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Somerville celebrates **Brazilian Independence Day**



Members of the Brazilian Women's Group took pride in witnessing the raising of the Brazilian flag at

On Wednesday, September 6, residents of Somerville came together to celebrate Brazilian Independence Day by raising the Brazilian flag outside of City Hall. This event, hosted by Mayor Katjana Ballantyne, the Brazilian Women's Group, and Somerviva, is one that has been in the works for the past twenty years.

Since their establishment in the year 1995, it has been the hope of the members of the Brazilian Women's Group to encourage Brazilian women to stand up for their rights and to promote empowerment in their community in the Boston area.

In his speech, Ambassador Santiago Moran even described Somerville as "a melting pot of different peoples that show that the world Continued on page 4

Boston Fuzzstival celebrates its ninth life at the Armory

By Jason Gutierrez

Step aside fluff, the fuzz has arrived. The ninth Boston Fuzzstival finds a new home in Somerville's Center for Arts at the Armory. Presented by the Boston-based, volunteer-run show series, Illegally Blind, the all-ages music festival features 22 bands spanning hip-hop to rock.

The local and regional underground music celebration began at Cambridge's Middle East Nightclub and Restaurant, enjoyed a brief stint at the Charles River Speedway in Brighton, and has settled in the city whose artist-per-capita is second only to New York City.

Genres are melded to form mesmerizing days of musical programming. The (New England) Patriots, a post-core art-punk trio, brush Continued on page 4



Baby; Baby: Explores is one of the many bands performing at Boston Fuzzstival this coming weekend at the Center for Arts at the Armory





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Somerville's rescheduled Senior Picnic takes place on Thursday, September 14, at 11:00 a.m. Join in at Trum Field for delicious food, music, and a great atmosphere for meeting new people and catching up with old friends. Call the Somerville Council on Aging for a free ticket at 617-625-6600 ext. 2319.

Riverfest returns to Assembly Row on September 16 at 11:00 a.m. Celebrate the end of summer with a bang with a free, funfilled day for the whole family, all culminating with a spectacular fireworks show over the Mystic River. Live music, kids activities, an artisan market and so much more. Visit their website for the full event details: http://assemblyrow.com/visit/events/riverfest-2023/.

SomerStreets: Strike Up the Bands will take place on Sunday, September 17, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m., rain or shine! Entertainment takes place on Highland Ave. between Central St. to Lowell St. Visit somervilleartscouncil.org for a full line-up of bands and entertainment. A free and family friendly event.

Happy birthday this week to several locals: Happy birthday to Mary Jo Rossetti, who is a lifelong resident and a former Councilor At-Large. We wish her a very happy birthday. Also celebrating is Maureen Cuff Bastardi, we wish her a very special day. Happy birthday to Conor Brennan, the owner of Continued on page 7

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Somerville Weather Forecast

for the week of September 13 – September 19 as provided by the National Weather Service

	DAY	CONDITIONS	HIGH/LOW	PRECIPITATION	HUMIDITY	WIND
\$	Wednesday September 13	Thunderstorms	77°/61°	88%	69%	SE 9 mph
•••	Thursday September 14	Rain	74°/56°	33%	21%	WNW 9 mph
	Friday September 15	Partly Cloudy	70°/60°	5%	3%	NW 12 mph
*	Saturday September 16	Rain	67°/62°	56%	44%	N 20 mph
•••	Sunday September 17	Rain	76°/58°	35%	28%	WNW 13 mph
	Monday September 18	Partly Cloudy	75°/59°	13%	9%	SW 9 mph
*	Tuesday September 19	Sunny	77°/58°	20%	15%	SSW 11 mph

NOTE: Conditions subject to change. Always check a daily forecast prior to activities that can be affected by the weather.

TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

Response to: The Somerville Times Historical Fact of the Week - August 23

Darcy Duke says:

This line struck me too, "During the nine years of the Huguenot's colonization, they had suffered kidnappings and chaos with renegade Indians ending with a family being massacred. After this tragic event..." While I am not familiar with the exact history of the native tribes in the Oxford area, based on the overall history of the colonization of Massachusetts, I am certain that they also experienced many "tragic events" at the hands of the colonizers, so using terms such as "renegade Indians" promotes a very one-sided interpretation of that history from the viewpoint of those doing the colonizing. The native tribes are still here, and thoughtless writing like this still causes harm to all who read it - Massachusetts history should not be white-washed.

Response to: Lyrical Somerville - September 6

Kirk Etherton says:

This is a very original & effective poem. Thanks to the writer-and the publisher.

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Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

Lost and found



Back in the day, Boston politician Dapper O'Neil said they should put a fence around Somerville and give everybody 3-5 years. Wow! Well, we've come a

long way since those days. I experienced a special Somerville moment recently.

On Friday, about 6:30 a.m., I drove to 7-Eleven near Trum Field to get some milk. I had my gym shorts on so I didn't take my wallet just my debit card. When I got home from the store, I realized that I didn't have my debit card.

I went into a panic and drove all the way back to the store. The cashier handed it to me when I walked in and told me that somebody had found it out in the parking lot. I was never so happy! It restored my faith in my fellow humans.

It's such a pain in the neck to replace a lost card. I was glad that somebody didn't find it in charge up hundreds of dollars at Best Buy or target.

When I was on my way back to the store the red light seemed longer and the traffic seemed worse. I was breathing heavy as I approach the store with the thought of the hassle it would be to replace the card. Here are readers comments:

"Years ago, I left my wallet with cash in it at Universe Gym in the men's room on McGrath somewhere in the late 1980s. The owner called me two hours later and said somebody turned it in. Everything was in it."

"Oh, that's AWESOME! I braced for bad news. Things like this give me a teeny bit more faith in humanity and decency."

"I lost my Discover card in Harvard Sq. and within a half an hour they went on a spending spree all through Harvard Sq., then downstairs in the Harvard T station buying Charlie cards then further on into Boston, Dorchester and Matapan. Two weeks ago!" Sad.

Nice to know that some of the pride is alive and well. Thank you, whoever you are.



Somerville residents to participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk

The Jimmy Fund Walk raises money for Boston's Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, helping patients in their battles with cancer and funding research to improve their chances of winning the fight.

Tom Helming, Jocelyn Siegel, and Luke Sciarappa will join thousands in the iconic fundraising walk for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute to support all forms of cancer research and care

36 residents from Somerville will participate in the Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk presented by Hyundai on Sunday, October 1.

Sarah McGee, Joe Reilly, Jillian O'Neil, Jonathan Allen, Sarah Riley, Eileen Sullivan, Gary Shrager, Barry Polsky, Henry Shull, Marissa Hollyer, and 26 Somerville residents along with thousands of other walkers, will participate in the iconic annual event that will unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric care and cancer research at the nation's premier cancer center, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than \$167 million for Dana-Farber Cancer in its 34-year history, raising a record-breaking more than \$8.8 million in 2022.



"Throughout the past 34 years, the Jimmy Fund Walk has continuously supported life-saving research and cancer care at Dana-Farber. The 2023 Walk will be held during the Jimmy Fund's 75th anniversary year and will aim to raise \$9 million in the effort to prevent, treat, and defy cancer," said Zack Blackburn, Director of the Jimmy Fund Walk. "This year also marks the 35th annual Jimmy Fund Walk. We are eager to get out on the course and see all our outstanding walkers and teams come together to support this great cause."

The Jimmy Fund Walk is the only organized walk permitted on the famed Boston Marathon® course, and participants have the flexibility to choose from four distance options: 5K walk (from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's Longwood Medical Campus), 10K walk (from Newton), Half Marathon walk (from Wellesley), and Marathon walk (from

Whatever route walkers choose, participants will be treated to 10 refueling stations as well as poster-sized photographs of patients – Jimmy Fund Walk Heroes – displayed at each mile and half-mile marker as inspiration. All four routes of the Jimmy Fund Walk will culminate at the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line Powered by Schneider Electric. Due to construction in Copley Square, the Jimmy Fund Walk Finish Line location has been moved to the Fenway neighborhood for 2023. Walkers should know that distances may be slightly shorter as we finish the walk in front of Fenway Park. The finish line will include a celebration complete with food, music, and a speaking program.

If walkers wish to participate a bit closer to home, the Jimmy Fund Walk has flexible opportunities. Participants can also join the event virtually by "walking their way" from wherever they are most comfortable—in their neighborhood, on a favorite hiking trail, or on a treadmill at home. Materials to support Virtual Walkers are available.

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NEASC submits Collaborative Conference Report to SHS

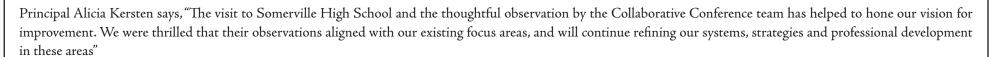
SHS and NEASC launched the re-accreditation process in Fall 2022; the report is the next step in the multi-year process to attain re-accreditation by the NEASC regional review board.

Somerville High School Principal Alicia Kersten announced that Somerville High School received the NEASC Collaborative Conference visit report. The report includes the findings from the high school's self-reflection period as well as the findings from the Collaborative Conference visiting team, which included administrators and teachers from other districts in New England. SHS faculty, administrators, and other officials will use the report as a blueprint to improve the quality of programs and services for the students of the school.

The report notes several points of commendation, including an inclusive culture based on the celebration of diversity, an intense feeling of belonging and support among students, and expansive technology resources, including one-to-one devices, state-of-the-art CTE labs, the fab lab, and the library maker space.

The report also sets priority areas of focus for development, including increasing daily attendance, continuing to build appropriate intervention strategies to support student academic, social, and emotional success, increasing the number of students with access to authentic, re-

al-world and work-based learning, and developing a written curriculum in a consistent format for all courses in all departments across the school. Read the full NEASC Report of the Visiting Team here.



Director of Accreditation and School Improvement Alyson M. Geary says to the SHS leadership "I would like to commend you for your school's dedication to continuous improvement through the NEASC Accreditation process."

The NEASC Collaborative Conference visiting team will return to Somerville High School in two years (spring 2025), to observe progress made in the school's priority areas for growth for the Decennial visit. At that time, the NEASC team will determine whether Somerville High School made the recommended improvements and adjustments outlined in their report. The results of the decennial visit determine Somerville High School's accreditation status.

The NEASC accreditation program for public schools involves a five-step process: the self-reflection conducted by stakeholders at the school; the Collaborative Conference visit, conducted by a team of peer educators and NEASC representatives; the school's development and implementation of a growth/improvement plan; the Decennial Accreditation visit conducted by a team of peer educators and NEASC representatives; and the follow-up program carried out by the school to implement the findings of its own self-reflection, the recommendations of the visiting team, and those identified by the Committee in the follow-up process. The full Decennial cycle is conducted over ten years; because of the school building renovation and the pandemic, the process had to be delayed beyond ten years for Somerville High School.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, founded in 1885, is the oldest accrediting agency in the country and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as the sole agency to award Accreditation to PK-12 schools, elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools in New England. The NEASC Commission on Public Schools works with individual schools to improve the quality of education through a continuous process of evaluation and Accreditation.

Somerville High School is a comprehensive high school with over 1,300 students in a newly renovated and state-of-the art facility. More than 50 languages are spoken among the diverse student body. Somerville High School prides itself on meeting the needs of all of its students.

