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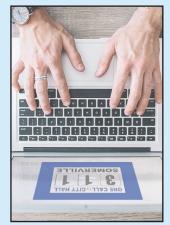
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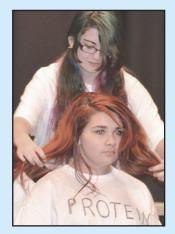
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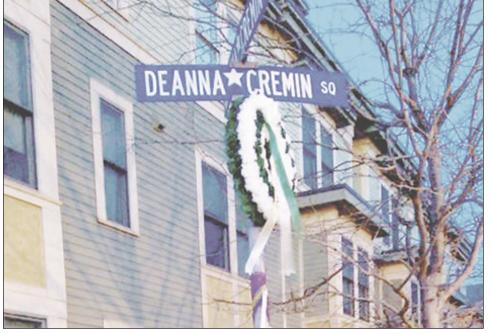
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City requests details of Deanna Cremin murder investigation



Investigators working on the Deanna Cremin murder case are being asked to report to the city in regards to the status of the investigation and where it currently stands. — Photo courtesy of Friends of Deanna Cremin

By Jim Clark

An order was put forward at the last regular meeting of the Board of Alderman on April 9 requesting that the Chief of Police advise the Board on the Deanna Cremin murder investigation and appear at a meeting of the Board's Committee on Public Health and Safety to discuss details, where appropriate.

Additionally, the Board put forward a resolution requesting that the Middlesex County District Attorney, Marion Ryan, advise this Board, in writing, of the present status of the Deanna Cremin murder investigation and also arrange for a representative of the District Attorney's Office to attend a future meeting of this Board's Committee on Public Health and Public Safety to update members, where appropriate, on the ongoing investigation.

Speaking in favor of the

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Patsy's Pastry prepares for final act on Broadway

By Ted Bodenrader

Patsy's Pastry Shop has been delighting the taste buds of Somervillians for four decades and counting, whipping up delicious cakes, cookies, and pies for townspeople sweet of tooth. Since December 13, 1968, its trademark cherry-red awning has invited pastry buffs in for a taste of the good stuff, its glassed fixtures teasing customers with all kinds of guilt-filled pleasantries, everything from chocolate éclairs to deep-fried cannoli to banana cream pies.

But like that final sliver of rum cake, this 47-year run, too, will soon come to an end, as Patsy's plans to serve up a turnover of another kind. Come May 4, the family-owned bakery will permanently close its doors at 182 Broadway, soon to transform into a state-of-the-art residential facility. This summer, where local residents once indulged in apple tarts and lemon squares, developers of Cambridge's YIHE Group will be constructing a 55-foot

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Patsy's Pastry Shop, a Broadway institution will be closing its doors on May 4.

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The Somerville Pop Warner \$5 Pasta Dinner Fundraiser is coming up on Thursday, April 16 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Somerville City Club on Innerbelt Road, across from Holiday Inn. Join the SPW Family for a \$5 pasta dinner night complete with dessert, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing. Please support an organization that supports over 250 of our city's kids. What a great organization for the kids. The adults are very committed to these kids and this is money that is needed to run the organization. Please support the kids.

Another reminder about Sunday, April 26, 4-8 p.m. at the Somerville City Club, when the family and friends of former Ward 3 Alderman Tom Taylor, who passed away recently, holds a "celebration of life" for Tom. It will also be Tom and Celia's 25th anniversary on May 12. The invitations went out on Facebook, but if the family missed anyone please feel free to add yourself to this event. The family will need some help with food, drinks, and desserts. This is open to all of Tom's friends who he knew over the many years.

Next Monday, April 20, join in as the city celebrates Patriots' Day and the 240th anniversary of Paul Revere's ride to warn the colonists that the British were coming. Paul Revere rode the countryside, what is now Broadway up Winter Hill right onto Main Street. Join the Mayor Joe Curtatone as he greets Paul Revere at Foss Park at Fellsway West. 10–11:30 a.m. rain or shine. Bring the entire family to the Colonial Fair and play games, greet Paul Revere, enjoy refreshments and music by the SHS Band.

On a sad note, one of our own is back in MGH. This time not doing so well and maybe not making it home. We want you to send all your good thoughts and prayers to our own Carmilla Toner. She has been part of our family here at the newspaper for many years. Among other things, she is the creator of Ms. Cam's Olio. What a great lady. We are praying hard that God will make her comfortable. She knows she's loved by her huge family and all the friends she's made.

A little late, but we found out that the lady who is considering a run for Ward 6 Alderman is ${}_{Continued\ on\ page\ 11}$

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TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: MBTA needs both reform and revenue

A. Moore says:

We already know where this is all going. If we didn't have the mismanagement of the MBTA the Green line probably would have been done years ago. The Green line had a great history of being built with very short money by just making it work as best as could be afforded. Common sense building. We are a country deep in debt and need to use our tax dollars properly. You can only print so much money before it becomes useless. And as ritepride mentioned we keeping the same people who screwed us before. Why is that? Like we don't know.

Joe Beckmann says:

Ironically, the complaints by "ritepride" and A. Moore are both on target and miss the point. The Mayor's case for "smarter" development actually takes those complaints and begins to create tools for a more productive system.

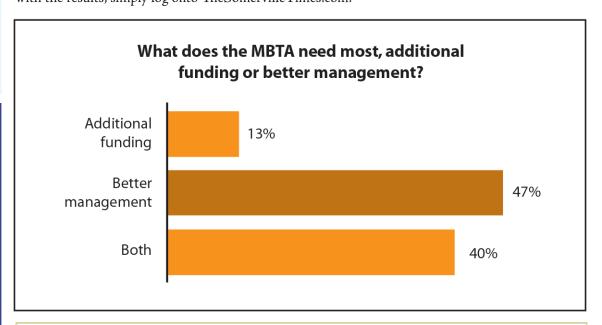
Keep in mind that the MBTA – like the subways of Chicago, New York, and most other 19th century mass transit – began as private investors out to make lots of money. It only became publicly owned when those investors decided to take their money to ... places like the Assembly Square we, particularly in Somerville, knew so well through the Edsel. We really have not integrated public and private interest since that era, now well over a half-century ago. When a trolley line initially planned less than 25 years ago for \$15,000,000 just jumped, last year, from \$1.3 to \$2.3 billion, we got more than enough evidence of mismanagement – and that was/is a good project.

The old standard was to expect ten to thirty-six times the public investment to be drawn to any public transportation project. That's about what happened at Davis Square, where \$80,000,000 or so generated over a billion in value. It won't happen in Union Square where we'd have to get twenty billion to meet that goal, and it ... ain't ... that big. So there are some serious mismanagement issues. But that does not mean that highways are better managed, nor that we really have a choice of travel means. Cities are changing, as the Mayor points out with more insight than his critics. We have to work with that change to keep our city livable, walkable, diverse, and human. That means the noise about zoning has to become a chorus on how to harness increased value to benefit everybody. Since the days of Dot Gay, when first we proposed a transfer tax at 1% to guarantee that affordability, we've lost at least \$100,000,000 in money that could have supported both business and housing as well as mass transit. Let's not do that again!

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TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on what the MBTA needs most, additional funding or better management. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.





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15th Annual Spring Rabies Clinic begins in Somerville

By Douglas Yu

In one of the most dog-friendly cities in the Greater Boston area, Somerville residents have one thing they couldn't wait to do when the temperature in New England hit 60 degrees for the first time this year: walk their dogs in a rabies-free environment.

Last Saturday, the City of Somerville hosted its 15th annual rabies clinic for cats and dogs at the warehouse in the back of the Department of Public Works. In less than an hour, over 30 Somerville cats and dogs owners brought their pets to have them vaccinated and licensed.

Rabies is a viral disease that affects the nervous system of mammals and human beings, according to rabiesawareness. com. April is known as Rabies Awareness Month.

"We estimated that there are 7,000 licensed dogs in the city," Brian Davis, President of the SomDog said. "The clinic is easy for folks who don't have the means and time to get their pets vaccinated."

SomDog is a non-profit orga-

nization founded in 2004, shortly after its members learned about the city's ordinance, which for the safety of children didn't allow dogs to go into parks. It's dedicated to promoting responsible dog ownership throughout the city and neighboring areas.

Davis believed that there were more than 7,000 licensed dogs in Somerville, and he said the clinic event was intended to drive the number back up. "The more dogs that are licensed, the more services you get," he said.

The license verifies that the animals have received rabies shots, which costs \$10 per shot at the event. The pet owners were also given a green tree-shaped tag that says "2015 Somerville Dog License." The tag can be attached to a dog's collar.

Two volunteer veterinarians at the event were from Porter Square Veterinarian, a local animal hospital that has been providing animal care service for the Somerville-Cambridge community for over 30 years. They provided two types of vaccinations to Somerville pet owners, one-year vaccine and the three-year ones, depending on when the last vaccine expires.



Rabies Awareness Month is underway and dog owners far and wide are encouraged to have their pets vaccinated in order to assure the health and safety of both animals and their owners.

— Photo by Douglas Yu

"The tag doesn't identify the current vaccine. It just says whether the animal had the vaccine," said one of the veterinarians, John Bujalski, after he vaccinated a pet dog. Tags are different each year in color and shape as well in order to make sure all the animals receive upto-date vaccine shots.

All the pets were vaccinated

in the same location on their bodies: the subcutaneous area of their right hind legs. "So if there is a vaccine reaction, we'll know which vaccine we give caused that reaction," Bujalski explained.

Erika Serrano, a Somerville resident, owns a Yorkie who just turned five years old on April 1. This was her first time to come to the city clinic. "It keeps the dogs healthy and safe," she said. "And the licenses are good too. So if anyone complained about your pet, you have the documents to prove the animal is vaccinated."

April Terrio, Senior Animal Control Officer from the City of Somerville, said the city has a database to track whose pets are licensed.

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By Jim Clark

Not-so-nice employee takes a licking

A woman phoned Somerville Police last Friday morning to report that her purse had either been lost or stolen at some point in time the day before.

She reportedly told police that she thought she may have lost the purse while at J.P. Licks ice cream restaurant at 611 Assembly Row.

Police phoned the restaurant and asked the manager to review the restaurant's security video footage from the day before in order to determine whether or not the woman's purse may have been left there.

The store manager reportedly told police that the woman was spotted on the video leaving her purse behind upon leaving the restaurant. It had been left hanging on a chair.

Additionally, the manager reportedly told police that one of the restaurant's employees, Deaundre Price, was seen on the video removing the purse from the chair and taking it over to a nearby trash barrel.

According to reports, Price was observed on video placing the purse into a fresh trash bag as he changed the bag in the barrel, and then taking the bagged purse into the restroom.

The video further showed that Price then walked the bag containing the purse, along with a full bag of trash, out to the locked trash area of the restaurant, police said. The victim's bank records indicated that a number of purchases were made with one of her debit cards amounting to nearly \$100 on the day that her purse came up missing, according to reports.

Officers were called in to examine the video footage and question Price in response to the victim's report.

