wednesday February 24

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:00 Film Screening of "This is East" (C) 11:30 Social Worker (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

### 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads Thursday February 25

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Current Events (H) 10:00 Knitting for Babies (RJ) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (RJ) – (w/Holland – Portuguese Food)

11:30 Lunch (C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ)

7:30 Berklee College of Music (Bass)

### Friday | February 26

11:30 Lunch (H) 12:45 Bingo (H)

### Monday February 29

10:00 Activity & Movie (RJ) 10:30 Moonlighters at the Lowell Street VNA 11:30 Lunch (RJ) 1:00 Bereavement Group (H)

### Tuesday | March 1

10:00 Poetry Workshop (C) 10:00 Housing 101 (H) 10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Knitting for Babies (RJ) 10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

### Wednesday | March 2

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

10:00 English Conversation (C) 11:00 Film Screening of "This is East" (C) 11:30 Social Worker (C) 11:30 Lunch (RJ, C) 12:45 Bingo (RJ) 1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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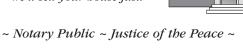
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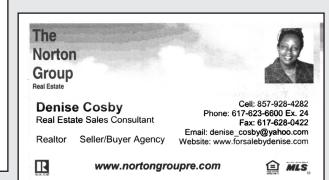
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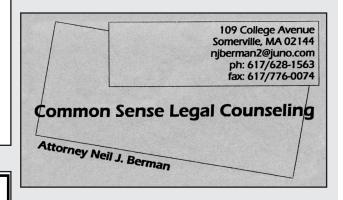
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Grandmother's silver pocket watch ticks the ticks of suffering away.

Midday mauve and daybreak doom,

the sound of her voice I hear in my room.

Coastline waves collapse with whiskey and wits of washed up sailor men,

candlestick's fluorescent gloom cast shadows that light up her weighting heart.

Yet the smell of death lurks round' the thickening walls that swallow her whole,

and hymns of seaward anchors colliding whisper through the front door.

Bleach white urchins harmonize the Atlantic cove,

and Grandmother rocks in her rickety rocker.

She holds on to the golden sun by a fringe at her fingertips,

and rocks to the whirring of her sand dollars dancing at dawn.

— Janelle Solviletti

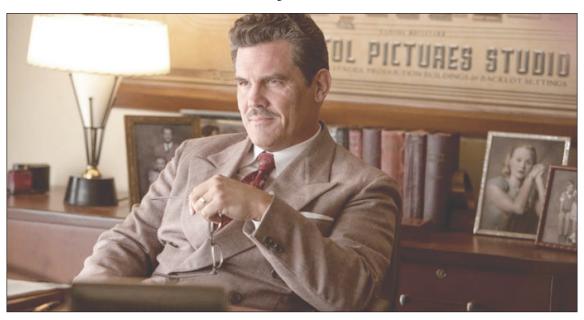
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# FF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

# 'Hail Caesar!'

# A movie review by William Falcetano



The noted Somerville film critic William Falcetano's latest review. You can find Bill in some dark corner in The Somerville Theatre on any given day or evening. Say hello to him – he may or may not reply – well, you know critics!

As a big fan of the Coen brothers I was looking forward to seeing their latest film Hail Caesar!, a parody of the old Hollywood studio system and the kind of movies they mass produced back in the day.

Though the film takes place in the 1950s the movies they are making at Capitol Studios seem to be from the 1930s; but that's not the worst thing that can be said about this unfunny comedy, which brings together the old team the Coens used with such great success in Burn After Reading - George Clooney, who plays Baird Whitlock, the hapless, empty-headed star of a sword-and-sandal epic; Tilda Swinton, who plays two roles, twin sisters who are both Hedda Hopper-type gossip columnists; and Francis Mac-Dormand, who has a bit part as a film editor who is almost swallowed up by her machine in a scarf fiasco - a sly allusion to Isadora Duncan. They add to this team the considerable talents of Josh Brolin in the lead role of Eddie Mannix, a front-office studio fixer who is at the center of the whole 3-ring circus; Ralph Fiennes, the director Laurence Laurentz (you can imagine how much fun they have with that name); Scarlett Johansson as an Esther Williams-type bathing beauty; along with bit parts by Jonah Hill and Dolph Lundgren.

With a roster of talent like that you should be able to hit a double if not a home run, but the Coen brothers strike out with this big-production loser. The worst thing you can say about this film is that it's simply not funny. And there is nothing worse than a comedy that not only doesn't make you laugh, but makes you wince and squirm in your plush reclining seat. Of course, humor is relative. I was accompanied by a friend who grew up in the Soviet Union, and who found the whole movie incredibly funny. She attributed it to growing up in a country in which everything was fake - the Potemkin Village effect, one might say. That was actually the Coens' point - that American popular culture was (and still is?) mass produced by a studio system that was little more than a vast network of factories and offices, exploited writers, and was only too happy to throw good taste and fine art under the bus so long as the yahoos and goobers kept buying tickets. "People don't want the truth - they wanna believe!" Brolin says to Tilda Swinton, in perhaps the best line of this ambitious, silly flop.

For an example of just how unfunny this film gets, imagine a meeting of the movie mogul and four clerics: a rabbi, a priest, a minister, and a patriarch. Sounds like the raw material for a joke but they are there to discuss the theology of the new film which

stars Baird Whitlock - a cross between Charlton Heston and Kirk Douglas - as a Roman soldier who has a life-altering encounter with Jesus "the Nazarene," the Rabbi keeps saying. Eddie Mannix just wants a pass from these censors - he doesn't want the film to offend anybody. The ball gets kicked around the table about the nature of the godhead, the unity-in-division of the trinity, and the prohibition against representing god directly ("But we don't think he's God, so it's OK"). The meeting is a kind of a "who's on first" parody but it's anything but funny. Could it be the Coen brothers didn't get the memo that theological discussions don't make promising material for screwball comedy? They definitely didn't get the other memo that arcane disputes among communists of the 1950s also don't tickle the funny bone. Warning: whenever the word "dialectic" is used in a joke it is sure to flop, even if delivered by a guy doing a reasonably good send-up of Herbert Marcuse crossed with Sigmund Freud.

For a satire to be effective its target must be vulnerable and deserve the drubbing. But each big-budget set-piece takes aim at a whole genre of movie-making: the cowboy western with the rodeo star miscast in a dinner-jacket society drama (Alden Ehrenreich); the Busby Berkeley aquatic fantasy of perfectly synchronized swimmers; the tap-dancin', singin' sailors with framing shots straight from On the Town; and finally, the corny religious epics of yesteryear that look so campy today.

What was entertainment then, what was considered believable drama in an earlier age, is depicted today as laughable and silly, overacted or pretentious. It's interesting to see how the history of film reveals the way in which the art of acting and the methods of drama have changed over the decades. Who could look at the silent pictures with their wide eyes and exaggerated gestures as anything but laughable today?

Marlon Brando complained that the actors who came before him were tediously predictable; you always knew what you got when you saw Clark Gable or Mae West. He is widely credited with introducing a different style of acting, one that was more life-like and surprising.

Generally, we think that things have gotten better, that our arts and dramas are superior to those of yesteryear. Yet this way of thinking misses the obvious point that things are bound to appear that way since we are the consumers of today's products, and so naturally we prefer them to yesterday's stale bread. Yesterday's confections were created for yesterday's consumers, who had different sensibilities than our own. When today's snark meets yesterday's camp the results should be funny; but sadly they are not in this latest of the Coen brothers' efforts. I guess you can't hit every pitch out of the park.

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