Somerville celebrates Brazilian Independence Day CONT. FROM PG 1

can be contrived together" and proudly stated that the community that has been created here is one of the greatest Brazilian communities in all of Massachusetts. It took 20 years for the group to make history here in Somerville with this event, and on Wednesday, what they

had hoped for finally came to fruition.

Mayor Ballantyne proceeded to invite Heloisa Galvão, a wellknown spokesperson amongst the women's group, up to the stand to say a few words. "It is history that we are making here," Galvão stated with pride,

inviting cheers from the crowd before going on to thank her colleagues and friends who have helped support this momentous

The Brazilian flag was then raised in front of the City Hall while Brazilian soprano Natália Hubner sang both The

Star-Spangled Banner and Hino Nacional Brasileiro, otherwise known as the Brazilian National Anthem.

Brazilian Women's Group continues to dedicate itself to improving the lives of those in their community by abolishing standards and stereotypes that have been placed upon them. This year's raising of the Brazilian flag has proven to be quite a significant milestone in their endeavors and it is their hope that the Brazilian community here in Somerville will only continue to grow and prosper in the years to come.

Boston Fuzzstival celebrates its ninth life at the Armory CONT. FROM PG 1

shoulders with the Jeanines' 30-minute mix of 60s folk-pop and 80s DIY pop. Layzi's lo-fi bedroom pop sound extends a hand to Boston's own Paper Lady,

a 5-piece indie dream rock outfit. The lack of a through son-

ic line demonstrates Illegally Blind's commitment to providing an outlet for regional artists

who only conform to unconformity. The Boston Fuzzstival's amalgamation of sound, attitude, and style places it in a league of its own.

The Boston Fuzzstival takes place on Friday, September 15 and Saturday, September 16 at the Center for Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. #1c,

Somerville. Two-day passes are on sale for \$35, with single day tickets pricing \$22 each. Visit www.illegallyblindpresents.com to snag your tickets.

City Council asks administration for help with homelessness

By Fernando Cervantes Jr.

Homelessness in Somerville is rising, with parts of the city like Davis Square and East Somerville being impacted the hardest. Recently, the City Council urged the mayor to declare the issue an emergency.

This comes weeks after Governor Maura Healey declared a state emergency as the state's family shelter system has become overwhelmed in recent months. Locally in Somerville, the city council passed an order on August 24, calling on Mayor Katjana Ballantyne to declare a state of emergency.

Councilor Matt McLaughlin represents East Somerville's Ward 1. During the August 24 meeting of the Somerville City the most under-served areas in the city.

basic services," McLaughlin said.

der calling on it to produce data on these rates. The Council also passed orders calling for additional shelter spaces and other measures.

Michael Libby, Executive Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition spoke on the various measures being taken by the SHC to help tackle homelessness in the city.

"Over in the east part of town we have

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According to Ward 1 Councilor Matt McLaughlin, the city is not moving fast enough in dealing with the needs of the homeless. — Photo by Bobbie Toner

Project Soup, which is our food pantry. We serve hundreds of families every week," Libby said."We love what we do, we're very passionate, it's exciting, it's complicated."

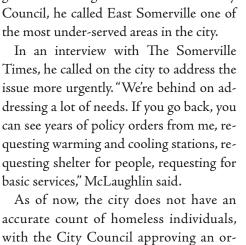
In a statement on August 25, the Mayor Ballantyne said she would take the resolution passed by the city council "under advisement."

"We are paying close attention to community reports and understand the urgency residents feel about addressing this situation," Ballantyne said.

But, people like McLaughlin think that these much-needed resources and actions from the city need to come sooner.

"I think they care. I think they're working on things. I just think it's not happening fast enough. I would not let the perfect be the enemy of the good," Mc-





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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week.

TAX REDUCTION PACKAGES STILL LINGER-ING IN COMMITTEE - It's been almost three months since the House and Senate created a conference committee to hammer out a compromise version of different tax relief packages approved by each branch. The Senate's package would cost the state about \$590 million annually, while the House's would cost close to \$1.1 billion. There is no immediate solution in sight at the moment.

This week, Beacon Hill Roll Call reviews how local senators' votes on several roll calls on tax reductions.

\$590 MILLION TAX REDUCTION PACKAGE (S 2397)

Senate 39-0, approved a package that provides \$590 million in tax relief. Key provisions of the Senate package include raising the Earned Income Tax Credit from 30 percent of the federal credit to 40 percent of the federal credit; raising the cap on the rental deduction from \$3,000 to \$4,000; increasing from \$1 million to \$2 million the value of a person's estate that is exempt from the the state's estate/death tax that a person is required to pay following their death before distribution to any beneficiary; increasing from \$1,200 to \$2,400 the maximum senior circuit breaker credit; increasing the statewide cap for the Dairy Tax credit from \$6 million to \$8 million; and doubling the credit for lead paint abatement to \$3,000 for full abatement and \$1,000 for partial abatement.

The package also provides that student loan payment assistance offered by employers will not be treated as a taxable salary and gives cities and towns the option to adopt a local property tax exemption for real estate that is rented to a person below a certain area-dependent income level.

(A "Yes" vote is for the \$590 million tax reduction package.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Yes

FILE TAXES JOINTLY (S 2387)

Senate 33-5, approved an amendment that would require Massachusetts couples who file income tax returns jointly at the federal level do the same at the state level.

Supporters said this amendment will close a loophole that allows some married couples to file individually – an action that could be used to minimize or avoid the person's state tax obligations under the newly approved 4 percent surtax which is in addition to the current flat 5 percent one, on taxpayers' earnings of more than \$1 million annually.

Opponents said if filers are forced to file jointly at the state

level, the 4 percent surtax will apply to many more filers which is not what the voters approved on the November 2022 ballot question imposing the 4 percent surtax.

(A"Yes" vote is for the amendment requiring joint filing. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen Ye

REDUCE SHORT TERM CAPITAL GAINS TAX (S 2397)

Senate 5-32, rejected an amendment that would reduce the short-term capital gains tax from 12 percent to 5 percent.

Amendment supporters said that there are 26 states that currently tax short-term capital gains at a rate of 5 percent or lower, including all of our surrounding states. They noted that both the House and the governor favor the reduction. They asked why the capital gains tax or any tax imposed should be charged at a higher rate than earned income.

Amendment opponents said the state cannot afford the \$117 million loss in revenue that this tax cut would cost this year. They argued the cut would do nothing to help the costs of housing and living.

(A "Yes" vote is for the reduction to 5 percent. A "No" vote is against the reduction.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

INCREASE ESTATE/DEATH TAX EXEMPTION (S 2397)

Senate 5-33, rejected an amendment that would increase from \$1 million to \$5 million the amount of money that is exempt from the value of a person's estate from the state's estate/death tax that a person is required to pay following their death before distribution to any beneficiary. The increase to \$5 million would be implemented over ten years.

Most Republicans are against any such tax and coined the name "death tax" to imply that the government taxes you even after you die. Most Democrats support the tax and call it an "estate tax" to imply that this tax is only paid by the wealthy.

Amendment supporters said that Massachusetts is one of only 12 states that have an estate/death tax and that the Bay State's is the most aggressive of the 12. They said that in light of the high value of houses, with the average home price more than \$500,000, the \$1 million threshold of this "unfair and regressive" tax is too low and noted the federal tax exempts the first \$12 million. They noted that Massachusetts is losing many residents, who move to Florida and other states where this tax does not even exist.

Amendment opponents said the proposed bill already raises the exemption from \$1 million to \$2 million and noted that will cost \$185 million. They said a hike to \$5 million is excessive and unaffordable and will cost hundreds of millions of dollars more. They noted that lowering the estate tax is not the only way to help seniors and their families and noted there are many other initiatives that help seniors.

(A "Yes" vote is for increasing the exemption to \$5 million. A "No" vote is against raising it.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

TAX REVENUE FROM MILLIONAIRE'S TAX (S 3)

Senate 5-34, rejected an amendment that would remove a section in the budget that exempts tax revenue generated from the recently voter-approved Millionaire Tax from counting toward the allowable state tax revenue limitations, under Chapter 62F, which provides that whenever revenue collections in a fiscal year exceed an annual cap tied to wage and salary growth, the excess is returned to taxpayers.

Last year, \$3 billion in refunds were returned to taxpayers when the law was triggered for just the second time since its passage in 1986. The revenue from the Millionaire Tax is deposited into the new Education and Transportation Stabilization Fund.

Amendment supporters said the section should be repealed because it goes against the will of the voters by excluding the new millionaire's tax revenue from the total calculation for rebates back to the taxpayers and reducing the amount of tax relief resulting from Section 62F.

Amendment opponents said the amendment will put the new revenue in jeopardy and argued this new revenue is earmarked for education and transportation and must be protected and treated differently than other tax revenue.

(Please note what a "Yes" and "No" vote mean. The amendment was on striking the section that exempts tax revenue generated from the recently voter-approved Millionaire Tax from counting toward the allowable state tax revenue limitations. A "Yes" vote is for the amendment that favors tax revenue generated from the recently voter-approved Millionaire Tax counting toward the allowable state tax revenue limitations. A "No" vote is against the amendment and supports exempting the revenue from the allowable state tax revenue limitations.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

SEND 90 PERCENT OF CAPITAL GAINS TAX REVENUE ABOVE \$1 BILLION TO THE RAINY DAY FUND (S 3)

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COMMENTARY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES



Welcome back, Fluff Festival!

Our View Of The Times



The "What the Fluff?" festival hits Union Square once again soon, an event that has grown in the hearts of so many here.

For all these years Marshmallow Fluff has been a favorite snack food for many, while others could, frankly, take it or leave it. Either way, few would argue that the annual festival itself is chock full of fun and frivolity for everyone who attends.

A lot of public events come and go over

the course of each year: road races, music festivals, family events ... you name it. What is it though about the celebration of this sweet stuff that kindles a spot of warmth in so many of our hearts? Is it the generally whacky nature of the event itself? The overall tongue-in-cheek nature of each event within the event?

It is certainly a unique affair, with a rich history and heritage that sparks the imagination and brings out the kid in all of us.

The timing of it may have some influence on our affection towards it. As we bid farewell to the summer months and ring in the beginning of autumn, we may view the festivities as a last hurrah of the high season. One last fling in the warmth of the sun as we gently roll along towards the darker days of winter.

Whatever mysterious forces may exist

that compel us to smear, spread, consume or bathe in the stuff, most of us have a real good time at it.

That's what it's all about in the end. Enjoying the day. So, happy birthday, Marshmallow Fluff!

What the Fluff? Festival 2023 takes place on Saturday, September 23, 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. in Union Square Plaza, 66-70 Union Square.

Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

PJ Ryan's in Teele Square, we wish him the very best on his birthday. Happy birthday to Donna Piro-Andon. We wish all of our Facebook friends, such as Cheryl Tucker, Mary Ann Beaton, Carol Cook O'Leary, Gary DiZoglio, Jane Becker, Jessica O'Brien, Gay H. Sheldon, Carol Clements, Kim Marie, Jackie Shepardhancock and Ed Grandmont a very happy birthday. We hope everyone has a great day. To all the others we may have missed, we sincerely wish them the very best of birthdays.