After viewing the video, police called Price into the manager's office and the officers explained to him why they were there.

Price reportedly began to deny any involvement in the matter, but after he was reminded that the video evidence was readily available he indicated that he would not continue his denials. After being advised of his rights, Price reportedly admitted that he took the purse and removed some cash, a wallet, IDs, credit/debit cards, and then threw the purse away in Jackson Square in Boston.

When asked whether he had used any of the missing credit or debit cards he reportedly told them that he hadn't.

A search of Price's locker in the restaurant turned up a small amount of marijuana inside a bag. Closer examination of the bag's contents turned up a white DKNY purse. Price reportedly told officers, "Yea, that's the stuff right there."

The officers checked Price's bag further for any more items belonging to the victim and found several credit/debit cards, the white purse, a U.S. passport, an Albanian passport, State of Massachusetts and Albanian drivers licenses, and some receipts. The one card not found inside the bag was the debit card used for the reported purchases the day before.

Price was asked if his personal wallet could be checked for any more items and he reportedly agreed to it. The missing card in question was reportedly found inside Price's wallet.

Price was placed under arrest and taken in for booking, charged with larceny from a building and improper use of a credit card.

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SOMERVILLE POLICE GRIME LOG

Arrests:

John Wrobel, April 6, 11:44 p.m., arrested at 150 Highland Ave. on a warrant charge of attempt to commit a crime.

Anthony Morales, of 1 Mill Ct., Chelsea, April 7, 1:46 p.m., arrested at 133 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

Deaundre Price, of 165 River St., Boston, April 10, 1:06 p.m., arrested at 611 Assembly Row on charges of larceny from a building and improper use of a credit card.

A juvenile, April 11, 2:35 a.m., arrested at 61 Union Square on a charge of armed assault to rob.

Sergio Aparicio-Jimenez, of 12 Kilby St., April 11, 2:35 a.m., arrested at 61 Union Square on a charge of armed assault to rob.

Elijah Clarke, of 253 Broadway, Cambridge, April 11, 2:35 a.m., arrested at 61 Union Square on a charge of armed assault to rob.

Jean Pierre, of 287 Main St., Medford, April 11, 8:01 a.m., arrested at 75 Mystic Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250.

Andrew Kopacz, of 269 Washington St., April 11, 12:17 p.m., arrested at 8 Bow St. on warrant charges of trespassing and disturbing the peace.

Joshua Resendes, of 371 Windsor St., Cambridge, April 11, 1:25 p.m., arrested at 12 Kilby St. on a charge of armed assault to rob.

Monica Kaplan, of 562 Washington Ave., Chelsea, April 11, 2:03 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Jose Lopez, of 77 Bartlett St., April 11, 10:31 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of motor vehicle operator refusing to identify self and receiving a stolen motor vehicle.

Joshua Resendes, of 371 Windsor St., Cambridge, April 12, 1:13 p.m., arrested at 220 Washington St. on a charge of armed robbery.

John Fraser, of 2424 Mystic Valley Pkwy., Medford, April 13, 1:51 a.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Incidents:

Theft:

April 6, 12:16 p.m., police reported a theft at Memorial Rd. April 6, 2:32 p.m., police re-

ported a theft at 75 Mystic Ave.

April 7, 8:39 a.m., police reported a theft at Mystic Ave.

April 7, 8:50 a.m., police reported a theft at Concord Ave. April 7, 9:00 a.m., police reported a theft at Shore Dr.

April 7, 12:57 p.m., police reported a theft at 35 Medford

April 7, 1:05 p.m., police reported a theft at 105 Middlesex

April 7, 1:46 p.m., police reported a theft at 133 Middlesex Ave

April 7, 2:34 p.m., police reported a theft at Kensington Ave.

April 7, 3:05 p.m., police reported a theft at 1 Davis Sq.
April 7, 3:19 p.m., police reported a theft at Powder House

April 7, 4:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Ossipee Rd.

April 7, 6:46 p.m., police reported a theft at Whipple St.

April 8, 12:43 p.m., police reported a theft at Partridge Ave. April 8, 3:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Meacham St.

April 10, 1:06 p.m., police reported a theft at 611 Assembly

April 10, 8:27 p.m., police reported a theft at Bradley St.

Robbery:

April 6, 9:29 p.m., police reported a robbery at South St.
April 8, 9:23 p.m., police reported a robbery at 71 Spring-

April 11, 2:35 a.m., police reported a robbery at Union Sq.

Breaking & Entering:

April 8, 7:17 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Flint St.

April 9, 1:21 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Stickney Ave.

April 12, 1:37 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Stone Ave.

Vehicle Theft:

April 7, 10:21 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Holts Ave.

April 8, 7:50 a.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Mc-Grath Hwy.

April 8, 9:35 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Gordon St.

April 9, 4:48 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Washington St.

Assault:

April 8, 6:04 p.m., police reported an assault at 181 Somerville Ave.

April 9, 5:08 p.m., police re-

ported an assault at 5 Cherry St.

April 10, 5:22 p.m., police reported an assault at 5 Cherry St.

April 10, 6:50 p.m., police reported an assault at Morton St.

Destruction of Property:

April 6, 10:03 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at 75 Union Sq.

April 9, 1:37 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Hooker Ave.

April 9, 3:02 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Brastow Ave.

April 9, 4:03 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Morrison Ave.

April 10, 3:02 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Medford St.

April 11, 3:10 a.m., police reported a destruction of property at Somerville Ave.

April 12, 5:30 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Sargent Ave.

April 12, 10:04 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Powder House Blvd.

Counterfeiting/Forgery:

April 7, 6:22 p.m., police reported a counterfeiting/forgery at 180 Somerville Ave.

Patriots' Day celebration next Monday

By Rebecca Danvers

The city's 240th annual Patriots' Day celebration will be held at Foss Park next Monday, April 20, 10-11:30 a.m.

The day's events will include Colonial games and songs, light refreshments, youth readings, and a visit from Paul Revere on horseback on his historic ride from Boston to Lexington through Somerville.

Volunteers will be dressed in traditional Colonial attire and attendees are encouraged to do

The event, co-sponsored by Preservation Commission, Historic Somerville, the Somerville Museum, and East Somerville Main Streets, will begin at 10 a.m. with live music by the Somerville High School band, games and refreshments, followed by a brief



Come join in on the patriotic fun next Monday at Foss Park as Somerville celebrates its Revolutionary War era heritage.

speaking agenda with youth poetry readings and the arrival of Paul Revere.

Children will receive a "Colonial Times Passport" and are invited to participate in various Colonial-era games such as Hoops, and Jacob's Ladder. Children who complete each of the six stations will receive a

For more information, contact Executive Director Brandon Wilson at 617-625-6600 ext 2532 or bwilson@somervillema.gov or Barbara Mangum, President of Historic Somerville via admin@historicsomerville.org, or 617-625-

City seeks 'secret residents'

By Tom Bannister

The City of Somerville is offering residents an opportunity to help improve city programs and services by launching its "Secret Resident" program. Volunteers will be used to provide feedback on the city's customer service.

Through the program, residents will complete brief customer service training, and will engage city departments to assess and evaluate the accuracy, efficiency, and ease of customer service.

Examples of assignments in the program will include calling 311 to report an issue, inquiring in-person at Inspectional Services as to how to file a permit,



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"A lot of people don't know that in Massachusetts all vets must send a copy of a vaccination certificate to the town or city where the animal lives once they vaccinated an animal with the rabies shot," Terrio said. "The information will be put into a database in Somerville."

Currently, there are three major dog parks in Somerville, including Nunziato Field Dog Park located near Union Square. All these dog parks allow dogs that have been vaccinated, and some from other cities also visit there.

"If your dog is licensed in any city, that means they don't have



rabies," Davis said. "Somerville doesn't discriminate against any cities or licensed dogs outside of the city. The community of Somerville doesn't end at our borders and walls. The clinic is

open to the surrounding communities as well."

For more information, contact the Somerville Health & Human Services Department at 617-625-6600 ext. 4300.

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



Eagle Feathers #76

Somerville Sweets

By Bob (Monty) Doherty

Through the years of Somerville's existence, she has had a sweet tooth; and some of her natives have made their fortune trying to fill it. Sugar and spice and everything nice were the products of Rufus Stickney of Winter Hill. Rufus is long gone, but in his name, the Stickney & Poor Spice Company lives on. It is the oldest spice company in the nation. It opened in 1815 and begins its third century this year.



In 1846, four years after Somerville separated from Charlestown, the largest dairy in New England was founded by Harry P. Hood. He, his sons, and their families made Somerville their home and provided work for her citizens. In 2002, at the grand opening of Conway Park on Somerville Avenue, the H. P. Hood & Sons Company promised enough free ice cream to satisfy those who attended. Hood more than delivered. For the entire day, over three hundred children and many adults were very happy. Volunteers gave out a near "glacier" of ice cream bars, tubs and Hoodsies to all attendees including passersby in autos, buses and pedestrians.

Also, in 1846, another Somerville native, William E. Schrafft founded his candy company. During the Civil War, he supplied Union troops with candy gumdrops for energy. His chocolate makers claimed to be the best in the world. Over 300,000 pounds of chocolate and over two million pounds of other candies were stored at Sullivan Square. During the Great Depression, no one at Schrafft lost his job, and it was said to be because guys could always find cash to by chocolates for their mothers or sweethearts.



Joseph Archibald Query first mixed his recipe for marshmallow fluff at his Somerville house in 1917 and sold it door to door in the Union Square area. World War I sugar rationing put the brakes on his business. After the war's end, he sold the business to two returning Yankee Division soldiers. They then moved the business to Lynn. Query's house still stands on Springfield Street near the Cambridge line. Ironically, this large white house, now a Portuguese American Club looks much like a giant Continued on page 6

Talking about 'The Birds and the Bees'

By Rebecca Danvers

As the cold winter months and the cruel storms that came with them thankfully fade into memory, the clever folks at Nave Gallery Annex will be celebrating the onset of spring by examining the buzzing of bees, the chirping of birds, vibrantly colored flowers, and just about everything else that nature's bounty provides us in their new exhibit, *The Birds and the Bees*, running April 17–May 10.

The exhibit will help attendees to brush up on bee lore, botanical illustration, nest building techniques, avian husbandry, honey hunting and ornithological sleights of hand.

Featured artists include Erika Adams, Victoria Arons, Susan Arthur, Jim Baab, Resa Blatman, Neil Brigham, Christine Collins, Lizzy Dargie, Grant Figura, Barbara Fletcher, Blair Folts, Matt Forrest, Ania Gilmore, Mary Goldthwaite-Gagne, Cynthia James, Julie Lapping Rivera, Robert J. Long, Maz Mahjoobi, Ralph Mercer, Elise Joy

Nyenhuis, Lynn Peterfreund, Rosamond Purcell, Sarah Shallbetter, Mark Addison Smith, Miranda Vitello, Evan Voelbel, and Rebecca Volynsky.

The exhibit is curated by Annie Silverman, a printmaker, book artist and urban beekeeper. She is the proprietor of Abrazos Press, a teaching and professional print shop in Somerville, MA. She has been a part-time teacher at Mass College of Art and Design in Boston for over 20 years.

Silverman has been working with imagery concerning birds and bees since 2007. Her print and wire installation *Vanishing Pollinators*, about bees and hummingbirds, has been exhibited at Brickbottom Artist Gallery in Somerville, The Boston Public Library, and at Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA.

Silverman is also an avid urban gardener, and was Somerville Artist of the Month in September 2013. Her artist books and prints have been exhibited nationally and internationally, most recently in Naples, Italy, Utrecht, Holland, and Peterbor-



You gotta think about who you're attracting by Mark Addison Smith, one of the many artists displaying their works at the Nave Gallery Annex's latest exhibition, The Birds and the Bees.

ough, NH.

An opening reception for the exhibition will take place on Friday, April 17; 6:00–8:00 p.m., and the show will run through May 10.

Some special events slated to take place in conjunction with the exhibit include a book talk and signing with Rosamond Purcell on Wednesday, April 29, 7:30–8:30 p.m., with free admission. On Friday, May 1, 6:00–9:00 p.m., a honey tasting session will take place hosted by Caneen Canning, Honey sommelier from Follow the Honey, admission for this event is also free.

Nave Gallery Annex is locat-

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ed at 53 Chester St, Somerville. Gallery hours are Wednesday-Friday, 6:00-8:00 p.m.; Saturday, 2:00-8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 2:00-6:00 p.m. Extended hours during Somerville Open Studios are Friday, May 1, 6:00-9:00 p.m.; Saturday, May 2, 12:00-8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, May 3, 12:00-6:00 p.m.

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marshmallow. Through the years, the sweet taste of Never Fail Fudge, Fluffernutter sandwiches, and the "What the Fluff" Autumn Festival have evolved to keep his name and his creation alive and well.

Before the making of Girl Scout Cookies eighty years ago became officially organized, Somerville women began baking them in Mrs. William Grace's kitchen at 24 Day Street and later expanded to a store front on Highland Avenue.

Doctor Russell Conwell, father of Somerville Mayor Leon Conwell, was a minister, Union soldier, and teacher. He founded Temple University in Philadelphia, edited The Somerville Journal, and gave the soft drink "root beer" its name.

The now revived Tower Root Beer Company bottled soft drinks in Somerville. Its logo, the Prospect Hill Tower, was on the front of its bottles and on the back was its award-winning

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es can't be beat"

Somerville has had a great history of sweet shops, creating ice cream, candies and pastries. From Lyndell's bakery, the city's oldest, established in 1887, to the legendary Steve's Ice Cream's story and beyond, Somerville's jumbo sweet tooth has been happily soothed.

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'Week of the Young Child' now underway

By Tom Bannister

Hundreds of pre-Kindergarten students from around the city and their teachers and families joined local dignitaries and early education leaders from around the state at Somerville's City Hall on Tuesday morning for a special one-hour event highlighting the Week of the Young Child.

The event provided some of Somerville's youngest residents the opportunity to sing, tour various city hall offices to learn about city management, participate in a civic engagement activity, and be part of a proclamation reading by Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone.

"We are fortunate in Somerville to have strong support for initiatives that directly impact young children, families, and early childhood educators. Serving children well is the hallmark of a healthy city," stated Somerville Public Schools Early Education Director, Lisa Kuh. "Somerville knows this and lives it on a daily basis. Bringing children to city hall to engage with local government is an opportunity to celebrate our successes. This celebration is also a way to say thank you to our city leadership for their work in making Somerville a great place for families and a great place to work with and for children."

The event at City Hall began at 10:00 a.m. with a proclamation reading by Mayor Curtatone, advocating for children, families and teachers. The National

Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) designated a week in April as the *Week of the Young Child* to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families. Communities are encouraged to celebrate young children throughout the week with a variety of special events.

As part of Tuesday's celebration at City Hall, Somerville Family Learning Collaborative (SFLC) staff members wrote a social story, Somerville: Working Together for a Wonderful City. The story, along with an accompanying lesson plan, was made available to early childhood classrooms in the City to assist in helping students learn about the work that goes on in City Hall as they prepare for their tour of city hall offices. Students will also have an opportunity to vote as part of their educational tour that morning.

Somerville resident, activist, and Lesley University Professor Nancy Carlsson-Paige was a guest speaker at this event. Carlsson-Page is author of five books, including her most recent, Taking Back Childhood: A Proven Roadmap for Raising Confident, Creative, Compassionate Kids. Students from Somerville High School's Early Childhood Career and Technical Education program also shared some of their work from a study they conducted of the UNICEF Rights of the Child movement. Singing and art was also a part of the day's celebration with songs led by parent liaison Mau-



ra Mendoza, and Marina Seevak of The Beautiful Stuff Project guiding students in the creation of tiny art projects that will become part of a larger art installation at City Hall.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The proposed merging of residential zones was discussed extensively at the April 7 BOA meeting on the new zoning. The planning department's pitch is based on a particular framing of the development issues that face our city. In order to address the philosophical differences that Alderman White and others have highlighted, it may be helpful to expose this framing, and the more or less hidden assumptions and agendas behind it. This would be a useful step towards reframing the issues in way that's more beneficial to the community. The key assumptions that need to be challenged are as follows:

1. "Density will increase no matter what." Somervision and the MAPC study are cited as justification for this claim, along with loose talk about "doing our regional duty." In fact Somerville was at one time the densest city in the US and remains the densest city in New England. Many of our neighboring towns and cities have relatively huge minimum lot sizes and are in no danger of sacrificing themselves on the altar of regional duty. And

more importantly, there is no amount of housing that could be added to Somerville that would restrain demand, because additional housing will only increase demand in a vicious cycle. If the goal is to preserve something like the current character of Somerville's neighborhoods, the RA/RB zones in particular are already "built out."

2. "People have the right to bloat up their houses." This is a classic "tragedy of the commons." If everyone is permitted to maximize their self-interest by bloating up their house, the city's character and open space are irreparably lost, harming everyone (except developers). What's the justification? Increased house values? But if houses are viewed primarily as investments, rather than as a means to fulfill the fundamental human need for shelter, the battle for affordability is lost. Any buyer knows exactly what size their prospective house is, and if it subsequently no longer meets their needs, they should sell it.

3. "Open space is low priority." One of the charts in planning's presentation showed how different cases play out under the old and new zoning, and made it abundantly clear that under the new zoning, vacant lots get houses on them, period. This is a recipe for eliminating what little open space remains.

4. "Simplification is good." In fact, simplification is dangerous. Generalizations and averages hide the gritty complexity of actual houses and actual people who inhabit them. "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics."

5. "Predictability is good." In fact, predictability is only good if the outcome is something you want. If the outcome looks like Fort Lauderdale, you'd rather have uncertainty. And who is "we" here? Developers?

6. "Progress is inevitable." But this only begs the question, progress towards what? Stratospheric house prices? A tsunami of teardowns? We are rushing headlong towards poorly examined ends.

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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: Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of local senators and representatives on the only roll call vote from the week of April 6-10.

\$200 MILLION FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES (H

3187)

House 157-0, Senate 38-0, approved and Gov. Charlie Baker signed into law a measure allowing the state to borrow \$200 million to give to local cities and towns for road and bridge repairs. The funding would be allocated using the same formula that is used for distributing Chapter 90 transportation money annually.

The funding brings this year's total for bridge and road repairs for local communities to \$330 million, which includes \$100 million for local roads released by Baker in January and the governor's recently announced Winter Recovery Assistance Program, providing \$30 million for cities and towns to repair potholes, roads and bridges.

Supporters said the total of \$330 million would help struggling cities and towns with road and bridge repairs, which have increased because of the harsh winter storms.

The bill has previously been approved by both branches. This final vote in each branch was necessary to send the bill to the governor.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$200 million.)

Rep. Christine Barber Yes Rep. Denise Provost Yes Rep. Timothy Toomey Yes Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

TURN ON HEADLIGHTS - A new law requiring drivers to turn on their headlights when visibility is less than 500 feet or when the use of windshield wipers is necessary went into effect last week. These requirements are in addition to an existing law that mandates the use of headlights during the period from a half-hour after sunset to a half-hour before sunrise. Any violation is a surchargeable offense that could result in higher auto insurance rates for the offenders.

The proposal was sponsored by Rep. David Linsky (D-Natick), who argues this new law will prevent accidents and even save lives. Supporters note that studies show collisions in Canada have decreased since that nation required more frequent use of headlights.

Rep. James Lyons (D-Andover) last week filed a bill to repeal the law. "The drivers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can be relied upon to use common sense when deciding if headlights are needed," said Lyons. He added, "Making your windshield wipers and headlights a moving violation is completely ridiculous. It looks more like another Beacon Hill money grab than a reasonable safety measure, and the penalty is particularly harsh on working families, who will be assessed insurance surcharges in addition to fines."

Lyons has also criticized the way he says the bill was approved. "This was passed under the cover of darkness with no transparency or open debate," Lyons said. Rep. Shaunna O'Connell (R-Taunton) agrees, "Passing a bill like this during an informal session is why Massachusetts gets an F in transparency."

Beacon Hill Roll Call has reviewed the legislative history of the law. It was proposed in January 2013. A public hearing was held on September 23, 2013, and the measure was given initial approval in the House at a formal session on July 31, 2014, without debate and without a

roll call vote. Any member could have debated the proposal, and if 16 members had asked for a roll call, the House would have been required to hold one.

The law was given final approval by the House and Senate at informal sessions on January 6, 2015, which was the last day of the 2014 session. Former Gov. Patrick signed it on January 7, his last day in office. Under House rules, any member can basically delay and ultimately kill a bill during informal sessions. When asked why she didn't debate the bill and request a roll call vote in July 2014, or delay and ultimately kill the bill in January 2015, O'Connell responded, "Republican leadership covers informals to keep an eye on and hold anything that is controversial or questionable. I cannot answer why they did not object to this bill." Lyons did not respond to repeated attempts to reach him for a comment.

Linsky, the bill's sponsor, said, "Any single representative [at an informal session] who objected to this bill could have stopped it by himself or herself. All he or she had to do was pay attention." He argued that the bill went through the entire legislative process including public hearings and that opponents had ample time to debate it, bring it to a roll call vote and try to kill it.

Linsky also told Beacon Hill Roll Call that he and Rep. William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) will be sponsoring an amendment to make the offense non-surchargeable. They plan to try to attach it to the state budget, which will be debated by the House in a few weeks.

NO MORE BRAND NAME WATER IN SENATE

- Senate President Stan Rosenberg (D-Amherst) is attempting to put an end to the practice of senators bringing brand name water bottles into the Senate chamber. The water bottles often end being very visible on television when the Senate sessions are broadcast. Rosenberg is responding to a long-time complaint by Sen. Robert Hedlund (R-Weymouth) that it is inappropriate to display these commercial products in the Senate chamber.