This year **Červená Barva Press** celebrated 18 years of publishing in April. Found-

ed in 2005 by Gloria Mindock, editor and publisher, the press has continued to grow every year. The press has offered numerous events every year. This year, the press is offering an exciting new event. Červená Barva Press Poetry and Fiction Online Summit, Saturday, September 30, from 9:50 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 1, from 9:50 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Online access information will be sent out prior to the summit. Presenters include award-winning authors with years of publishing experience. Registration is \$42 for both days. For registration, descriptions of the events and bios, please http://www.cervenabarvapress.

com/index.html#POETRYFICTION-SUMMIT.

The Vegan Market fall edition in Somerville is a free event being held on Saturday, September 16, at the Arts at the Armory, 191 Highland Ave. from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. They will have vegan products and food from small businesses around New England. Only service animals are allowed in the Armory. Parking is available in the lot behind the building.

MassDOT announced that September 18 will be the start of Squires Bridge Work Construction. Green Line service

to Union Square will temporarily terminate at Lechmere for **25 days**.

Somerville Public Schools will be holding two Virtual Job Fairs with their Special Education Department on September 20 and September 27, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Visit the webpage to learn more and to reserve a time slot to talk to staff: https://bit.ly/SPSJobFair.

The Somerville Community Growing Center will hold Gathering of the Fairies on Saturday, September 16, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (rain date Saturday, September 30). Celebratory

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FUN & GAMES

Ms. Cam's lio Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous #889

1. In what year did the U.S. Weather Bureau begin assigning women's names to tropical

mixture, hodgepodge

storms? 2. In what year did the U.S Weather Bureau begin including male names to tropical

3. When would a hurricane name be retired?

storms?

4. How many years are in a score?

5. In what year did the Titanic sink?

6. Who is the only U.S. president to serve more than two terms?

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Ε S 7. What is the name of a group of Porcupines?

8. What blood type is known as being universal that can be transfused to almost any patient?

9. What is the name of Meatloaf's character in The Rocky Horror Picture Show?

10. What is halitosis?

11. The code in The Matrix comes from what food recipes?

12. Who was the oldest principal actor cast in the movie Grease?

Soulution to last week's crossword puzzle:

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The Somerville Times Useless Facts of the Week

1. On average, people fear spiders more than they do death. 2. Junk food is as addictive as drugs.

STATEPOINT CROSSWORD OCEAN DWELLERS

ACROSS

1. Kind of wrap

6. Pose a question

9. Be sore

13. Ottoman title

14. Ornamental pond-dweller

15. Florida Key, e.g.

16. Mr. T and friends

17. Knot-tying vow (2 words)

18. Milan's La _

19. *Walrus' cousin (2 words)

21. Crustacean "on the barbie"

23. Finish line

24. Creole vegetable

25. He had

28. Gives a helping hand

30. Tranquil

35. Frosts, as in cake

37. Bear, in Latin

39. All the words in a language

40. "By _____, I think she's got it!"

41. Silver to Lone Ranger

43. Chows down

44. Mark Twain to Samuel Langhorne

Clemens

46. Toupee spot

47. Pestilence pest

48. Singer Eilish

50. Rub the wrong way

52. Yoda: "Do or do not. There is no _

53. *A type of whale or the color of many dolphins

55. Overnight lodging

57. Inspiration for a certain pineapple dweller

60. Inspiration for Marvel's Doc Ock

64. South American juice flavor

65. Bearded antelope

67. All thumbs

69. Stomach pain-causing acronym

70. Hundred, in Italian

68. Pineda of Journey

71. Hammer part

72. Not stood

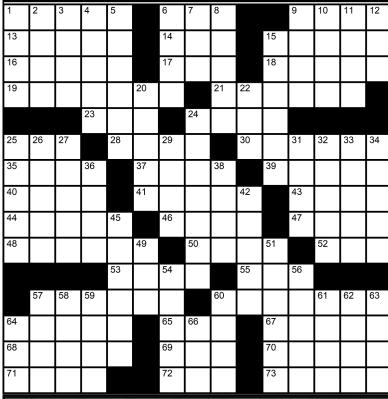
73. Bar, legally

DOWN

1. R&R destinations

2. Angie Thomas' "The ____ U Give"

3. Seaward



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4. Cetology object of study

5. Thin layer

6. Like green sea turtle and loggerhead sea

7. Grass "carpet"

8. Newsstand, e.g.

9. Fungal spore sacs

10. Edible bivalve

11. S.O.S.

12. Pilot's estimate, acr.

15. Netanyahu's country

20. Abomination

22. 9 to 5, e.g.

24. Bone burial spot

25. Muslim woman's headscarf

26. Cause for food recall

27. a.k.a. Lucifer

29. Between stop and roll

31. Coral polyps' structure

32. Raise one's rank

33. Potassium nitrate

34. Student's request for ChatGPT?

36. #19 Across' earless cousin

42. Opposite of ecbatic

45. Smoke, sometimes

49. Energy unit

51. Attract

54. Front of cuirass

56. Religiously unaffiliated, pl.

57. Confident answer

58. Glazier's unit

59. Baker's baker

60. Give a boot

61. Closely confined

62. Plotting

63."____! In the Name of Love"

64. Year off in school

66. Giannis' league

Solution in the next edition of The Somerville Times.

Toy cameras take Somerville by storm

By Jason Gutierrez

Photographers capture moments from the magnificent to mundane. More than a trick of the light, photos immortalize their subjects and remind the viewer of a familiar day, time, and what may feel like a different life.

The artform's progression has left a trail of technologies for photographers of all skill sets to sink their teeth into. Although digital cameras undoubtedly rule our selfie-crazed world, the resurgence of film photography demonstrates an appetite for

images other than crystal-clear shots perfected in Adobe's digital lightroom.

The Somerville Toy Camera Festival (STCF) challenges global photographers to relinquish control and tap their toe to the toy camera's beating drum. With their instrument stripped to its basics, toy camera photographers embrace the unknown and new techniques to score the sweetest shot.

The festival defines a "toy camera" as a low-technology camera with no or limited exposure control. Light-sensitive film is loaded into a camera, exposed to light, and given a chemical bath. The end result is unpredictable, imprecise, and, nonetheless, beautiful.

With camera controls out of mind, the artist develops a clarity in concept that emerges in the film development process. The artist's imagination runs wild and arrives at a photograph as unique as their own fingerprint. The liberating process leaves toy camera photographers coming back for

For Marky Kauffman, an art teacher based in Somerville, toy camera photography began as a metaphorical finger to the culprit who stole her professional gear. Her spite-purchase totaled \$6. Ed Doucette, a pharmacist based in Hudson, MA, began experimenting with film photography over a decade ago when he dusted off the forgotten pinhole camera he once gifted to his kid.

Toy cameras allow artists to enjoy their view rather than worrying about the correct technical settings, resulting in a visual feast for us all.

View the 2023 Somerville Toy Camera Festival selections online at www.somervilletoycamera.org and at the Somerville's Brickbot-



"The One With the Yellow Flowers and the Blue Cloth" by Noa Chandler.

tom, Washington St, and Nave Galleries. Visit the website for related programming, such as artist talks/panel discussions, workshops, and social events.

Dorothy's Corner

Farro Stuffed

This recipe produces a very satisfying, healthy, and delicious meal. I had a squash that needed to be used up, so I rummaged through my pantry looking for ideas. I always have a variety of beans, grains, nuts, and dried fruits on hand. This is what I came up with.

Butternut Squash

1 butternut squash, about 1 lb., cut in half lengthwise

1 cup farro, uncooked

2 medium shallots, minced

2 medium garlic cloves, finely minced

1 15 oz. can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed

2 +1 +1 tablespoons extra virgin ol-

Zest and juice of 1 lemon Salt 1 teaspoon and pepper 1/2 teaspoon, plus dusting for squash 1/2 cup toasted walnut pieces 1/2 cup dried cherries 1/2 cup feta

Preheat oven to 400°. Cut the butternut squash in half lengthwise. Using 1 tablespoon of olive oil, brush on the cut sides of the butternut and season with a dusting of salt and pepper. Roast

until for tender, approximately 25-30 minutes. Prepare the farro according to package instructions.

Meanwhile, place the walnuts into a small, dry sauté pan, and toast for about 3 minutes over a low heat. Place the nuts in a small dish. Return the pan to the heat and add 1 tablespoon olive oil, add the shallots and sauté for 2-3 minutes until they are lightly browned. Add the garlic and cook for 30 seconds.

Add the beans, shallot and garlic, zest, juice, walnuts, dried cherries, and remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil to the farro and stir until well incorporated. Spoon the mixture over the squash, add the cheese and serve. If you don't have dried cherries, you can substitute dried cranberries.

If you don't want to use feta, goat cheese would make a great alternative. I would also suggest adding some fresh herbs if you have them. Either mint or parsley would add a nice touch. There will be leftover farro from this recipe. It makes a great side to any meal or as a meal in itself.

Visit Dorothy's website at http://ddimarzo2002.wix.



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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage dated April 28, 2023 given by I K Real Estate Development, LLC to RD W SPV LLC, said mortgage recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 81477 Page 381, and which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 21st day of September 2023 at 23-25 Day Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

Property Address: 23-25 Day Street, Somerville, Massachusetts

The land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Northwesterly side of Day Street, distant 43 feet from Orchard Street; thence running

Northwesterly at right angles with Day Street, about Seventy-Nine (79) feet to land now or late of Charles W. Parkhurst; thence running

Northeasterly by said land now or formerly of Charles H. Parkhurst, Forty-Five (45) feet, more or less, to land now or late of Susan Collins;

Southeasterly on land now or late of Susan Collins, eighty one feet and five inches (81'5") to Day Street; thence running

Southwesterly on said Day Street, forty-Eight feet and Five inches (48'5") to the point of beginning.

Subject to, and with the benefit of, all rights, rights of way, reservations, restrictions, easements, agreements and appurtenances of record, insofar as the same are in force and applicable.

For title reference, see deed recorded herewith at the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds [Book 81477, Page 378].

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens and rights of any tenants and parties in possession, if there be any, or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. The successful bidder will pay all costs of recording the foreclosure deed and any other foreclosure documents including, without limitation, all state and county excise stamp fees, and shall also be responsible for any Title V inspection and repair requirements.

Terms of sale: A deposit of Twenty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check to Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C., 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610, Quincy, MA 02169 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. In the event of an error in this publication, the description of the premises contained in said mortgage

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

RD W SPV LLC Present holder of said mortgage By its Attorneys, Baker, Braverman & Barbadoro, P.C. 1200 Crown Colony Drive, Suite 610 Quincy, MA 02169

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Lord Mansoor LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Three Trust, dated February 14, 2023 and recorded with the Middlesex (Southern District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 81250, Page 91 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, and in which the mortgaged premises consist of a certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon located in Somerville known as 41 Derby Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold collectively commencing at Public Auction at 1:00 pm on the 6th day of October 2023, at the mortgaged premises located at 41 Derby Street, Middlesex County, Somerville, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, shown as lot "E" on a plan recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds at the end of Book 2028, being a sub-division of lots thirty-three (33), thirty-four (34), and thirty-five (35) on a plan of land recorded with said Deeds and Book of Plans 54, plan 39, and bounded and described as follows:

SOUTHWESTERLY by Derby Street, Forty (40) feet;

NORTHWESTERLY by lot F on said sub-division plan, one hundred (100)

NORTHEASTERLY by lot 49, recorded in said Book of Plans 54, plan 39, forty (40) feet; and

SOUTHEASTERLY by lot thirty-two (32) on said last mentioned plan, one hundred (100) feet.