Upon arriving at last week's Wednesday session, senators were greeted with a commercial-free bottle of water on their desks. The bottles had the seal of the Senate on them. Pete Wilson, Rosenberg's press secretary, said, "Historically, the decorum of the Senate chamber did not allow for brand name water bottles and we are returning to this practice. If senators would like water at their desks, the president is encouraging them to use the new bottles."

Hedlund has said the practice has deteriorated over the years to the point where some senators are now bringing Dunkin' Donuts coffee and even a 7-11 Big Gulp into the chamber. Hedlund said he was happy that Rosenberg has stopped a practice that's generally been frowned upon for many years and that Hedlund has brought up several times in the past.

According to Rosenberg's office, the water is paid for out of the Senate operations account and the water bottles are paid for by Rosenberg's campaign account. Wilson said that Rosenberg encourages but does not mandate that senators use them instead of brand name bottles.

NEW LAWS TAKE EFFECT

The Legislature approved and former Gov. Deval Patrick signed into law many bills at the close of the 2014 session, which ended in January. It takes 90 days for most new laws to become effective. Here are two of the new laws that took effect in early April.

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(S 2417) - Effective April 2: Gives cancer patients who have lost their hair as a result of treatment a one-year extension on having a new photo taken for their driver's

CANCER VICTIMS AND DRIVER'S LICENSES

extension on having a new photo taken for their driver's license. A Massachusetts driver's license photo must be updated every ten years.

Supporters say it is unfair that cancer patients who have lost their hair are required to take a psychologically harmful new photo while they are bald. They argue this compassionate law would give them time to grow back their hair before taking a new photo.

AMBER ALERT (S 2173) - Effective April 7: Improves and enhances the state's Amber Alert System, which interrupts regular radio and TV programming to broadcast information that could help recover an abducted child. Information is also broadcast on electronic signs along highways, in airports and on cell phones.

Provisions include codifying the entire Amber Alert System into law; requiring more descriptive information in the missing child database including identifying marks, prosthetics or surgical implants, photographs, description of clothing, items that may be with the missing child, and his or her means of transportation; allowing the State Police to coordinate with law enforcement agencies in other states; and establishing training guidelines for 911 operators.

Supporters say this important law would enhance the state's invaluable Amber Alert System. They note since its inception in the Bay State in 2002, the alert has been activated 15 times and successfully recovered and reunited 23 children with their families.

QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special MBTA edition

Reaction to the Baker administration's proposal to make several changes at the T including placing the MBTA under the oversight of a five-member fiscal control board.

"A disappointing rehash of other government reports over the last decade, just updated with the latest grim statistics. The report has no vision for the future and seems written to give political cover for Gov. Baker to take more direct control of the MBTA." — United Independent Party Chairman Evan Falchuck.

"We commend Gov. Baker and his special panel for performing an in-depth diagnostic review of the MBTA's core functions. And [we] support the panel's recommendations to put the system back on track." — The Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce.

"Today's report makes clear the actions that need to be taken to confront the problems at the MBTA. I hope the legislature moves quickly to take those actions." — Senate Republican Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).

"The recommendations contained in this report have the potential for delivering long-term stability and meaningful improvements to the MBTA's finances and operations." — House Republican Minority Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading).

"Baker clearly got the scripted report he wanted from his commission. But the time for politics is over. After devastating winter storms that paralyzed our transportation infrastructure and economy, Gov. Baker owns the transportation system and voters are demanding he pro-

duce real results, not empty rhetoric." — Massachusetts Democratic Party Executive Director Matt Fenlon.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?

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

During the week of April 6-10, the House met for a total of three hours and 59 minutes and the Senate met for a total of two hours and 44 minutes.

Mon. April 6	House 11:02 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. Senate 11:13 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.
Tues. April 7	No House session No Senate session
Wed. April 8	House 11:03 a.m. to 2:36 p.m. Senate 2:02 p.m. to 4:24 p.m.
Thurs. April 9	House 11:07 a.m. to 11:18 a.m. Senate 11:03 a.m. to 11:18 a.m.
Fri. April 10	No House session No Senate session

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COMMENTARY

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Celebrating Patriots' Day and Somerville's revolutionary history



By Joseph A. Curtatone

This holiday weekend, Somerville will mark the 240th anniversary of Paul Revere and William Dawes riding under cover of night to warn their fellow patriots of the British troops marching from Boston to Concord and Lexington. Somerville will celebrate its part in our nation's history on Monday, April 20 at Foss Park, where we'll have Colonial games and songs, refreshments, and of course a visit from Paul Revere on horseback as he makes his historic ride through Somerville on the way to Lexington.

At 10 p.m. on April 18, 1775, Revere left Boston and was rowed over the Charles River to Charlestown, passing the British frigate Somerset just before British troops received orders to stop all boats, according to the 1896 book Somerville's History by Charles Darwin Eliot. Once on horseback in Charlestown, Revere first road up Washington Street to Crescent Street at the current Somerville-Charlestown line, where he saw two British officers also on horseback, Darwin wrote. Revere raced back to the Charlestown Neck and then up Broadway. One of the officers chased after him and tried to cut him off, but fell into a clay pit, enabling Revere's escape over Winter Hill, up Main Street and into Medford Square, from which he eventually made his way through Arlington to Lexington. Today, a tiny park at the corner of Broadway and Main Street is home to a stone marker

commemorating Revere's Ride.

That was just the beginning of Somerville's role in the Revolutionary War. When British troops marched to Concord that same night, they did so through Somerville. Lt. Col. Smith of the Tenth British led 800 men across Back Bay in boats from the foot of Boston Common to Lechmere Point. From there, they waded thigh deep and crossed to Somerville, coming upon dry land again at Washington Street near Prospect Street, marched through Union Square to Bow Street, Somerville Avenue and Elm Street on the way to Concord.

During the British retreat from Lexington and Concord back to Boston, they turned from Massachusetts Avenue in Cambridge down Beech Street to Elm Street, where minutemen hiding in a grove at the corner fired upon the troops. Continuing their retreat while

under fire, heading down Elm and Somerville Avenue back into Union Square, they came to the foot of Prospect Hill, where American patriots fired upon them—a scene depicted in the mural inside the former Union Square Post Office. British troops eventually flanked and surprised those Americans on Prospect Hill, and while many fled, 65-year-old James Miller stood firing at his post, who reputedly told his sons, "I am too old to run but not to fight." Miller died in the battle, and a marker on Washington Street in front of the site of the former Cota Funeral Home stands in his memory.

Two months later came the Battle of Bunker Hill, and Eliot wrote that "Somerville beheld vivid scenes of war that day." Troops marched to the front in Charlestown over Washington Street to Broadway as Charlestown residents fled away

from the burning town. American artillery bombarded the British fleet from Cobble Hill, while British frigates hit east Somerville. When the Americans eventually retreated from Charlestown after only great cost to the British army, they "planted themselves on Prospect and Winter Hills, expecting and ready for a renewal of the battle."

How important were Prospect Hill and Winter Hill to the Revolutionary War? Words were later defined by them in Webster's. When Noah Webster published the first edition of his American Dictionary of the English Language, he provided context to the word 'intrenchment' by using those fortifications as an example, citing a letter written by George Washington in 1775: "On our side, we have thrown up intrenchments on Winter and Prospect Hill."

Those fortifications on Winter and Prospect Continued on page 17

Empathize with your enemy: A tale of two Defense Secretaries



By William C. Shelton

Through some thought process that I've lost track of, the ongoing atrocity called ISIS or ISIL got me thinking about two different Secretaries of Defense and two different leadership styles.

One of them is considered to be the architect of the war in Vietnam, which was a life-defining event for me and for many of my generation. Virtually every American of that era was directly affected or knew someone who was.

The other one ultimately became Vice President. More than any other single person, he bears responsibility for the war in Iraq, a life-defining event for a tiny portion of the "millennial" generation and the broader society.

The consequences of Americans' disengagement from the

Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts and from those who risked or lost their lives in them are many and varied. But I think that Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Mike Mullen eloquently summed them up in a farewell speech.

He said that the American people "do not comprehend the full weight of the burden we carry or the price we pay when we return from battle. This is important, because a people uninformed about what they are asking the military to endure is a people inevitably unable to fully grasp the scope of the responsibilities our Constitution levies upon them."

While historical differences between America in the 1960s and America in the 2000s are not the subject of my column, I think they help explain how such starkly different characters as Robert McNamara and Dick Cheney could have both been elevated to the position of Defense Secretary.

Both men projected confidence in their leadership roles. It was, in fact, Cheney's only virtue as leader, although he did it more effectively than any of his contemporaries. But confidence can come from arrogance, or from the humility before the truth that yields deep understanding. Arrogance is always stupid because it comes with blind spots in which essential evidence may dwell. Humility always holds the possibility for new insight

and error correction.

Robert McNamara had learned to respect and be guided by evidence, but failed to deeply question the ideological assumptions guiding his use of it. Cheney substituted ideology for evidence, and mobilized fraudulent evidence to support his ideological assertions.

Both of their failings contributed to the unnecessary deaths and suffering of millions. But McNamara's approach admits the possibility of redemption. Cheney's does not.

Robert McNamara managed his stellar academic performance, tenure as Harvard Business School's youngest professor, planning of World War II bomber strategy in the Pacific, and achievements as a Ford Motor Company "whiz kid" and president by seeking out and analyzing available evidence. He is credited with instituting systems analysis in public policy planning and management.

But his love of data did not insulate him from human suffering, or his involvement in it. Talking about a March 1945 bombing raid, he told an interviewer, "In that single night, we burned to death 100,000 Japanese civilians in Tokyo: men, women, and children." And in a confessional that he wrote about his failures in Vietnam, he described the anguish that he felt when a Quaker war protestor burned himself to death, forty feet from his Pentagon window.

Nor did he deny that he was complicit in evil. Instead, he questioned, "What is morally appropriate in a wartime environment?... Recognize that at times you will have to engage in evil, but minimize it." This belief made his eventual understanding that the U.S. need never have gone to war in Vietnam all the more shameful to him, and his acknowledging it, a personal obligation.

Dick Cheney's accomplishments had nothing to do with

respect for evidence and everything to do with ruthless manipulation of opportunities and projection of calm and knowing certainty.

As W's Saudi Ambassador Charles Freeman would later report, "Cheney's manner and authority of voice far outstrip his true abilities. He doesn't understand that when you act recklessly, your mistakes will come back and bite you on the ass."

Although he had obtained five draft deferments to avoid military service, Cheney became the senior Bush's Secretary of Defense. But he failed to understand why the Gulf War that he presided over had been successful, and why his boss chose not to invade Iraq.

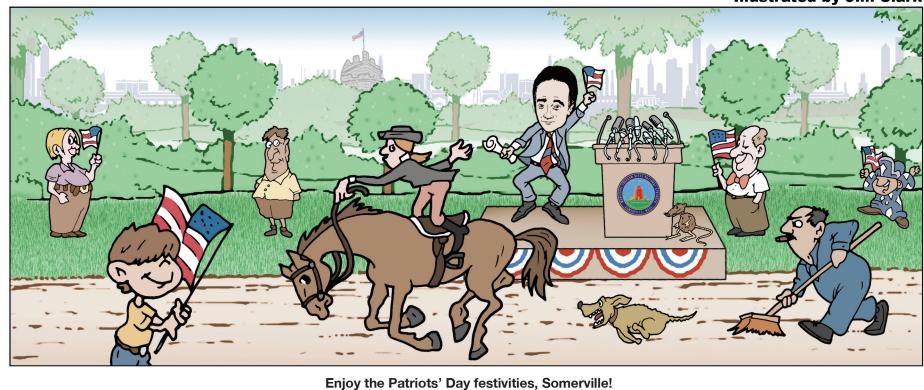
So when, through characteristic means, he became Vice President, his only interest in evidence was to manipulate consensus on an Iraq invasion. But the sixteen agencies that comprise the "intelligence community" could assemble no credible evidence that Saddam Hussein was allied with al Qaeda and possessed weapons of mass destruction, as Cheney claimed.

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Illustrated by Jim Clark



The View Of The Times



It's not just another three-day weekend, folks. It's a huge part of our national – and regional – heritage.

Patriots' Day was established over 100 years ago to commemorate the Battles of Lexington and Concord in 1775, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War. Re-enactments are staged and speeches are given, and a generally festive

air of patriotic zeal pervades.

It is also the day when the Boston Marathon is run. Almost as venerable as the holiday itself, for many the event is a symbol of the resilience of the American spirit. And ever since the terrible events that transpired two years ago, that spirit has been bolstered by the resolve by all of us to remain ever

vigilant and "Boston strong."

It's also just a nice time to get outdoors and enjoy some of the fine early spring atmosphere. After the tough winter we all went through, an opportunity to drink in the warmth and regenerative power of the season.

So be sure to give some consideration to what the occasion is all about, and may-

be join in the festivities at Foss Park on Monday morning. We can't guarantee it, but we'd bet dollars to teabags that a warm tingle of patriotic exuberance may wash over you. Especially if you willingly give yourself over to the moment.

If nothing else, you might snag a selfie with Paul Revere. Now, that will be something to show your grandchildren!

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Robin Ackerman. So far it's just Charles Chisholm and Ms. Ackerman that are considering the run. Maybe one more we are hearing about, we will keep you posted. So far we found that Ms. Ackerman has connections to the progressive movement statewide, but we also hear that some progressives here in the city aren't too happy about her running. We hear they are searching for someone else.

A wine event/fundraiser for the Somerville Homeless Coalition will be held on Monday, February 23, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Dave's fresh pasta, 81 Holland Street. \$80 per person. Join them for this fun and delicious annual event to benefit an outstanding non-profit organization and their mission. They will be pouring 9 excellent wines, and serving a variety of tasty pairings from the kitchen. Three favorite importers will be there to talk about their wines. Learn about all of the good deeds this organization accomplishes everyday from Somerville Homeless Coalition's Executive Director Mark Alston-Follansbee and his staff.

Ward 5 Alderman Mark Niedergang will be hosting campaign kickoff/fundraiser on Wednesday, April 29 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Olde Magoun Saloon in Magoun Square, next to CVS. Please join Mark to eat, drink, and make new friends and kick off his reelection campaign. The special guest speaker will be Alderman At-Large Bill White with a short program starting around 6:30 p.m. Complimentary food. Cash bar. The suggested minimum contribution is \$50 per person, but please come and give what you can.

Happy Birthday to just a few of our fans this week who are celebrating: The honorable lady from Ward 7, the current Alderman Katjana Ballantyne is celebrating her birthday this coming weekend. We wish her the very best. A former resident from another popular family here in the city, Talt Gregory Shackelford IV is celebrating as well and we wish him the best. Local realtor Winsland George is celebrating this week, as well as another local realtor, Sory DeOliveira. Another big happy birthday to Ms. Cheryl Constantine Leatham. Linda Rock Coutoumas is also celebrating this week, we wish her the very best. A good friend of ours, Janet Potts, a realtor from Key Realty Services is also celebrating this week. To all of the above and to many more out there we wish you the very best of birthdays.

We're sorry to hear about Patsy's Pastry Shop will be closing on May 4, hopefully not for good. We're going to miss the cinnamon bread, not to mention the pizza along with all the goodies Sal and Vic have made for us since 1968. What a tragic loss. Keep your fingers crossed that they either find another home or come back with the property once it's rebuilt. All the great customers over the years that are still loyal to Patsy's, go on down and stock up on your favorites.

Last week we mentioned that the new proposed zoning law will go down in flames big time. A lot of work and effort went into it, but maybe the process can be done better with all of us having some real input next time. It seems when this department has meetings, it has a thing for separating everyone into little sections after a talk. Divide and get the results you want?

Somerville Open Studios will kick off Thursday, April 30 with the 4th annual Beyond the Pattern fashion show, a runway presentation featuring wearable art made by local art-

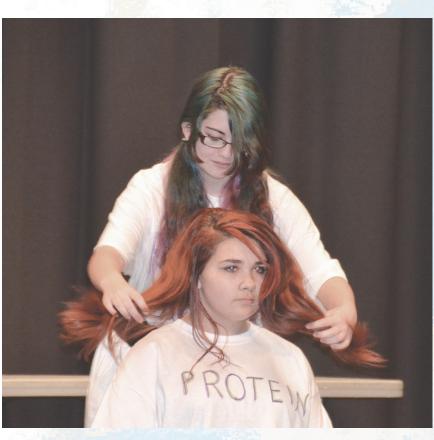
ists. Models will display a range of work that represents the artists' exploration of fashion in art. This year attendees will see original designs that have been influenced by history, indigenous cultures, significant life events, ecology, the cosmos and the beauty of the human form. The show will also showcase local students from Somerville High School's Fashion Club as part of the Young Designers Challenge, in an effort to support art education at a grassroots level. These students will be modeling the pieces they have designed and constructed with the guidance of their instructor. Local Somerville fashion designers presenting will include: Jennifer Weigel, JoAnne Coppolo, Joolie Cahill, Kim Bloomfield, Sadiya Akasha, Annie Blazejack, Kimberley Pendleton, Habeus Corpus, Nancy Moskin, Rebecca D'Antonio, and Consuelo Perez. Thursday, April 30, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave., Somerville. For more information contact JoAnne Coppolo or Joolie Cahill, Co-Coordinators, at beyondthepattern@somervilleopenstudios.org and visit them online at www. somervilleopenstudios. org/fashion.

'Path to Protein'

Mr. Clark's science class put on a special performance last week as East Somerville Community School, demonstrating how protein operates.























Photos by Claudia Ferro

SPORTS

Students get a close-up look at sports medicine





The Sports Medicine class at Somerville High School recently visited the Micheli Center for Sports Injury Prevention. Students took a close look at cutting-edge tools and treatments used with baseball injuries.

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Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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- 1. Lexico was a game that was invented in 1932. What was its name changed to?
- 2. Which Dallas star sang with the Seattle Opera?
- 3. What is Lamarckism?
- 4. In what year was the first woman elected to the US Senate?
- thing to understand in the world is income tax"?
- 6. Who was the first US president Barbara Walters interviewed?

- 7. What does the "B" in "BMW" (the car company) stand for?
- 8. Approximately how many stars are in the Milky Way galaxy?
- 9. How many spaces are on a standard Bingo card?
- 10. In 1963 what finally ended in Alaska?
- 5. Who said, "The hardest 11. Who played Private Ryan in the movie Saving Private Ryan?
 - 12. In 1954 girls' names were first applied to identify what?

Answers on page 16

'Somerville Neighborhood News' Director to leave position

By Erica Jones

Jane Regan, founding News Director of Somerville Neighborhood News, will be leaving her position in May to pursue other journalism opportunities. The staff and volunteers are sorry to lose Regan's outstanding contributions to Somerville Neighborhood News.

Somerville Neighborhood News is a project of Somerville Community Access Television. Under Regan's direction, and with university journalism students and community volunteers as its main reporters and anchors, the bi-weekly half-hour news program began broadcasting have been 37 editions of the program, covering local events and issues that are important to Somerville residents. Somerville Neighborhood News has become a highly valued news source for City staff, community activists, and residents. The program can be seen Tuesdays at 7:00pm on SCATV Channel 3, and on the SCATV website, www.SCATVsomerville. org/SNN.

Somerville Neighborhood News will continue to be produced through the leadership transition, as a search for a new, fulltime News Director is currently underway. For more information about the News Director



Jane Regan.

Vsomerville.org/news.

Friends and supporters of Somerville Neighborhood News can come by for Regan's Going Away Party on Thursday, May 7th at 7pm at Somerville Community Access TV (90 Union Square). RSVP to ejones@

Somerville Rocks! is a semiannual community-wide youth talent show for Somerville youth ages 12 and older. Whether you're in a band, a solo singer, a comedian, or you have any other talent you want to showcase to your peers, this program is for you! Auditions will be held on Friday, May 1st from 2:45-4:30 p.m. in the Somerville High School band room (1st floor). The show will be held on Friday, May 22nd in the Somerville High School Auditorium. Admission is free. For more info contact jdelponte@somervillema.gov or phone 617-625-6600 ext. 2616 for more info.

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2015 Sunsetters auditions to be held May 7

Calling all Somerville youth! The city is seeking talented, energetic and music-loving teens between the ages of 12 and 18 to participate in the historic Somerville Sunsetters for summer 2015. The Sunsetters is a traveling performance troupe that performs classic show tunes and modern musicals in Somerville neighborhoods throughout July and August.

The Sunsetters is led by local entertainment specialist and Somerville Youth Arts Coordinator, Jimmy Del Ponte.



Auditions for the 2015 Somerville Sunsetters will be held on Thursday, May 7, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the Somerville Cable TV studio (the studio is located underneath the Somerville High School Library, accessed by the parking lot).

All Somerville residents ages 12 to 18 are eligible to audition, including students entering the 7th grade and graduating high school seniors. Students wishing to audition must come prepared to sing a song of your choosing, either with music on CD or a mobile device, or a cappella. A CD player and iPod hookup will be available.

If selected, all Sunsetters must commit to Monday through Thursday night rehearsals and performances from June 29 through Aug. 20. Rehearsals will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday through Thursday evenings throughout the month of June, with performances beginning on Monday, June 29. Performances are scheduled at the request of city residents Monday through Thursday evenings in July and August, and at special city events including the Fourth of July Fireworks, ArtBeat, and the Mayor's Senior Picnic.

Beginning this week, residents may also request a performance in their neighborhoods. Performances are held Monday through Thursday evenings, 7 to 8 p.m., in July and August. Some blackout dates apply, and performance slots fill up quickly. To request a performance, please contact Jackie Rossetti at 617-625-6600 ext. 2614, or e-mail Jrossetti@somervillema.gov.