For Grantor's title see Deed dated July 7, 2022, and recorded on February 14, 2023, with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 81250, Page 79.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid condominium fees, taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. No representations express or implied are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises, which will be sold "as-is"

TERMS OF SALE:

Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be paid in certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of said sale, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid by certified or bank cashier's check at the offices of Erik T. Potter, Esq., Potter MacLellan LLP, 113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. The successful bidder of the sale of the premises shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the Auction Sale. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale. Present Holder of Said Mortgage:

Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Three Trust - c/o Erik T. Potter, Esg. Potter MacLellan, LLP

113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 - 617-257-7050

Dated: September 5, 2023

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Somerville residents to participate in Boston Marathon® Jimmy Fund Walk CONT. FROM PG 3

To register to walk or volunteer (#JimmyFundWalk) or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call (866) 531-9255. Registrants can enter the promo code NEWS for \$5 off the registration fee. All registered walkers will receive a bib, medal, and a Jimmy Fund Walk T-shirt.

The Jimmy Fund, celebrating its 75th

anniversary in 2023, is comprised of community-based fundraising events and other programs that, solely and directly, benefit Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's lifesaving mission to provide compassionate patient care and groundbreaking cancer research for children and adults. The Jimmy Fund is an official charity of the Boston Red Sox, the Massachusetts Chiefs

of Police Association, the Pan-Mass Challenge, and the Variety Children's Charity of New England. Since 1948, the generosity of millions of people has helped the Jimmy Fund save countless lives and reduce the burden of cancer for patients and families worldwide. Follow the Jimmy Fund on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram: @TheJimmyFund.



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

City Of Somerville

Mayor's Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development

Pursuant to 24 CFR 91.105(e) (1), the City of Somerville will hold a public hearing to present the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the City's 2022-2023 programs funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and to obtain public input on the City's performance regarding its current grants funded by HUD, including the Community Development Block Grant Program, the Emergency Solutions Grant Program and the HOME Program.

The Public Hearing will be held virtually at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 21, 2023 and will be accessible via the following link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN PuaecjwBQxu61iS7sg K7A

Individuals with disabilities who need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication, written materials in alternative formats, or reasonable modifications in policies and procedures, in order to access the programs and activities of the City of Somerville should contact Adrienne Pomeroy, at APomeroy@somervillema.gov.

The City of Somerville can provide you with an interpreter in your language for free. To request an interpreter, please contact us at somervillema.gov/ContactSomerviva or call 311 (617-666-3311) at least 7 days in advance of this event.

All requests for accommodations should be made by the close of business on $\underline{\text{Tuesday September 19th, 2023}}$. General questions about the hearing should be directed to the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD) at ospcd@somervillema.gov. Written comments will be accepted until Thursday October 5, 2023 @ 7:30 p.m. and should be sent to the attention of Alan Inacio at the Office of Strategic Planning and Community Development (OSPCD), 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA 02143 or via email to

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The Somerville Housing Authority is seeking sealed bids for the preventative maintenance and repair of building emergency generators at multiple sites in Somerville, MA.

The contract term is Three years

Estimated value \$90,000,00

Quotes will be received no later than 11:00 a.m. September 27, 2023

Bid Documents will be available as of September 13, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

Prevailing Wage

Quotes are subject .G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive.

Bid Deposit: General Bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than 5% of the greatest possible bid amount (considering any alternates) and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Construction: Projects with a bid/contract cost exceeding \$25,000 require: Performance Bond Form (00.61.13) and Payment Bond Form (00.61.16) in 100% of total of maximum amount are required.

Bid Forms and Specification Documents can be download from our web site on or after September 13, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at www.sha-web.org, under our Bid Opportunities tab. If bidding, you must register with Anthony Crespo at Tonyc@sha-web.org by email. If an email is received, you will receive confirmation of reception via reply to your email. Addendums will be posted on web site and shall be the bidder's responsibility to include in bid. The SHA, any of its employees or officers will not be held responsible for bids not received or received late.

Bids can be delivered to Somerville Housing Authority, Generator Bid #P-GEN082023, Attention Anthony Crespo, 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145 no later than the time specified.

All inquiries regarding this bid shall be directed to the Purchasing Department by email to Tonyc@sha-web.org within 7 days of bid opening date.

A sites visit is scheduled for September 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. Sites visit not required but recommended. All interested parties will meet at Outside of the SHA Modernization Department 30 Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145. You must register by email if you will attend. Email Anthony Crespo at Tonyc@sha-web.org to confirm you will be on site.

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The Somerville Housing Authority, the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from Contractors for the Panelboard and Transformer Replacement project at the Bryant Manor Development for the Somerville Housing Authority in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with the documents prepared by Nangle Engineering Incorporated.

The Project consists of: Replacement of FPE panelboards and trans-

The work is estimated to cost \$ 490,587.00 (including all alternates)

Bids are subject to M.G.L. c.149 §44A-J & to minimum wage rates as required by M.G.L. c.149 §§26 to 27H inclusive. General bidders must be certified by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM) in the category of Electrical.

General Bids will be received until 2:00pm, Thursday, October 5, 2023 and publicly posted online, forthwith.

Filed sub-bids for the trades listed below will be received until 2:00pm, Thursday, September 28, 2023 and publicly posted online forthwith.

Filed sub-bidders must be DCAMM certified for the trades listed below and bidders must include a current DCAMM Sub-Bidder Certificate of Eligibility and a signed DCAMM Sub-Bidder's Update Statement.

SUBTRADES: Section 23.00.00 HVAC

This project is being Electronically Bid (E-Bid). All bids shall be prepared and submitted online at www.Projectdog.com and received no later than the date & time specified above. Hard copy bids will not be accepted by the Awarding Authority. For E-Bid Tutorial and Instructions, download the Supplemental Instructions To Bidders for Electronic Bid Projects from www.Projectdog.com. For assistance, contact Projectdog, Inc. at 978.499.9014

General bids and sub-bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit that is not less than five (5%) of the greatest possible bid amount (considering all alternates), and made payable to the Somerville Housing Authority.

Bid Forms and Contract Documents will be available online and for purchase at www.Projectdog.com, project code 857768 on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

Bidders requesting Contract Documents to be mailed to them shall include a separate check for \$35.00 per set, payable to Projectdog, Inc., to cover mail handling costs.

The job site and/or existing building will be available for observation on the morning of Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 75 Myrtle Street, Somerville. Bidders must contact Nangle Engineering Inc. (cwneunaber@nangleengineering.com or (617) 817-4973) prior to close

of business on the Monday prior to schedule an appointment. Bidders attending will be limited to one person per firm. Attendees may bring and wear a face mask which covers the nose and mouth, and may wear gloves.

The inspection is an opportunity to visit and observe the site only. Any oral interpretations offered at the site inspection are non-binding. Any questions must be submitted in writing to the Designer, at the e-mail address on the Project Manual cover, no later than 4:00 PM on the Friday prior to the date stated above for the receipt of bids. Questions after that time may not be responded to, at the sole discretion of the designer.

The Somerville Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any and all bids, or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after approval of the award by the Somerville Housing Authority without written consent of the Somerville Housing Authority.

> Joseph R. Macaluso, Executive Director September 13, 2023

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 382 McGrath NT LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust, dated June 10, 2022 and recorded with the Middlesex (Southern District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 80264 Page 140 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, and in which the mortgaged premises consist of a certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon located in Somerville known as 382 Mc-Grath Highway, Somerville, Massachusetts, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 17th day of October 2023, at the mortgaged premises located at 382 McGrath Highway, Somerville, Middlesex (Southern District) County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, being shown as Lot "A" on a plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Somerville owned by the Estate of George D. Haven," Charles J. Elliot, Engineer and Surveyor, dated May 18, 1922, recorded with Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds at the end of Book 4685, being bounded and described as follows:

Northeasterly by Medford Street, now known as McGrath Highway, by a line with a radius of 750 degrees, forty-seven and 18/100 (47.18) feet; Northwesterly by Lot "B" on a said plan, eighty and 55/100 (80.55) feet; Southwesterly by land now or formerly of Hopkins, fifty-two and 61/100 (52.61) feet: and

Southeasterly by land now or formerly of Francis, seventy-two and 58/100 (72.58) feet.

Containing 3,749 square feet of land according to said plan. For title see Deed recorded with the Middlesex (Southern District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 80264, Page 137.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid condominium fees, taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. No representations express or implied are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises, which will be sold "as-is"

TERMS OF SALE:

Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be paid in certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of said sale, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid by certified or bank cashier's check at the offices of Erik T. Potter, Esq., Potter MacLellan LLP, 113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. The successful bidder of the sale of the premises shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the Auction Sale. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.

Present Holder of Said Mortgage: Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust - c/o Erik T. Potter, Esq. Potter MacLellan, LLP 113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 – 617-257-7050 Dated: April

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS MAYOR'S OFFICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT **KATJANA BALLANTYNE**

THOMAS F. GALLIGANI, JR. INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

EGAL NOTICE - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC)

The Somerville Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will hold a public meeting and public hearings on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 6:45pm on the following applications, in accordance with the Historic Districts Act, Chapter 40C of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and/or the City of Somerville Code of Ordinances, Pt. II, Chap. 7, Sections 7-16 - 7-28.

Pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022, this meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. An audio recording of these proceedings will be available upon request to historic@somervillema.gov

TO USE A COMPUTER

Registration URL:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_IIrSvMm2QUKqWoRsDsY8ag

Webinar ID: 835 9320 1779

TO CALL IN

An attendee must register for the meeting online in order for a call-in number to be emailed to them by Zoom.

ALL OF THE CASES ADVERTISED BELOW HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING

Alterations to Local Historic District (LHD) Properties

HPC.ALT 2023.44 - 137 Central Street

Applicant: Ted Dow

Owner: Nathan Cormier

The Applicant seeks a Certificate of Appropriateness for window replacement done without a permit.

Determinations of Historic Significance (STEP 1 IN THE DEMOLITION **REVIEW PROCESS)**

<u> HP23-000025 – 101 Highland Avenue</u>

Applicant: Somerville Young Men's Christian Association

Owner: Same as Applicant

The Applicant seeks to demolish a building constructed a minimum of

Case documents reviewed by the HPC are available on the City website at https://www.somervillema.gov/departments/historic-preservation/hpc-cases.
Cases may be continued to a later date; please check the agenda (posted 48 hours in advance of the meeting) on the City website or email historic@somervillema.gov to inquire if specific cases will be heard. Continued cases will not be re-advertised. Note: Written comments due to historic@somervillema.gov NO LATER THAN NOON one week prior to the meeting date. Email historic@somerville

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PHONE: 857-488-5138

Červená Barva Press Poetry and Fiction Online Summit

This year Červená Barva Press celebrated 18 years of publishing in April. Founded in 2005 by Gloria Mindock, editor and publisher, the press has continued to grow every year. The press has offered numerous events every year.

This year, the press is offering an exciting new event. Červená Barva Press Poetry and Fiction Online Summit, Saturday, September 30, from 9:50 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 1, from 9:50 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Online access information will be sent out prior to the summit. Presenters include award-winning authors with years of publishing experience.

Registration is \$42 for both days. For registration, descriptions of the events and bios, please visit: http://www.cervenabarvapress.com/index.html#POETRYFIC-TIONSUMMIT.