For more information about the Somerville Sunsetters, contact Jimmy Del Ponte at JDelponte@somervillema.gov, or 617-625-6600 ext. 2616.

Tufts University Department of Music presents It's All Child's Play Featuring Tufts Opera Ensemble

The Tufts University Department of Music presents *It's All Child's Play*, two very different comedic one-act operas presented by the Tufts Opera Ensemble, on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24, 2015 at 8 p.m. in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center. In Ned Rorem's *Three Sisters who are not Sisters*, based on a melodrama by Gertrude Stein, three sisters (who are not sisters) and two brothers (who are brothers) decide to play a game of murder. *The Finishing School* by Franz von Suppé, in an English version by Martha Collins, invites us to observe how three teachers and their female students learn about life and love. The Tufts Opera Ensemble is led by Carol Mastrodomenico, stage director, and Thomas Stumpf, music director.

What's on Somerville Neighborhood News

Here is one featured Somerville Neighborhood News segment from the latest newscast: Shocking findings from women's commission by Yuxiao Yuan

The Somerville Commission for Women released shocking findings about violence and on the status of the city's women at its Women's History reception on March 31.

"One in three seventh grade boys, and one in four seventh grade girls, are victims of physical abuse. One in four seventh grade boys, one in five seventh grade girls have abused their dating partner within this last year. One in three adolescent girls, ninth through twelfth grade, report physical or sexual violence by a dating partner," Sonja Darai, the director of Somerville Office of Commissions, told the guests assembled at the Visiting Nurses Assisted Living and Senior home on Lowell Street.



Ironically, even though 75 percent of parents reported having talked about healthy relationships with their children, about the same percentage of children reported that they never had such conversations with their parents.

Another survey, on women's needs, found that women in the city want safer pedestrian crossings, more public transportation, and more childcare and wellness education. In terms of specific programming, the girl respondents reported needs of more education on alcohol. Based on its findings, the Commission has decided to focus on teen girls' wellness education in order to try to prevent the high-risk behaviors, commission members told the guests.

"They actually said it would be nice to have peer to peer education, like hearing from other young adults about their experiences with alcohol in the past," Commissioner Jenn Fitzpatrick told the crowd.

For the full Somerville Neighborhood News story, visit our website at www.somervilleneighborhoodnews.org or watch it Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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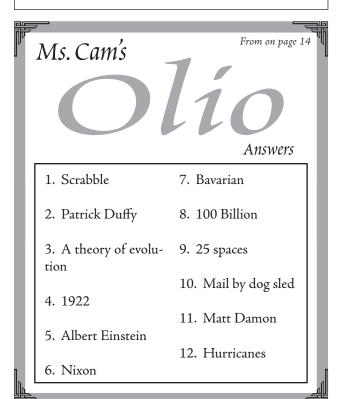
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The City of Somerville is soliciting proposals to provide a complete Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bill Service from qualified, full-service providers with demonstrable experience in the municipal area. The successful Proposer will be required to provide these complete tax bill services to the City commencing May 1st, 2015. The contract will be for a three-year period.

Please contact Michael Richards at mrichards@somervillema.gov for more information

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Patsy's Pastry prepares for final act on Broadway CONT. FROM PG 1

dwelling consisting of 19 residential apartment units, plans that have been in the works since early 2013.

Thus, the bakery's faithful will have a final opportunity to file into its doorway for one last pastry fix.

"It hasn't been an easy decision," says Sal Ferrigno, who, along with brother Vito, co-owns this storied gem in East Somerville. "We've been in business for a long time, so it's naturally hard to walk away from. But there comes a time in your life when you get a little older and your priorities change a bit."

Not all has changed, however, as Ferrigno still gets nostalgic when reminiscing about the bakery's conception nearly a half-century ago. The business was initially founded by Sal's father, Patsy, for whom the business was named, as a means for financially backing their primary business - a canteen truck operation outside Boston's Prudential Center. When the bakery's profits exceeded those of their mobile food trucks, the Ferrigno family permanently swapped the spatula and tongs for aprons and baker's mitts.

"My wife Maria was the first one to work here," recalls Ferrigno. "She was pregnant with our second child at the time, but she jumped right in and got to work."

"I remember the day we opened like it was yesterday," adds Maria. "It was a Friday the thirteenth, but our luck ended up being very good."

Shortly thereafter, Sal's brother, Vito, married Maria's sister, Rose, and the four delved mitts-first into their bakery enterprise. The all-in-the-family dynamic has proved a winning combination for the operation, as the Ferrigno clan instantly became as much a part of Broadway as its signature birthday cakes.

For the next four-plus decades, the Ferrignos routinely labored through grueling 12- and 16-hour shifts, many of which included weekends and holidays – whatever it took to appease its devout faithful. "This is how we spend our holidays," explains Maria. "We work there, our kids work there – it's what we've always done."

While Maria has downgraded her involvement with the bakery in favor of tending to their small grandchildren, she described herself as "their spare tire" who will always have her "hands in the dough." However, she marvels at the workmanship of husband Sal, whom she likens to a well-oiled machine. "I really don't know how he does it," she says. "He's like that Energizer Bunny. He's just keep going and going and going."

"Looking back, it sure was a lot of hard work," says Sal. "So, yeah, I suppose in a way we're really looking forward to the closing. Vito and I started doing this when we were still in our twenties and we never stopped once."

With such dedication, Patsy's Pastry Shop has become the premier local bakery of its kind, earning the endearment of its regular patrons, many of whom did not digest the foreclosure news as easily as the bakery's chocolate mousse.

"This is a local business, not really a tourist attraction, and so ninety percent of the people who come in here are regulars," Sal explains. "Some of them have been customers for forty-five years and are used to getting our pastries on a regular basis. Sure, everyone is very upset

about this, but what can you do? That's life."

Although he's well prepared to say no mas to the baking industry, Sal is also quick to admit that a dramatic comeback isn't entirely out of the question. Yes, there remains a morsel of hope for local indulgers that Patsy's Pastry Shop could one day make an illustrious return on Broadway.

"I suppose nothing is set in stone," Sal admits. "The new building (contractors) have decided to have a store of some type on the downstairs level. We have the first option on the store, if we want it. If we're all still healthy, and we want to make a go of it, it's something that we could certainly consider. Who knows? But then again," he laughs, "none of us have been on a vacation for a very long time."

While a debate is afire of whether the shop's foreclosure is temporary or will remain permanent, others contemplate which of Patsy's favorites they'll be most yearning for come May 5. Will it be the strawberry shortcake? Chocolate ganache? Or perhaps the almond biscotti?

"Actually, I think they're going to miss my brother Vito the most," Sal cracks. "The customers all say he makes the best custard pie in the world."

While his scrumptious pie will soon be just another treasured memory left behind, Maria is torn between her emotions surrounding the May 4 closure. "I suppose it's bittersweet," she says. "It's a different chapter in our lives that's going to start. I don't know what the future years will hold, but I hope they'll be as wonderful as the last forty-seven."

Empathize with your enemy: A tale of two Defense Secretaries CONT. FROM PG 10

So he and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld created a separate and invisible intelligence capability, working out of a vault beneath the Pentagon. It's Deputy Director, Lt. Col. Karen Kwiatkowski, later called it "a propaganda shop." She testified that she had witnessed its staff, "through suppression and distortion of intelligence analysis, promulgate what were in fact falsehoods to both Congress and the executive office of the president."

Deploying cooked evidence and confidently assuring the President, Congress, and the electorate that Iraqis would embrace Americans as liberators, democracy would follow, and oil revenues would pay for it all, Cheney and his coconspirators prevailed.

McNamara's commitment to evidence over ideology enabled

him to recognize that the war in Vietnam had been a mistake before that view became popular among Americans. Unable to persuade President Lyndon Johnson, he resigned in early 1968. Wisdom, for him, would require more time, and empathy.

An essential difference between Robert McNamara and Dick Cheney is their capacity for empathy. Empathy is what makes conscience possible. People without empathy are psychopaths.

My faith tells me that redemption is possible, and that it begins with confession of one's sins. After years of soul searching, McNamara came to believe that his primary "sin" had been a failure of empathy. He wrote, "Our misjudgments of friend and foe, alike, reflected our profound ignorance of the history, culture, and politics of the peo-

ple in the area, and the personalities and habits of their leaders."

He contrasted that failure of empathy with the peaceful conclusion of the Cuban Missile Crisis, which he attributed to empathizing with Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev. And he did not limit failed empathy's foreign policy implications to that era: "We misjudged then—and we have since—the geopolitical intentions of our adversaries ... and we exaggerated the dangers to the United States of their actions."

If Dick Cheney is acquainted with his own soul, he hasn't searched it much. In his memoir, he insists that he was right all along, and the Iraq War's dire consequences are completely attributable to others who lack his wisdom and courage.

Confession makes not just redemption possible, but also reconciliation. When Robert Mc-Namara made his confession, he received a deluge of hateful response from people who had suffered the consequences of his actions.

But many others were moved. The mother of the Quaker who had immolated himself wrote, "To heal the wounds of that war, we must forgive ourselves and each other, I am grateful to Robert McNamara for his courageous and honest reappraisal of the Vietnam War and his involvement in it."

In today's hate-filled politics, it's unlikely that someone who preaches empathy could ascend to the Cabinet or Congressional leadership. Which brings us back to Admiral Mike Mullen's invocation of "the responsibilities our Constitution levies upon" American citizens. Among them, is empathy.

Eleven Lessons

In his Academy Award winning Documentary, *The Fog of War*, Errol Morris organized his extensive interviews with Robert McNamara among these eleven life lessons:

- ${\boldsymbol \cdot}$ Empathize with your enemy.
- Rationality will not save us.
- There's something beyond one's self.
- Maximize efficiency.
- Proportionality should be a guideline in war.
- Get the data.
- Belief and seeing are often both wrong.
- Be prepared to re-examine your reasoning.
- In order to do good, you may have to engage in evil.
- Never say "never."

You can't change human nature.

HAPPENINGS:

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

Adult Day Health - Tuesday, April 21st - 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center - The 2nd in a 4 part series on "Caregiver Education" - Guest speaker, Denise Thorud from the Windsor House Adult Day Health – workshop will cover an overview of adult day health services as well as suggestions and tips. This event is open to the public - to register for this event please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

Afternoon At The Movies – April 21 – 12:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center - This month we will be showing "The Theory of Everything" starring Oscar winner Eddie Redmayne as Stephen Hawking. This movie is rated PG-13 and runs 2 hours and 4 minutes. Please sign up with Kim or Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300.

Retirement: Financial Consideration – Wednesday, April 22 – at our Holland Street Center – Noon to 1:30 P.M. - The Somerville Council on Aging and Living Legacy Financial Group present a free Financial workshop to discuss important key considerations in financial decision making and plans for approaching retirement and into retirement years - Current trends, existing status, making sure your money is in the right place, money allocations & making smart decisions will be discussed. This is open to the public – please call 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 for more information or to reserve your spot.

Twin Rivers Casino, Lincoln, RI - Monday, April 27 -Check in time: 9:30 A.M. at Holland Street and 9:45 A.M. at the Ralph & Jenny Center with an approximate return time of 7:00 P.M. - A \$25.- fee includes motorcoach transportation & a yet to be determined package. RSVP to Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300.

Foodie Tour – Thursday, April 23 – Leaving our Holland Street Center at 10:45 A.M. with an approximate return time of 3:00 P.M. Join us as we learn more about different foods and cultures during the Union Square Market Tour. For a fee of \$13. and without leaving Union Square, we'll visit Brazil, Korea, India, Nepal, Guatemala and Haiti! Visitors have a chance to meet with shop owners and learn more about specific foods - complete with a tour & tastings at Taza Chocolate. Please call Janine Lotti at 617-625-2300 ext. 2300 to reserve your spot. Limited availability so call soon!

Highlander Café – Tuesday, April 28 – The Highlander Café is located in the atrium of Somerville High School (closest to the library) \$9.00 with a choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Baked Haddock – doors open at 10:45 A.M. – For more information or to reverse your spot please call Connie at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 Seating

Songbirds of the Northeast – Wednesday, April 29 -

10:30 A.M. at our Holland Street Center – 167 Holland Street - Learn how to recognize our songbirds by their songs and calls and create landscapes that attract these birds to our neighborhoods with a 90 minute power point presentation featuring both images and recordings. This event is free and is offered by naturalist and landscaper John Root. This program is supported in part by the Somerville Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Janine Lotti at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300. This is a rescheduled event from 2-12-15.

The SCOA is NO LONGER excepting applications for free smoke alarms / carbon monoxide detectors. It is the hope of both the Somerville Fire Department and the Somerville Council on Aging that we will receive the grant again in the future. If you would like your name put on a waiting list should this grant be received again, please contact Maureen Bastardi at the Somerville Council on Aging at 617-625-6600, extension 2316.

Please note all our Centers are closed on Monday, April 20th for the Patriot's Day Holiday.

The trip scheduled to Wildwood, NJ on May 11th -15th is SOLD OUT. But we have added a second bus and it is filling up fast. Only 13 seats left! Please call Connie at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to reserve your seat.

LGBT EVENTS:

LGBT Dinner & Movie Night – Monday, June 15 – 5:30 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. At approximately 5:30 we will be having a dinner with a little time to socialize followed by a showing of yet to be determined movie. This event happens the 3rd Monday of every month excluding City Holidays and snow emergencies.

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.

*If you require additional information or have any questions regarding the LGBT Lunch, Dinner & Movie or the Advisory Group please contact Maureen Bastardi at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2316 or email her at MBastardi@ Somervillema.gov.

IMPORTANT NEWS:

Our Holland Street Center will be serving lunch on Monday, Thursday & Fridays only until further notice.

The Ralph & Jenny Center will remain closed on Mondays and will resume Mondays after the first of the

Please note in the "Upcoming Schedule" section several changes in the times that our Cross Street Center and our Ralph & Jenny Center are open over the next couple of weeks.

STAY ACTIVE:

Weekly Exercise Class Schedule

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

Wii Bowling, noon, Free. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, 1:00 P.M. (H)

Strengthening, 9:15 A.M., \$3 per class (H) Dalcroze Eurhythmics, \$2.00, 1:00 P.M., (H) LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M., (H)

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M (H)

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M. (H) Fit 4 Life* Group C, Noon (H)

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1:00 P.M., \$10/week for shoes and dues

Zumba for All, 5:15 P.M., \$3 per class (H)

Strengthening, 9:30 A.M., \$3 per class (RJ)

LBT Fit 4 Life*, 6:00 P.M.

Fridays:

Fit 4 Life* Group A, 8:45 A.M.

Fit 4 Life* Group B, 9:00 A.M.

Fit 4 Life* Group C 12:00 P.M.

*Fit 4 Life classes \$10/month, pre-registration required.

Upcoming Schedule

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

Wednesday | April 15

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbread

Volunteer Event

Thursday April 16

9:00 Yoga (H)

10:00 Blood Pressure Screening (H, RJ)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:00 Current Events (H)

11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (RJ, H)

Friday | April 17

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Monday April 20

All Center's Closed - Patriot's Day

Tuesday April 21

10:00 English Conversations (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

10:00 Knitting Scarves for Soldiers (RJ)

10:30 Computers 101 (H)

10:30 Low Vision Support Group

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:00 Computer tutorial with Norbert (H)

12:45 Bingo (H)

Wednesday | April 22

10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RI)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C, H)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

1:00 Bowling at Flatbreads

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Celebrating Patriots' Day and Somerville's revolutionary history

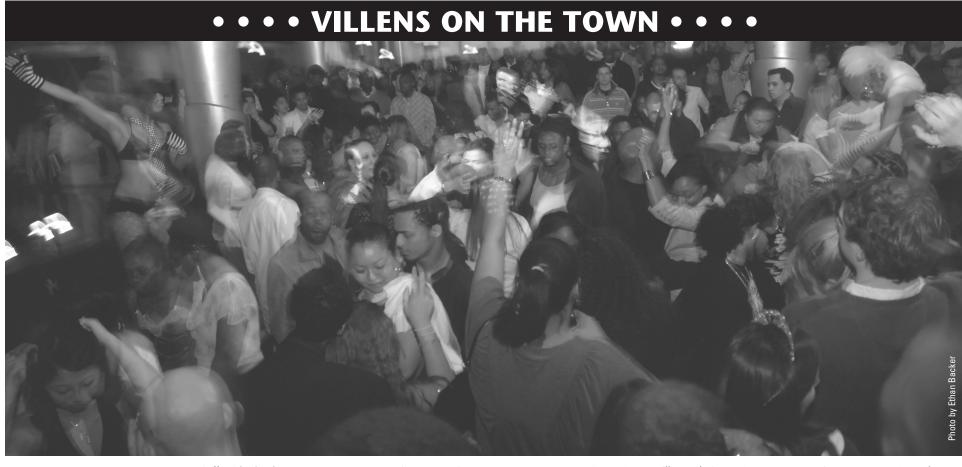
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Hill were critical strongholds during the Siege of Boston. Richard Frothingham's History of the Siege of Boston, published in 1873, said that the fort on Winter Hill "to have been the most extensive, and the intrechments more numerous than any of the other positions of the American army." On Prospect Hill stood the Citadel, "the Americans' main fortress ... within cannon shot" of the British troops that occupied Bunker Hill after that battle, according 1876's The Diary of the Revolution.

After George Washington took command of the Continental Army in July 1775, the army was organized into three divisions, with the left wing composed of the brigades at Prospect and Winter Hills and holding the line from the Mystic River to Prospect Hill. Additional fortifications stood on Ten Hills Farm, Central Hill, Cobble Hill and Ploughed Hill. Eliot wrote, "Each must have reminded [British General Thomas] Gage of the similar work he had captured at so great a sacrifice on June 17 and brought to his mind the question asked in England, viz, 'If it cost a thousand men to take Bunker Hill, how many will it cost to capture all the hills in America."

These are just a few snippets

of Somerville's role in the Revolutionary War founding of our nation. Where we walk today is where the history of our nation began, where men from towns around Massachusetts Bay banded together to become minutemen. As our city grows and changes, we will always strive to protect and cherish our history, too.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH Wednesday | April 15

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

Thursday | April 16

Central Library

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

Friday | April 17

Central Library

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

Saturday April 18

Central Library

Auditions for 48 hour film project Benjamin Zidel-508-395-7645 11 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Monday April 20

Patriots Day- Libraries Closed

Tuesday April 21

Central Library

Homeschool Reading Group for Ages 11-13 Tammy McKanan 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

West Branch Library

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

Wednesday April 22

East Branch Library

Puppet Storytime with Leigh Baltzer

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

Central Library

Sticky Collage Cathy Piantigini 617-623-5000, x2950 3 p.m.-5 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

MUSIC | ARTS Wednesday | April 15

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Pub Trivia 8:30 p.m.|256 Elm Street|(617)

623-9910 Arts at the Armory

Youth Arts Arise: The Landscape of Watercolor 3:30 p.m.|Mezzanine AniMAtic Boston 7:30 p.m.|Café Michael Hurley 8 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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7:30pm|255 Elm Street Thursday April 16

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Somerville Theatre

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

Arts at the Armory

YUM: A Taste of Immigrant City

7 p.m.|Performance Hall Castle of Comedy 8:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

Davis Square Theatre Shit-faced Shakespeare 7:30pm|255 Elm Street

Friday April 17

Johnny D's

Robert Leonard's Slippery Sneakers Zydeco and Blues Dance Band Afropop Night feat: M'bolo (+ Kalifa & Koliba + DJ AFRO-MARC) 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

Hashtag Hoedown|6 p.m. The Almighty Buck, Ghosts & Shadows, Trick Wallace Trio \$5 cover|9 p.m.

The Burren

Front Room Irish Session|9:30 p.m. **Back Room** Cover Up

Orleans Restaurant and Bar

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7:30 p.m.|Café|191 Highland Ave

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The Tempest- A Chamber Opera by Joseph Summer 8 p.m.|55 Davis Square

Saturday | April 18

Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch Sugar Ray & The Bluetones Gangstagrass CD Release Party! 17 Holland St|617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's

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Davis Square Theatre Shit-faced Shakespeare

11 a.m.|255 Elm Street

Sunday April 19 Johnny D's

Jazz Brunch

Open Blues Jam! featuring Dr Grant & The Medical Marijuana Band

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Sally O'Brien's Bar

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The Burren

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Front Room Sunday Americana with Sean Staples, Eric Royer, Tim Gearan, Dave Westner and Dan Keller|7 p.m.

Back Room

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Arts at the Armory

Craft My Wedding 12 p.m.|Performance Hall Audrey & Clayton 1 p.m.|Café The Todd Biggins Band

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7 p.m,.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave **Davis Square Theatre**

Shit-faced Shakespeare 9 p.m.|255 Elm Street

Monday April 20

Johnny D's

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents: Storyteller Café Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

Sally O'Brien's Bar

Shawn Cater's Cheapshots Comedy Jam |7 p.m.

Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m. 335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

The Burren

Front Room Bur-Run

Helena Delaney, Johnny O'Leary & Friends Irish Session|9 p.m. 247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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Arts at the Armory Somerville Skillshare

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Shit-faced Shakespeare 7:30pm|255 Elm Street

Tuesday April 21

Johnny D's

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Front Room

8:30pm - Jason Anick and the Swingers Swing/Jazz **Back Room** 8:00pm Open Mic w/ Hugh

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Arts at the Armory

Vienna Teng with The Bollands 7 p.m.|Performance Hall First and Last Word Poetry Series 7 p.m.|Cafe|191 Highland Ave

Wednesday | April 22

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CLASSES AND GROUPS Wednesday April 15

Bereavement Support Group

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Thursday April 16

West Branch Library

Learn English at the Library! (Session 1)6 .m.-7 p.m. (Session 2)7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. 40 College Avenue

Central Library

Islam Feminism: A Talk by Journalist Elizabeth Segran Kevin O'Kelly-617.623.5000 x2961

7 p.m.-8 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

First Church Somerville

Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt. 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).