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by 0037 Main Somerville LLC to Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust, dated August 2, 2021 with the Middlesex (Southern District) County Registry of Deeds in Book 78389, Page 62 of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, and in which the mortgaged premises consist of a certain parcel of land with the buildings and improvements thereon located in Somerville known as 37 Main Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 11:30 a.m. on the 17th day of October 2023, at the mortgaged premises located at 37 Main Street, Somerville, Middlesex (Southern County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage.

To wit:

The land together with the improvements thereon, situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts ("the premises") shown as Lot A on a plan ("the Plan") entitled: "Plan of Land in Somerville, Mass." Dated July 20, 1965, made by Fred M. Gould, Surveyor, recorded Middle-

sex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 10934, Page 201. For title see Deed recorded with the Essex County Registry of Deeds in Book 78389, Page 59.

Premises to be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid condominium fees, taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed. No representations express or implied are made with respect to any matter concerning the premises, which will be sold "as-is"

TERMS OF SALE:

Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall be paid in certified or bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of said sale, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid by certified or bank cashier's check at the offices of Erik T. Potter, Esq., Potter MacLellan LLP, 113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. The successful bidder of the sale of the premises shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the Auction Sale. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee, or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.

Present Holder of Said Mortgage:

Steven A. Ross, Trustee of QS Lending Trust - c/o Erik T. Potter, Esq. Potter MacLellan, LLP

113 Ripley Road, Cohasset, MA 02025 - 617-257-7050 Dated: April 5, 2023

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IFB #24-06

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, invites sealed bids for:

Kennedy School Chiller Replacemen

An Invitation for Bid may be obtained online at www.bidexpress.com, https://www.somervillema.gov/procurement, or PCS Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA, 02143 on or after

Filed sub-bids for DCAMM category HVAC and Electrical are due by

Sealed general bids with DCAMM certification General Construction are due by 10/22/2023 at 2:00pm.

The Chief Procurement Officer reserves right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

Please contact Andrea Caruth at acaruth@somervillema.gov for more

5% Bid Deposit required. Prevailing wage applies.

Andrea Caruth Deputy Chief Procurement Officer 617-625-6600 x3400

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING SERVICES DEPARTMENT RFP # 24-11

The City of Somerville, through the Procurement and Contracting Services Department, invites sealed bids for:

Water and Sewer Ratepayer Assistance Program

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Sealed general bids are due by 09/27/2023 at 2:00pm.

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CITY OF SOMERVILLE LICENSING COMMISSION

There will be a Public Hearing before the Licensing Commission on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 6:00 PM, on the following Applica-

Application of an All Forms Alcohol License, Common Victualler, Entertainment by Devices Indoors and a Sunday Hours License for An Nam Group Inc. d/b/a An Nam, 310 Foley Street.

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this meeting may be conducted via remote participation, online in a webinar hosted on the Zoom

You have three ways to be heard at this meeting:

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- Highland Avenue, Somerville MA 02143. Virtually through the Zoom platform. Enter this link exactly as it appears into your internet browser anytime before the meeting: n.us/webinar/register/WN_Hn3Llc_hQ2iyJuBD3sDbYA You can also find this link on the city website's calendar. You will then be asked to register, and after registering, you will receive an email with instructions to join the webinar.
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BERNABE RODRIGUEZ, ASSISTANT CITY CLERK

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Application of an Entertainment by Devices Indoors License for Merlin Entertainments Group d/b/a Lego Discovery Center Boston, 598 Assembly Row.

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Application of an Alteration of Premises, Outdoor Private Patio Seating, Mike's Bar Inc d/b/a Parise's Cafe, 97 Washington St.

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Application of an Alteration of Premises, Outdoor Public Sidewalk Seating, for Tu Y Yo LLC d/b/a Tu Y Yo, 858 Broadway

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Application of an Entertainment by Devices Indoors License, Kaizen Corp IV d/b/a Anna's Taqueria, 236 Elm St.

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Early College program students graduate from Somerville High School with college credits

Eight Somerville High School (SHS) graduates from the Class of 2023 started college this fall having already earned credits toward a higher education degree, thanks to their participation in the Early College Program at SHS. For the past two years, the students took courses at Cambridge College as part of the program.

Somerville launched Early College in the Fall of 2019, and since then, 67 SHS juniors and seniors have enrolled. Twice per week the students take a bus during the regular school day to the college's Charlestown campus to take advanced courses taught by Cambridge College professors in World History, Social Justice, Engineering, and Digital Storytelling, all of which satisfy course requirements for their high school diploma. Each student can earn 12 or more college credits at no cost to them, which can defray

about \$7,500.

The Somerville program is one of 39 Early College partnerships across the Commonwealth. The program is supported by grants from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), and in Somerville, by other local, state, and federal funds, as well as a private grant from the Barr Foundation. Early College is open to all students and is specially designed to promote access to higher education among students of color, students from low-income backgrounds, students who receive special education services, first generation college-bound students, immigrant students, and former English Learners.

In the 2022-2023 school year, 19 juniors and eight seniors participated in the Somerville program. The members of the Class of 2023, who graduated on June

the cost of higher education by 5, and the colleges they will at-

Julissa C. – Lesley University Jahvory Clergeau - Fitchburg State University

Marco De Toledo - Suffolk University

Jaslene Jean Francois - Bunker Hill Community College

Anders Haugesag - Bentley University

Kayala Nayak - Bennington

Shital Oli - Wesleyan Univer-

Laura Garcia Yanes - Fitchburg State University

Over the past two years, these students earned a combined total of 81 college credits through the Early College program, which represents more than \$50,000 in savings on college tuition costs.

"Early College offers so many benefits to our students," said Melanie Kessler, the Director of College and Career Counseling



Members of the Somerville High School Class of 2023 who participated in the Early College program at Cambridge College. Back row, left to right: Marco De Toledo, Shital Oli, Anders Haugesag; Front row, left to right: Laura Garcia Yanes, Jahvory Clergeau, Kayala Nayak. Not pictured: Julissa C., Jaslene Jean-Francois.

for the Somerville Public Schools. "They value the opportunity to take college-level courses and earn college credits, reducing the cost of higher education. They also gain tremendous experience by studying on a college campus and learning to navigate higher

education systems, enhancing their readiness for success after high school in a safe, supportive environment."

Ms. Kessler noted that in addition to the college courses, students who are selected for the program Continued on page 19

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Senate 3-36, rejected an amendment that would maintain the current 90/5/5 law under which 90 percent of the capital gains tax collections exceeding \$1 billion goes to the Rainy Day Fund, 5 percent to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund and 5 percent to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund. The amendment would replace a pending 60/20/20 proposal that would send, in fiscal 2024 only, 60 percent of the \$1 billion excess to the Rainy Day Fund while sending 20 percent to the State Retiree Benefits Trust Fund and 20 percent to the State Pension Liability Fund.

Amendment supporters said it is essential to provide 90 percent to the Rainy Day Fund which helps bail out the state during slow economic times when tax revenues shrink.

Amendment opponents said the Rainy Day Fund is flush with \$7 billion and argued these retiree and pension funds are currently underfunded and need some additional money for just one year.

(A "Yes" vote is for maintaining the current 90/5/5 formula. A "No" vote is for the 60/20/20 formula.)

Sen. Patricia Jehlen No

ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

ATTORNEY GENERAL CERTIFIES POSSIBLE BALLOT QUESTIONS ELIGIBLE FOR THE 2024 BALLOT – Attorney General Andrea Campbell has determined that 34 out of the 38 possible 2024 ballot question that propose new laws have met the requirements outlined in the Massachusetts constitution and are authorized to proceed to the next step in the process to get their proposed law on the ballot in November 2024. Petitioners often file multiple versions of a question for review in hopes of getting at least one certified by the attorney general's office. The actual number of subjects addressed is only 25.

Proposals include ones to change the rights and benefits for on-demand drivers like Uber and Lyft; require voters to show an ID in order to vote; allow cities and towns the right to impose rent control, a practice which voters banned nearly 30 years ago on a 1994 ballot question; permit the auditor's office to audit the Legislature; remove the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) exam as a high school graduation requirement and instead require students to complete coursework certified by the student's district as demonstrating mastery of the competencies contained in the state academic standards in mathematics, science and technology and English; and exempt from the state's 24-cents-per-gallon gas tax any sale of gas for drivers at any time when the retail price for regular gas in Massachusetts is \$3 or more per gallon;

Other certified proposals include ones to provide tax credits and point-of sale rebates on the purchase of electric vehicles, conversion of gas powered vehicles to electric vehicles and purchase and installation of eligible home improvement systems including high efficiency heat

pumps, solar power systems and energy storage systems; permit eligible citizens to register to vote at a polling place on Election Day in person, at a local registrar's office before noon on the Friday before the election or by mail postmarked on or before the Friday before the election; increase over five years the minimum wage for tipped workers to the same as the general minimum wage; legalize some psychedelic substances including psilocybin and psilocyn found in mushrooms; replace "Columbus Day" as a state holiday by establishing in its place a new holiday -- Indigenous Peoples Day; require that public school students in grades K-12 receive instruction in public health and epidemiology including the causes and origins of diseases and strategies aimed at preventing the spread of diseases, including vaccination and hygiene practices. The new educational standards would replace the current requirement that K-12 students receive instruction on the issues of nutrition and exercise.

The next step is for supporters to gather 74,574 signatures and file them with local officials by Nov. 22 and then with the secretary of state's office by Dec. 6. The proposal would then be sent to the Legislature and if not approved by the Legislature by May 1, 2024, proponents must gather another 12,429 signatures and file them with local officials by June 19, 2024, and then the secretary of state's office by July 3, 2024, in order for the question to appear on the November 2024 ballot.

Proposed laws that were not certified include creating a new voting system under which candidates on the ballot are ranked by voters in order of their preference. If no candidate receives a majority of first-choice votes, the candidate that received the least number of first-choice votes is eliminated. The second choice of the voters who supported the eliminated candidate now becomes their first choice and is added to the totals of the remaining candidates. The same process is repeated, if necessary, until a candidate is the first choice of a majority of voters.

Other petitions that were not certified include limiting to \$5,000 the amount of money that can be donated to a Super PAC; requiring Internet service providers, manufacturers of mobile phones and other wireless devices, carriers, personal wireless services, and wireless facilities to limit the emission of non-ionizing radiation that cannot directly remove electrons from atoms or molecules, to as low or safe as reasonably achievable; directing the Legislature to adopt California's pending Age Appropriate Design Code bill, consider improvements to privacy laws and minimize on-line data collection in public primary and secondary schools and public colleges.

See the complete list of proposed ballot questions and their fate at https://www.mass.gov/info-details/ballot-initiatives-filed-for-the-2024-biennial-statewide-election-proposed-laws-and-2026-biennial-statewide-election-proposed-constitutional-amendments

LOGO CONTEST – The Executive Office of Veterans Services has announced a contest for residents to design a new logo for that office which in March was elevated to be part of the governor's cabinet rather than just a state agency. The announcement notes that over the past six months, the office has undergone a significant transformation in the departments and programs under its umbrella, including overseeing the state's veteran's homes in Holyoke and Chelsea.

"We are at a pivotal juncture where our logo needs to mirror the diversity of today's veterans, whose service spans eras from World War II to Afghanistan," said Jon Santiago, the former Boston state representative who is now the secretary of Veterans Affairs. "The new ... logo should embody transparency, accountability and our mission to honorably serve those who served us."