For more info call: 781-762-6629

Friday | April 17

Central Library

Affordable Housing Opportunity Lottery Vicki Wairi

617.625.6600 x 2588 10 a.m-10:30 a.m.|79 Highland

Saturday | April 18

Central Library

Auditions for 48 hour film project Benjamin Zidel-508-395-7645 11 a.m.-4 p.m.|79 Highland Avenue

Arts at the Armory

Somerville Winter Farmers'

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

Bagel Bards

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Sunday April 19

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Discover Belly Dance with Nadira

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Monday April 20

Patriots Day- Libraries Closed

Tuesday | April 21

Central Library

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

Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga

7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland

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requests, Alderman at Large John M. Connolly told the Board, "Two weeks ago we discussed and heard from Deanna's mother Kathy, and there was a memorial service conducted last week down at St. Anne's. The memory and spirit of Deanna in 20 years has not subsided."

Connolly said that he will try to convene a meeting of the Committee on Public Health and Safety so that the Chief of Police and District Attorney can report to that committee facts related to the progress made in the investigation.

"I think it's the very least we can do as a community to support this ongoing effort to keep this case right on the front burner and not let it become a cold case," Connolly said.

An objection to the initial language used in the order was voiced by Alderman at Large Dennis M. Sullivan who said, "The concern I have, working in a law enforcement agency, is we don't want to handcuff our investigators and police department by having a public meeting. I know that Alderman Connolly mentioned only putting the things they can out there, but I'm concerned that it might compromise an ongoing investigation."

Sullivan said the he totally supported the resolution's premise, but was concerned that it was not keeping with protocol.

Alderman at Large and Board President William A.

White Jr. made the suggestion that the term "where appropriate" be added to the order so that such risks to the integrity of the investigation would be minimized.

This solution was subsequently accepted and adopted into the order's text, and the resolution passed.

Cremin, a student of Somerville High School, was strangled to death, presumably on the night of March 29, 1995. She had been expected to return home from visiting with friends by 10:00 p.m. that evening, but she never made it. Her body was discovered by two children she babysat for on the morning of March 30, behind a senior housing complex.



Alderman at Large Dennis M. Sullivan expressed concerns that the appearance of law enforcement officials might compromise the investigation, which prompted an amended version of the resolution to be adopted.

Anyone who may have relevant information in the case is urged to contact either the Somerville police directly or through Friends of Deanna Cremin by calling 617-544-7167 or email at friendsofdeannacremin@gmail.com.

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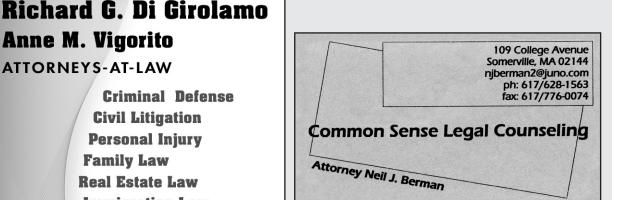
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7:00am	Somerville Film Group	7:00pm	Taking Back your Health (Live call-in)	2:00pm	Henry Parker Presents	9:00am	The Stephanie Miller Show (Free Speech TV)
7:30am	Life Matters	7:30pm	Active Aging	3:00pm	Telemagazine	10:00am	Bay State Biking News
8:00am	Democracy Now! (Free Speech TV)	8:00pm	Fouye Zo Nan Kalalou (Live call-in)	4:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News	11:00am	Pearls of Irregular Shape
9:00am	SCATV Presents Potluck and Lecture Series	9:30pm	The Steve Katsos Show	4:30pm	Culture Club	12:00pm	The Thom Hartmann Show (Free Speech TV)
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11:00am	Abugida TV	Friday, A	April 17	7:00pm	Somerville Film Group	2:30pm	Esoteric Science
12:00pm	The Big Picture with Thom Hartmann Show	6:00pm	Somerville Film Group	7:30pm	Creative Somerville	4:00pm	Free Speech Television
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11:00pm	Visual Radio	6:30pm	Art at SCATV	12:00pm	Inside Talk	10:00am	Shrink Wrap
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12:00pm	The Thom Hartman Show (Free Speech TV)	7:00am	The Somerville Line	7:00pm	African Television Network	5:30pm	The Literati Scene
1:00pm	Chef's Table Series	8:00am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	8:00pm	Tele Magazine	6:00pm	Creative Somerville
2:00pm	Neighborhood Cooking w/ Candy	8:30am	Jeff Jam Sing Song Show	9:00pm	Effort Pour Christ	6:30pm	Culture Club
2:30pm	Cooking with Georgia & Dez	9:00am	Festival Kreyol	10:00pm	Farrakhan Speaks	7:00pm	Somerville Neighborhood News
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5:30pm	Eat Well Be Happy Cooking Show	12:30pm	Taking Back Your Health	6:30am	Creating Cooperative Kids	11:00pm	The David Pakman Show (Free Speech TV)

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EDUCATIONAL CHANNEL 15 Wednesday, April 15

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Thursday, April 16

12:00am: Student of the Quarter Awards - 2nd Qtr Highlander Forum - CTE 2:30am: SHS CTE Vocational Fair 3:00am: 9:00am: Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer Finals 10:00am:Girls' Intramural Middle School Soccer Finals SHS College & Career Night Playoff Hockey: SHS v Marblehead 12:00pm: 1:30pm: Teen-Police Basketball Game 3:00pm: SHS Hockey v Latin Academy - 1/24 5:00pm: SHS CTE Vocational Fair 6:00pm:Boys' Middle School Intramural Soccer Finals 7:00pm: Girls' Intramural Middle School Soccer Finals SHS College & Career Night 8:05pm: 9:00pm: Playoff Hockey: SHS v Marblehead Teen-Police Basketball Game 10:30pm:

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Monday, April 20

9:00am: Connecting Communities - Health Director 10:00am: Summer Camp and Activity Fair 11:00am: **Connecting Communities** SHS Girls Basketball 2014-15 12:00pm: 1:00pm: Our Schools, Our City - Early Childhood 2:00pm: **ESCS Black History Month Concert** Student of the Quarter Awards - 2nd Qtr 3:00pm: 5:00pm: Argenziano School Malian Drum and Dance 6:00pm: Summer Camp and Activity Fair 7:00pm: Connecting Communities 8:00pm: SHS Girls Basketball 2014-15 Our Schools, Our City - Early Childhood 9:00pm: 10:00pm: **ESCS Black History Month Concert**

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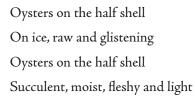
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A COMERVILLE edited by Doug Holder

To hell with fried clams; I'll have the freakin' oysters!

OYSTERS ON THE HALF SHELL



Oysters on the half shell
Of variegated grey and pearly white
Chilled to perfection, what a delight!
Oysters on the half shell
So slippery, how they do slide
Down the gullet whole they will glide

Oysters on the half shell
Toast them with white wine or better yet champagne
Never no never serve them plain
Oysters on the half shell
Have them with shallots, peppercorns and sherry
Oh, how they make me feel so merry

Oysters on the half shell Traditional aphrodisiac of old

Take care when eating them I am told
Oysters on the half shell
Delicacy of the ocean, they are such a treat
For any gourmand they can't be beat

But how cruel to swallow them alive

To enjoy them you must push that thought from your mind

Oysters on the half shell
Tasting of the salt and sea
Oysters on the half shell
On ice, raw and glistening

— Debbie Wiess

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OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Interview with January O'Neil:

Executive Director of the Mass. Poetry Festival

I remember years ago meeting with January O'Neil, and the founder of the Mass. Poetry Festival, Mike Ansara, at the home of my friend Paul Stone in Cambridge. Paul Stone was the Creative Director of W.B. Mason, and I thought bringing someone experienced in advertising would be a good idea. I don't know how much (or if anything) was taken from that seminal meeting, but there is no doubt that the Mass. Poetry Festival is on the tip of everyone's tongue. Over the years many Somerville poets have been presenters at the festival, and this year is no exception. Offhand, I can think of Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Lloyd Schwartz and Somerville Poet Laureate Nicole Terez Dutton. I caught up with O'Neil, who is a professor of English at Salem State University, one of the many hats that she wears, and wears well. The festival will take place in Salem, Mass. from April 30 to May 2. For further details go to: http://masspoetry.org.

Doug Holder: Can you give me a brief history of the Festival?

January O'Neil: Co-founded by Michael Ansara, the first Massachusetts Poetry Festival ran in 2008 and took place again in 2009. Both were overwhelming successes and put Mass Poetry, the organization behind the festival, on the literary map.

DH: How has it evolved from its start in Lowell? JO: In 2010, the festival took a year off and moved to Salem with Salem State University as a major sponsor. The Peabody Essex Museum and City of Salem have been valued supporters of the festival as well. In 2011, I came on board as a volunteer and eventually became its executive director in 2013. Laurin Macios came on board as program director, which gave Mass Poetry the next level of structure. Laurin has been the driving force behind some of our most recognizable programs: Student Day of Poetry, Poetry on the T, and the U35 Poetry Series, to name a few.

DH: Tell me about some of the headliners this



year.

JO: Our exciting lineup of headliners includes: Rita Dove, Richard Blanco, Stephen Burt, Denise Duhamel, Nick Flynn, Regie Gibson, Jorie Graham, Edward Hirsch, Richard Hoffman, Adrian Matejka, Marge Piercy, and Rachel Wiley. In addition, we have nearly 100 poetry reading, workshops, panel discussions, group readings and visual arts sessions happening during the three-day event.

DH: Do you feel the festival is inclusive of the many different voices, camps, schools of poetry that we have out there?

JO: That is our goal. We have made a conscious effort to reach out to all parts of the state and into New England to bring new voices. Our programming committee received more than 170 proposals, so it was a difficult task narrowing the selection down to about 60. But I'm quite happy with the diversity and range of poets and poetic voices.

DH: Of all the memorable moments you must of had working for the festival, which stands out?

JO: There are too many to name. Working with the festival volunteers and seeing so many familiar faces year after year makes it all worthwhile.

DH: How can one get involved?

JO: Visit masspoetry.org and find out more about the festival, volunteering, and other ways to get involved.

The Tufts University Department of Music presents Sunday at Tufts – Community Concert Series Featuring Tufts Takht

The Tufts University Department of Music is pleased to announce a concert by Tufts Takht on Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 3 p.m. in the Distler Performance Hall at the Perry and Marty Granoff Music Center.

Tufts Takht, the Arabic music ensemble, performs instrumental and vocal music from Turkey with special guests Beth Bahia Cohen (violin, karadeniz kemençe, and yaylı tanbur) and Sedef Seker (vocals) under the direction of Kareem Roustom.

This concert is presented as part of the Sunday at Tufts – Community Concert Series and the Spring Festival of the Arts@Tufts. For information on all events taking place during the festival, visit go.tufts.edu/artsfest.

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