The current logo features a minuteman, symbolizing the Massachusetts militia dating back to the mid-18th century. The contest invites participation from residents ages 18 and older. All designers are encouraged to channel their creativity into a logo that encapsulates the camaraderie, resilience and sacrifices of veterans, both past and present. The deadline to submit designs is October 4, 2023.

"We are eager to witness the outpouring of talent and dedication as Massachusetts residents contribute to shaping a symbol that embodies the true essence of our veterans and their families," said Santiago.

For details on how to enter, go to: https://www.mass.gov/eovs-logo-contest

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE HEARING – The Judiciary Committee held a hearing on several bills. This hearing was the one that began on July 18 was disrupted by an electrical fire and was rescheduled for last week. Bills before the committee include:

BODY PIERCING AND TATTOOS (H 1386) -

Would impose a \$500 fine on anyone who sells or gives a body piercing or tattooing kit to an unlicensed practitioner or a minor.

"Studies show that home piercing or tattooing leads to an increased risk of communicable diseases such as hepatitis, HIV and Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) infection," said sponsor Rep. Bruce Ayers (D-Quincy). "This legislation would install further protections to ensure that only licensed trained professionals are providing these services. With a rise in popularity of home piercing and home tattooing kits, we need to ensure our laws are current with the trend."

EXPUNGE HARASSMENT PREVENTION OR-DERS (H 1620) – Would require harassment prevention orders to be expunged from a defendant's record if and when the order is vacated on a motion made by the plaintiff.

"I sponsored this bill because under the current law the process of having a defendant's record expunged when the harassment prevention order is vacated is nearly impossible and can have negative consequences Continued on page 15

OBITUARY

Howard E. Horton



Howard E. Horton passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. He is 69 years of age.

Born on Wednesday, March 3, 1954 in New York, New York, Howard is the loving son of the late Samuel Horton and Vivienne (Eldridge) Horton. Howard is a warm, generous, and gentle son, brother, husband, father, grandfather and friend who will be deeply missed.

Howard E. Horton, Esq. is the Executive Director of Cambridge College Global. His outstanding career in higher education has touched the lives of thousands of people across the state and beyond. The contributions Howard made to education are no match to the impact he made on the lives of his family and friends.

As a resident for almost 50 years, Howard was a champion of the city of Somerville. Among his many accomplishments to better the city, Howard created Somerville Community Access Television, was an advisor to numerous mayors, served on the zoning board, and chaired the committee for the redevelopment of Somerville High School. Howard, otherwise known as "Camp Cod Director," had a special way of bringing people together and spreading joy that spans the length of time. He shined everlasting light and unconditional love on every person in his life.

Howard is the beloved husband of Linda (DiRocco) Horton for 40 blissful years. He is the devoted father of Jason Cohn and his wife Maria, Rosa Flynn and her husband James, and Stephanie Ferrari and her husband Richard. The cherished grandfather of Jacqueline Flynn, Jillian Flynn, Daniel Cohn, Eliana Cohn, Nicholas Cohn, Madeline Ferrari and Clara Ferrari, Howard is the dear brother of the late Odette Horton.

Family and friends gathered and shared memories with Howard's Family on Sunday, Septem-

ber 10th from 1-4pm in the Barile Family Funeral Home, 482 Main St. (RT 28) STONEHAM. A Celebration of Howard's Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to Cambridge College at 500 Rutherford Avenue, Boston, MA 02129 to establish the Howard E. Horton, Esq. Scholarship.

For more information, www. facebook.com/BarileFamilyFuneralHome

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Howard E. Horton, please visit our flower store.

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for those undergoing background checks when applying for various jobs," said sponsor Rep. David Linsky (D-Natick).

MINORS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS (H 1605)

- Would allow minors, ages 13 to 17 years old, to appear in court, without a parent, guardian or attorney when filing for a protective order. Under current law, these minors are required to be accompanied by one of the above.

Supporters say that these requirements impede the child's ability to obtain immediate relief from abuse, dating violence and trafficking. They note the bill will provide increased access to the court and open a pathway to resources, including the Department of Children and Families and other advocate services, that can help keep a child safe.

"I have filed this legislation for many years. It was originally meant to go hand in hand with my legislation to ban child marriage, which passed in 2022," said sponsor Rep. Kay Khan (D-Newton). "According to the Department of Children and Families, Massachusetts has one of the highest rates of child abuse and neglect in the country. This problem has grave consequences both immediately and for years to come, as research has found long lasting physical and mental health issues as a result of abuse during childhood. I'm very glad the Legislature acted to ban child marriage during the last session, and now I think it's time to allow minors to file protective orders as well."

DONATE FOOD (H 1594, S 920 and S 1016) -These three bills would provide civil liability protections to individuals, restaurants and organizations that make direct food donations to persons in need. The donor would also receive a tax credit of up to \$5,000.

Supporters say that food insecurity levels across the commonwealth remain high and note that approximately 900,000 tons of food still end up in Bay State landfills every year.

"Currently, donations must be routed through nonprofits to receive liability protections, an onerous requirement that causes a large quantity of perishable food to go to waste," said co-sponsor Sen. Ed Kennedy (D-Lowell). "For example, employees closing a pizza restaurant might refrain from giving a surplus pie to a homeless individual due to fear of liability. This legislation extends liability protections to cover direct donations of food to persons in need, ensuring that far more people can receive donations of unspoiled, perishable food.

"Research shows that anywhere from 30 percent to 40 percent of the food supply is wasted in the United States at every stage of food production and distribution," said co-sponsors Sen. Jo Comerford (D-Northampton) and Rep. Hannah Kane (R-Shrewsbury). "Farmers, for example, often have crop yields which exceed the amount grocery stores or farmer's markets will purchase, leaving fresh food to be thrown out or tilled under rather than sold and eaten.

"At the same time," the pair continued, "the number of food insecure families continues to grow. A 2022 study done by the Greater Boston Food Bank found that 32 percent of Massachusetts residents lack food security. Reducing barriers to donation at the intersection of food waste and food insecurity directly targets both problems, allowing food to go to those who need it. Farmers have expressed that they would like to donate extra food and would do so if their labor and storage costs are reduced, and many local food panties, squeezed for resources, welcome the opportunity to fill their shelves and better serve

their consumers.

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 September 4-8, the House met for a total of one hour and nine minutes while the Senate met for a total of 53 minutes.

Mon. Sept. 4 No House session No Senate session Tues. Sept. 5 House 11:01 a.m. to 11:07 a.m. Senate 11:11 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Wed. Sept. 6 No House session No Senate session Thurs. Sept. 7 House 11:03 a.m. to 12:06 p.m. Senate 11:20 a.m. to 12:09 p.m. Fri. Sept. 8 No House session No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

COMMENTARY

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Who's Dying in Your Backyard?

By Alex Roy

A squirrel writhes in the August sun, its midsection bruised, blood seeping from its eyes. Flies circle its head; on closer inspection, its body is covered in ticks.

Long before the death of a bald eagle [1] in Arlington, many Somerville residents recognized these symptoms as signs of poisoning by second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides, or SGARs.

You may not care if a squirrel, eagle, owl, fox, or any other wild-life dies in this way, by bleeding out internally. You may not care if a poisoned rat - an intelligent mammal which some keep as pets - takes ten days [2] to die. I care, but perhaps you don't; that's fine. I'd like you to consider a different question. Does killing rats and other wildlife with SGARs even help?

Rats are becoming resistant [3] to rodenticide; meanwhile, secondary poisonings decrease the population of predators who eat them, so use of SGARs can actu-

ally increase [4] the local rodent population. If the city is spending money on rat control, they ought to know if their measures are effective; but if they have this knowledge, it isn't shared with the public. Somerville does not report how many rats their methods kill, how many of the rats' predators they kill, or what they believe the city's rat population to be, much less any useful target metrics like the amount of property damage caused by rats or the number of people sickened by ratborne diseases.

The Somerville rat control website [5] only tells us the number of meetings they've held, how much literature they've distributed, and how many residential properties they've visited to tell owners to put deadly poison in the backyard. These metrics don't tell us if poison is just the cost of keeping rats at bay, or if we'd actually be better off doing nothing. Press coverage [6] highlights the city's self-congratulatory promotion of equally dubious stats like the number of rat-related

phone calls received or the number of rats killed specifically by SMART boxes (which don't use poison and aren't relevant to the question of SGAR effectiveness), but these figures aren't published on the city's website.

At the last ward 7 community meeting, Colin Ziegler told me rodenticide is central to the city's rat control initiatives because it's "cheap". Cheap is fine, but if we're paying anything, I'd want to know it's effective. SGARs could be productive, neutral, or counterproductive with respect to rat population; the city spreads poison, but doesn't contemplate this question.

For my part, I don't think it's right to kill any creature, nuisance or not, by making it bleed out internally over a week or more. As for the squirrel I found, I have to thank the folks at New England Wildlife Center for putting it out of its misery once they determined it couldn't be saved. When I called Somerville's 311 for help, they merely told me that, if I just waited for the squirrel to



die, DPW would gladly come pick it up.

Links:

[1] https://www.bos-ton.com/news/envi-ronment/2023/03/03/rat-poison-bald-eagles-death-hundreds-calling-for-ban/
[2] https://www.nps.gov/samo/learn/management/rodenticides.

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Somerville Orthodontist named 'Most Influential Person in Dentistry 2023'

While most orthodontists focus on reshaping their patients' mouths, Dr. Mouhab Rizkallah has been working to reshape the dental industry itself. His push for a dramatic change in how dental-coverage companies pay out benefits – via his successful 2022 Massachusetts ballot initiative, Question 2 – is just the latest in a string of battles this orthodontist has fought to improve care for patients.

Not only has Dr. Rizkallah initiated Question 2 and filed numerous lawsuits against Mass-Health, which oversees the Bay State's Medicaid and Children's

Health Insurance Program (CHIP)—he also helped pay for these efforts, including the more than \$3 million he reports to have spent on the ballot initiative. "I'm heavily invested in real estate and whatnot," Dr. Rizkallah, 48, says. "This is not financially oriented. I'm life purpose-oriented, and I use money as artillery. That's really what it is. I'm trying to do things that are meaningful to me."

Now based in Somerville, Massachusetts, just across the river from Boston, Dr. Rizkallah grew up in what he describes as the "hardworking blue-collar town" of Port Jervis, New York. He married his high school sweetheart. "She and I have been together for 33 years," he says. "She was my pastor's kid."

After earning separate undergraduate degrees in biology and business management at the State University of New York at Buffalo and a dental degree at SUNY Stony Brook, on Long Island, Dr. Rizkallah did his residency in the Boston area and never left. He opened his first orthodontic practice in Somerville's Davis Square, eventually expanding to five additional locations.

"You come out of dental school, you go to an orthodontic pro-

gram and then you start to see all of these problems in dentistry," he says. "You're saying, 'Well, where is the solution? Who is going to come to fix this?' We delegate to our organizations, but nothing's happening. It's ineffective."

What he observed was that there was far more talk about a better, more transparent and reliable system for insurance payments than actual advocacy among most dentists. "There came a point where someone's got to do something, so that's how it came about for me," he says.

Dr. Andrew Chase, past president of the Massachusetts As-



Dr. Mouhab Rizkallah.

sociation of Orthodontists and current chair of its Public & Professional Continued on page 17

SENIOR CENTER HAPPENINGS:

Upcoming events:

The Mayor's Annual Senior Picnic-rescheduled date! - Thursday, September 14th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Trum Field (541 Broadway) - There will be music, and lunch! To attend please call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319 for your free ticket by September 8th.

Open Enrollment Begins on October 15 and runs to December 7 - Medicare recipients can change their health insurance plans for January 1, 2024. While having the freedom to change your health insurance plan can save you money, there are many health insurance plans and companies to choose from. You don't have to make the decision alone, the Somerville Council on Aging has SHINE Counseling available in person, over the phone, or on Zoom, to assist you with finding out what health insurance options are available for you. You can call Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317 or Molly Pagliuca at ext. 2318 to book an appointment.

Gund Kwok, Asian Women's Lion & Dragon Dance Troupe - Friday, September 15th starting at 10:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Learn about the meaning and significance of Lion Dance, how to play the cymbals and enjoy an energetic and inspiring lion dance performance. Lunch will be served after the performance - \$5 per person. Please reserve your spot by calling Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

80's Dance Party and Lunch - Wednesday, September 27th starting at 11:00 a.m. at our Holland Street Center. Feel like singing, we will have the microphone and Karaoke Machine ready for you. \$5 per person. Please reserve your spot by calling Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321.

Caregiver Support Group – Thursday, September 7th and continuing every Thursday in September from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at our Holland Street Center. Sign up for the Caregivers Support Group by contacting Molly Pagliuca at 617-625-6600, ext. 2318 or email Molly at mpagliuca@Somervillema.gov

Multicultural Meals Program - Congratulations to Somerville-Cambridge Elder Services who was the recent recipient of American Rescue Plan Act (APRA) Funding from the City of Somerville. Elder services will use this funding to provide multicultural lunches from Somerville restaurants. Lunch will be served at noon, following Bingo.

Tuesday, September 19th at our Ralph & Jenny Center - Chinese - Greater Boston Chinese Golden Age Center

Tuesday, September 26th at our Ralph & Jenny Center - Haitian - Highland Creole Cuisine Thursday, September 7th at our Holland Street Center - Chinese - Greater Boston Chinese Thursday, September 21st at our Holland Street Center – Portuguese – J&J Restaurant Thursday, September 28th at our Holland Street Center - Italian - Alfredo's Italian Kitch-

All are welcome! Registration is required. Please call Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 by 10:00 a.m. on the prior day. Grab and Go lunches still available.

Beginner's De-Cluttering Group - This sixweek group is open to residents of Somerville and Cambridge over the age of 60. The group meets on Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. starting on September 20th at the Holland Street Center. Does the thought of cleaning overwhelm you? Have you tried to de-clutter only to find yourself stuck? If you are looking for tips and tricks on how to let go of some of your belongings, look no further than the Somerville Council on Aging. For more information or to RSVP please call Natasha Naim at 617-625-6600, ext. 2317.

Line Dancing – Monday, September 18th and 25th, 1:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Join us for an afternoon of Line Dancing with Julie Kaufmann. RSVP to Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600, ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov

LCR Game Day - Friday, September 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at the Holland St. Center. LCR-Left Center Right is a fun, fast-paced dice game that you won't be able to put down! Players roll the dice to determine where they pass their chips. The last player with chips is the winner and wins the center pot. RSVP to Debby Higgins at 617-625-6600 ext. 2321 or email Debby at dhiggins@somervillema.gov Grab & Go lunch available.

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Relations Committee, says he often has collaborated with Dr. Rizkallah to ensure that patients, particularly underprivileged ones, could receive high-quality care and decent benefits. "Mo and I have fought side by side against MassHealth for years," Dr. Chase says, noting that Dr. Rizkallah would often be the "bad cop," pursuing litigation while Dr. Chase's good cop was "trying to create levers [to effect meaningful change]"

through his organization.

"He is talented in law, he is financially capable and he is dedicated to his patients in a way that I don't know any provider is," Dr. Chase says of his compatriot. "Nobody can accuse him of trying to get rich in orthodontics when such a significant percentage of his practice is underprivileged. The changes he's forced have allowed several thousand kids to get care."

The American Dental Association gave Dr. Rizkallah and members of his Question 2 campaign committee a presidential citation for their work on the referendum. "He's courageous and willing to take risks and push forward," says Chad Olson, the American Dental Association's director of state government affairs. "I think dentists are very aware of what he did."

Dr. Mark Vitale, an Edison, New Jersey-based dentist who

chairs the Garden State's Dental Political Action Committee, credits Dr. Rizkallah with making the public aware of the dental benefits system's manifold problems. "He's someone who saw an issue, was fed up with dealing with it, he was fortunate to have enough financial backing and he was able to make a public issue that we were all able to jump onto and help out with," Dr. Vitale says. "It created a great con-

versation nationally for dentists to have with their patients."

— Dr. Abe Abdul, the Cambridge-based president-elect of the Massachusetts

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COMMENTARY

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Somerville will propose a Fossil-Fuel Free Building Ordinance



By Will Mbah Candidate for Somerville City Councilor at Large

The Somerville Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change last week endorsed a proposed action by the city's Office of Sustainability and Environment to seek designation of the city as one

of ten Massachusetts municipalities that will enact Fossil-Fuel Free ordinances.

This new demonstration program will test the effectiveness of municipal regulations to eliminate greenhouse gas emissions by prohibiting oil, natural gas or other fuel-burning systems in new and renovated buildings. Under the state law, the Commonwealth Department of Energy Resources will authorize ten selected cities and towns to enact such local laws.

In practical terms, this will mean that new residential units will not have gas stoves and house and apartment building boilers and heating systems will be electricity powered or mechanical heat-pump systems. Similar rules would apply for commercial and industrial buildings, with the exception (stated in the law) of "laboratories for scientific or medical research and medical offices."

The exceptions recognize that, at the present time, the available technologies of heating appliances or systems do not yet achieve the precise controls of heat/power that certain biological, chemical or medical processes require. Somerville will have to compete to participate

Because it is a demonstration project, the state will allow only ten municipalities to participate, and nine cities and towns have already been selected to ensure comparable measurements of anticipated development – building types, scale and density. Somerville is not in the selected nine and, thus, it will have to compete for the tenth place against any other cities or towns that also apply.

In order to prepare an application, the city will draft an ordinance (in the form of a Home Rule petition) and fill out the program application forms during Septem-

ber. These will then be presented to the Mayor and City Council for review and adoption, before the deadline of submission in early November. It will also be possible to submit an application to the state, stating the city's intention while the draft ordinance is still pending city review.

Because the form and content of a draft ordinance should be fairly straight-forward, the Commission members expect that all the work can be done in time for the application deadline.

What will be the content of a Fossil-Fuel Free ordinance?

As defined in the state law, the text of the ordinance will do two things: First, it will state clearly that new buildings and major renovations will be permitted only if they do not have fossil fuel systems and equipment. Second, there will be an exception for the two categories of medical offices and medical and scientific laboratories.

The question of whether a particular project is a major renovation will be answered by the laws, governing building permits, in which the term "major renovation" is defined. Generally, it means work involving more than 50% of the floor area of an existing building. However, there are some details of measurement when separate condo units and small-scale houses are involved.

Possible individual building exemption or variance

The city can probably add to the two required rules an additional section that provides for project-specific exemptions or variances. This would likely describe an appeal process – similar to the BZA – that would allow a building developer to provide evidence that the particular project cannot be designed or function properly without a fossil-fuel system.

The ordinance would require the applicant to provide evidence, and the appeals board to make a finding, of either: (i) technological infeasibility – available equipment will not work properly in a building of the particular design, location or functions; or (ii) significant cost burden to substitute fossil-fuel free equipment for standard heating equipment.

At the meeting, the members of the city Commission on Energy Use and Climate Change agreed with the general idea that some variance procedure should be included. However, they hope to ensure that it will be narrowly applied and only be used when a strong or substantial problem of technology or cost is involved. In particular, they recommended to the city Department that a careful analysis of the impact on affordable housing development costs be undertaken. They also urged the city staff to look the question of whether residential rents might be impacted by any added costs of building renovations.

One issue that the commissioners did not address but which has arisen in other cities is whether restaurant spaces could be allowed exception or variance to continue using gas stoves or coal-fired pizza ovens.

Possible exemption of city-owned buildings

Another issue of possible exemption that the commissioners discussed is whether the rules of the ordinance should apply to city-owned buildings – in particular to the major renovations that must be done on older city facilities and school buildings. For any new construction, it should be relatively easy to comply, since fossil-fuel free equipment and systems for schools and public buildings are becoming widely available. For old buildings like City Hall and the adjacent 1858 Building on the Highland Avenue Campus – a total retrofit of heat, power and cooling systems may prove difficult and highly expensive.

The general sentiment of the commission members, however, appeared to be against a pre-determined exemption of city projects. The city's policy on environmental protection and climate change has been to use its own projects to "lead by example" and the commission members hope and expect that this will continue.

I am adding my voice in support of this proposed city action, which is another way that we can move ahead with our Climate Forward Plans. I share the concerns, expressed by the commission members, to look carefully at the potential impacts on affordable housing development costs and rents. I also agree that a blanket exemption of city building projects should not be in the ordinance, but if there is a variance for technical and design difficulties, this could apply to city building renovations, when appropriate.

If you want to learn more or support my campaign, please visit my website at willmbah.com.

Early College program students graduate from Somerville High School with college credits CONT. FROM PG 13

participate in college readiness workshops, support classes, and tutoring at the high school to help them succeed.

The Somerville School Committee has identified participation in Early College as one of several important pathways –

along with Advanced Placement courses, Career and Technical Education, and other learning experiences – to help students build critical 21st century skills. The Committee has established a district goal that by 2025, at least 80% of students participate in

one of these programs.

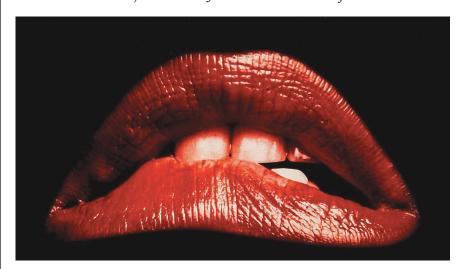
"We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding success of the Early College program delivered by Cambridge College for Somerville High School over the past four years," said Dr. James Lee, Dean, School of Undergraduate Studies at Cambridge College. "The impact of this program extends far beyond individual success stories. By addressing the historical disparities in access to higher education, we are actively working towards a more equitable and inclusive society. The

graduates of this program are poised to become change-makers, leaders, and professionals who will contribute significantly to their communities, the workforce, and the overall development of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Arts at the Armory Spotlight Series presents the Rocky Horror Picture Show w/live cast

The Center for Arts at the Armory (CAA) brings back the ever-popular Rocky Horror Picture Show with the Teseracte Plays performing as a live cast.

On the night before Halloween, Arts at the Armory co-presents The Rocky Horror Picture Show, the 1975 musical comedy horror cult classic in-person. Costumes and call backs are highly encouraged. The Teseracte Players of Boston, who have roamed New England, bringing Dr. Frank-N-Furter and friends to life for 20+ years, will lead the raucous ride. Sh*t bags can be purchased for an additional fee with tickets. They will contain all the props needed (like confetti and noisemakers) to dive into Janet and Brad's wild sojourn at the castle.



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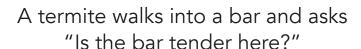


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On This Day in Kistery

September 13

1564 – On the verge of attacking Pedro Menendez's Spanish settlement at San Agostin, Florida, Jean Ribault's French fleet is scattered by a devastating storm.

1788 – The Constitutional Convention authorizes the first federal election resolving that electors in all the states will be appointed on January 7, 1789.

1851 - Walter Reed, U.S. Army doctor, discovers a cure for yellow fever.

1951 – In Korea, U.S. Army troops begin their assault in Heartbreak Ridge. The month-long struggle will cost 3,700 casualties.

1961 – An unmanned Mercury capsule is orbited and recovered by NASA in a test.

1988 – Hurricane Gilbert becomes the strongest hurricane ever recorded in the Western Hemisphere, based on barometric pressure.

1993 – The Oslo Accords, granting limited Palestinian autonomy, are signed by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat at the White House.

2007 - UN adopts non-binding Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Somerville commemorates the anniversary of 9/11

Earlier today, September 11, the city held a procession and memorial ceremony to recognize the 22nd anniversary of 9/11. Residents were invited to join a procession that started at the Cedar St entrance of the Community Path and ended at the 9/11 memorial in Davis Square. City officials took part in a speaking program followed by a wreath laying ceremony with the presentation and retiring of the colors by the Somerville Police and Somerville Fire Honor Guards.

— Photos by Claudia Ferro











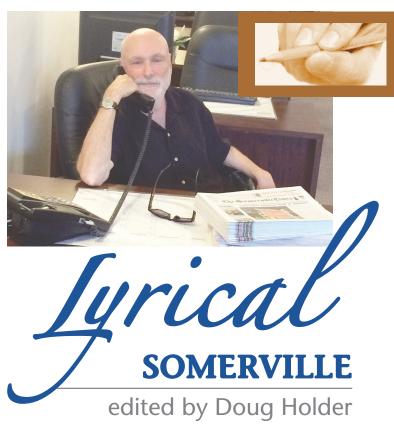








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by Ibbetson Street Press. She is also the editor of Constellations a Journal of Poetry and Fiction, constellations-lit.com.

BINGO July 11, 2009

He shouts numbers
With a hand mike
Like an old-time emcee
"N-twelve, G thirty seven"
And the elders

Hunch over their boards Placing blue bubbles With intensity, with care

Except for Mom. She
Smiles at me and says
"It's like seeing
My face in the mirror,"
Which rattles me,
Frightens me, confuses me,
She is so old, how can
She be me?

Her board sits untouched As she can't hear the voice Shouting "B-thirty one" And can't quite see which Numbers are on her card.

OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

Poet Jesse Diamond Breaks the 'stone wall' in her new poetry collection 'American Queers'

The Cervena Barva Press of Somerville has released a new collection of poetry *American Queers* by Jesse Diamond. Poet Judson Evans writes of this book:

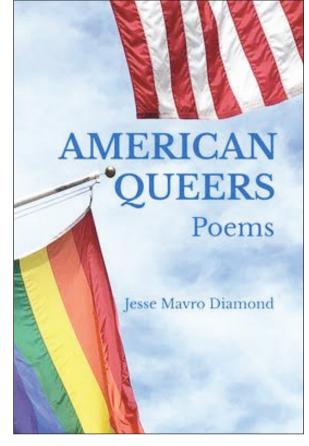
"In AMERICAN QUEERS: Poems Celebrating Mid-Century Gay Activists, Jesse Mavro Diamond imagines a metaphoric kingdom inhabited by four relatively unknown gay and lesbian royal champions. With sharp wit and whole-hearted empathy, the poet extols and elegizes Stormé Delarverie, Richard Leitsch, Pat Parker and Charley Shively. Appending the poems with well researched biographical notes on each activist, diverse readers, students and teachers will discover the work is compelling and informative. AMERICAN QUEERS "impresses with historical vision and authenticity."

I recently caught up with Diamond to conduct an interview for *The Somerville Times*.

Doug Holder: What gave you the impetus to write this poetry book at this time in your life?

Jesse Mavro Diamond: I'll turn 75 next year. At this point in my life, it was a priority to count my blessings for those great gay leaders who preceded me. As a retired teacher, I wanted to continue teaching the next queer generation, and, hopefully, the one after that, to count their blessings.

DH: Your poetry collection salutes the leaders of the Gay Rights Movement. This includes Char-



lie Shively, Storme' De LaVarverie, Richard Leitsch, and Pat Parker. I had the pleasure to meet Charles Shively at Stone Soup Poets in Continued on page 23

"It's Yontiff," she tells me, "And God gives

But it's up to us

What we do with

What he gives,"

Then asks,"Do you

Have a scissors
So I can cut the top

Off my turtleneck?"

She's hot, but no,

Doesn't want

To change clothes.

She warns me twice About "contamination," "Where?" I say, "Where?"

She points to a gray lady across the room, Hunched over her bingo board Like sacred text, and Mom says slyly, "She's my daughter."

"Bingo," the lady says, "Bingo."

"But I'm your daughter," I say,
"I know, but she is too," is the answer,
As her soft eyes roam the room
Showing who else

She lays claim to.

"Today is Yontiff, And it is love, love, love, love,

L-O-V-E all day,"

And I agree, I agree,

But how to save

My heart, pulled

Out of my chest, stung

With her stainless knife,

Labelled L-O-V-E?

— Nina Rubinstein Alonso

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activities in the garden for fairies and their friends include storytelling, building a fairy house and creating a fairy wand. Everyone is invited to come dressed up as their favorite magical being. Donations are encouraged to support the Growing Center and Gathering of Fairies. Contact: Betsy at betsy@thegrowingcenter.org.

The Somerville Rock + Roll Yard Sale

returns with locally sourced indie vendors selling a fun and eclectic mix of vinyl records, vintage + DIY handmade goods. This is the perfect way to support independent small businesses. Showcasing New England's top vinyl dealers in the heart of Union Square on Sunday, September 17, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to all: Follow the Facebook event page for uphttps://www.facebook.com/ events/800471684462494/. *********

Cub Scout Pack 3 is holding an open house for all kids K-5 and their families from Somerville and nearby areas. Is your family looking for adventure? Find out more Thursday, September 14, 5:45 p.m. at Connexion, 149 Broadway, Somerville. All are welcome. Cub Scouts is a program for kids and their families. Every family pitches in to help out. No experience needed, just enthusiasm and a Do Your Best attitude. Pack 3 is an all-volunteer group of families who welcome and embrace people of diverse race, color, religion, sex, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, economic status, family structure, and physical or mental ability. Can't make the September meeting? No problem, contact the pack, for more info visit facebook.com/somervillepack3 or email: info@somervillepack3. org. Visit somervillepack3.org.

Do you have an opinionated kid in the 8-12 age range? Stop by the West Branch Children's Room and pick up a not-yetpublished book, and share your thoughts with LittleBrown publishers before anyone else reads them. For more information visit somervillepubliclibrary.org.

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The Project Outlook, Low Vision Group meets the fourth Thursday of each month starting at 2:00 p.m. at the Holland Street Center. Project Outlook is a group of residents with low or no vision who enjoy getting together for camaraderie and socialization. Project Outlook has been active for over 30 years. All are welcome. Call Connie Lorenti at 617-625-6600, ext. 2319 for

The Somerville 5K Road Race returns for a 28th year on Saturday, September 30, in Davis Square. Staff, clients, supporters, and local partners will come together once again to raise awareness and support for our most underrepresented neighbors. Help in the fight to end homelessness, hunger, and eviction? Whether you want to run, jog, or walk alone or with a team, your support will help is needed to go the distance for our clients. Learn more and register here: https://bit. ly/Somerville5KRoadRace.

On Tuesday, September 19, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m., East Somerville Main Streets in-

vites you to Broadway to embark on a culinary journey around the world for the 12th annual Foodie Crawl. They will highlight tastes from El Salvador, Brazil, Italy, France, Mexico, Portugal and more. Come experience the best that East Somerville has to offer and find a new favorite restaurant (or five!). This year, ticket sales will be on a sliding scale, starting at \$10 for children, \$20 for students and \$25 for adults. Purchase tickets here: https://www.eastsomervillemainstreets. org/foodiecrawl.

Enjoy free outdoor movie, popcorn, candy, and fun at The Block at Boynton Yards, all summer long. Friday Flicks Outdoor Movie Nights at Boynton Yards will start at 7:00 p.m. with yard games and fun, followed by candy, popcorn, and movies once the sun sets. Bring a blanket and get ready for a fun-filled evening. September 15: The Little Mermaid (1995 version). Boynton Yards, 110 South Street.

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Cambridge, MA, but the other folks I am not familiar with. Can you talk a bit about them, and why you chose them for your collection?

JMD: All four of these remarkable people defined the word courageous.

Several decades ago, Charlie Shively and I taught in The Law and Justice Program at UMass Boston. I loved him fiercely because he was a brilliant historian with an impudent, intrepid approach to battling the world of gay oppression.

Pat Parker, a Black lesbian feminist, had my admiration for slaying racist, homophobic haters with her sharp tongue. Dying at 45 from cancer, she'd already contributed building the Canon of lesbian poetry.

I wanted to research Dick Leitsch and learn about him as a movement radical. Spinning off the Civil Rights Movement's Sit-Ins, he and a few others created the Sip-In Movement. Gays were legally spoken of as "disorderly"; litigation attempted to shut us off from the choice of drinking in bars we chose to frequent. He helped change that.

Handsome, much younger looking than her age and a crooner in the style of Frank Sinatra, Stormé DeLarverie carried a gun and roamed the streets of the Village to protect other lesbians. She was fearless and ready to do whatever was needed to stop "the Uglies" as she called them from threatening and attacking her beloved sisters.

Did she throw the fist punch at Stonewall? She said she did and I believe her.

DH: You have a section of the book that deals with the Stonewall Riots, the famous gay bar that was raided by the New York City police, and the riot that ensued as a result. And in fact, the Stonewall was aptly named as sort of a metaphor for the stonewall that the gay community faced. Can you talk a bit about the bar, and were you a regular patron?

JMD: I wish I had been able to patronize it. Stonewall was just a bit before my time; I only knew of the bar after the Uprising. The poem Stone wall expresses that metaphor:

Stone wall

(n.)A structure of stone built up to enclose, divide, support or protect.

Usage:

1.Take a polaroid of that gorgeous queen in front of the crumbling stonewall.

2.Rip a brick from that

crumbling stone wall and use it to defend yourself.

3.Old Stonewall... tumbling down Tumbling... tumbling down Old ... Wall...

DH: Was writing this collection of poetry cathartic for you?

JMD: Yes and no. I did need to express the painful truths about my life and the lives of other women and men wounded by the battle we fought against ignorance. I came out in June 1970, at 21, the year of the first Gay Pride Parade. I had just recovered from an emotional breakdown and being released from a hospital. Recalling events that occurred then stimulated the memory of remarkable joy our community experienced at that time.

DH: Why should we read your book?

JMD: My hope is the poems will educate readers, especially younger readers, about the inspiring leadership of these queer, heroic American women and men. Our time, as has so often been said, represents the terrible polarization between truth and lies, love and hate, courage and cowardice. Those who believe in the indefatigable power of Love will find a balm in these poems for the wounds they suffered battling against ignorance and hate.

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