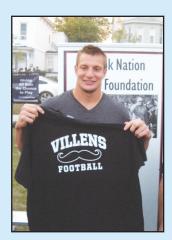
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## Chief Fallon's transition plan underway



Newly appointed Chief of Police David Fallon is fully engaged in a systematic transition plan intended to maximize department efficiency while integrating community policing strategies. — Photo by Claudia Ferro

#### By Jim Clark

The Somerville Police Department's newly appointed Chief, David Fallon, has announced the implementation of a 120-day transition plan that will include discussions with individual police officers, assignment of Command Staff such as District Captains and Deputy Chiefs, assessments of forensic capabilities, and review of report writing procedures, among other things.

Chief Fallon has indicated that he is intent on emphasizing community policing and data-based decision making at all levels within the department, with an eye on community policing and problem solving.

In a public statement Chief Fallon said, "My core belief in the importance of community policing comes from witnessing over 16 years what the police and the community can do together. Community policing is a philosophy that emphasizes collaboration with community organizations, businesses, nonprofits and residents, and the SPD is best able to address public safety challenges when we work in conjunction with citizens and other city institutions to solve the issues that we face as a community. I look forward to working with every member of the community and department to make Somerville a national model of

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## Tap Water 101 film screening

## Educating the Somerville community about tap water

#### By Gabriela C. Martinez

Last Thursday, Somerville Community Access Television (SCATV) held a film screening and panel discussion aimed at debunking the common myths about tap water in Somerville and raising awareness about the environmental effects of consuming bottle water.

This program, which is the product of a partnership between Shape Up Somerville, SCATV, The Somerville Community Health Agenda, National Water Resources Authority (MWRA), and The Office of Sustainability and Environment, was funded by Mt. Auburn Hospital in the form of a Community Health Network Area (CHNA) Grant.

The Somerville Tap Water Initiative will engage the community through promotion and education and will also strive to effect change through policy work in the institutional level and the installment of infrastructure, such as water fountains and hydration stations.



Three of the organizers of the event (L to R): Wendy Blom (Director of SCATV), Oliver Sellers-Garcia (Office of Sustainability), and Lisa Brukilacchio (Somerville Community Health Agenda).

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A "Honey Bee Demonstration" will take place this Saturday at 1p.m. at Best Pest Control Services on Elm St. near Cedar. The one and only Rod Kreimeyer will be giving a demonstration on how our Villen Bees can help our community. Rod will be harvesting some honey and some samples should be available. He will be able to answer any questions you or your children might have about these busy little animals. It is an outdoor event and there will be lots of bees flying overhead. Their honey bees are very docile and calm but if you are interested in coming just know you are going to be around a lot of bees. They want everyone to BEE there and to BEE in a Honey mood.

Happy Birthday this week to a few of our good friends here in the Ville. To Marsha Hamel McGlashing, the ever popular and big time Pop Warner VP here in Somerville, we wish her a great day for herself. Thanks from everyone here in the city for a great job organizing and putting Pop Warner out there. Also this week, local lady Helen Youtkins-Berry, a local Villen as well as a real estate agent. Another dedicated community person celebrating his birthday this week is Mark Alston Follansbee, Director of the Somerville Homeless Coalition and former Past President of Somerville Rotary. We hope Mark has a great day for himself as well. Our all time favorite CPA good guy is celebrating as well, Wayne Snow. We wish him the very best, he's a great guy. Another guy - not from Somerville but often here on business – is Joe Bolognese, a recent new dad. We wish him HB. On 30 September, 1936 at the Somerville Hospital, Frank Gray, Jr., was born - a lifelong Villen. Happy 78th birthday Frank!

By now everyone has heard our new Chief of Police Dave Fallon has sent former Dep. Chief Mike Cabral back to being Captain. We heard his two new Deputy Chiefs might be either Paul Trant, Stephen Carrabino, or James Donovan. Might we see some more shakeups in the Police Department? Everyone knows by now that temporary Chief Charles Femino is moving on to Security for Endicott College up in Beverly.

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## TheSomervilleTimes.com Comments of the Week

#### Response to Welcoming Roche Bros. to Davis Square

MarketMan says:

cool!

#### Davey Square says:

Bring it on!!! NOBODYcan compete with Mc Kinnons!!! NOBODY!!

#### Matt C says:

Another grocery store is a great thing! listening to how it is described (high end-ish organic etc.) it will probably not compete directly with mckinnons which has, and continues to sell very high quality goods at reasonable prices. In any case it is exciting to see new businesses opening their doors in somerville.

#### Mike says:

If McKinnons is as good as everyone says then it will not be threatened by Roche Brothers surely? Why does it need political protection from Rebecca Gerwitz? They are businesses. Either they do well and thrive, or they don't and they go out of business. We need a Roche Bros. Right now we have to go to Porter, or Stop and Shop in Teele or the expensive Dave's Fresh Pasta (a good place, but not where you want to buy every day stuff).

#### A. Moore says:

Whatever market that comes in anywhere these days will be a chain. McKinnons is a chain. Maybe small but it is one. Unlike years ago there are very few that could start up a market now. Starting one requires just too much today and besides the regulations it is just impossible. Years ago you could start on a shoestring and build it up. We had so many at one time and they all survived well.

Log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com to leave your own comments

## TheSomervilleTimes.com poll of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleTimes.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's poll concerned your views on whether or not you think Roche Bros. (Brothers Marketplace) is a good choice for Davis Square. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleTimes.com.

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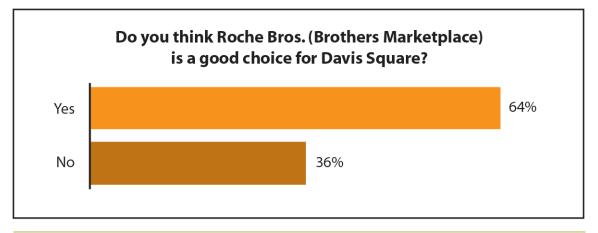
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## The Peoples Climate March: The Voice of 400,000

By Kate Bond

This past Sunday was a day of historical importance as New York City, and the world, saw a group of over 400,000 people (four times the estimated amount), including several from Somerville, show up to march for Environmental Action in the People's Climate March.

The event took the place as by far the largest Climate March in history. In attendance at the climate march were high profile environmentalists such as Bill McKibben, Leonardo DeCaprio, Chloë Sevigny, Al Gore, UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon and many more.

"I'm here because we have a serious problem on our hands and if the coming together of hundreds of thousands of people can't convey that message then what will?" said Somerville resident and Lesley University student Chelsea Brown.

The Climate March was scheduled as a predecessor to the United Nations Climate Summit where world leaders will come together in New York this week to discuss and debate ways to combat the growing threat of carbon pollution in our atmosphere. This day of climate action was not limited



Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators gathered in New York City last Sunday for the People's Climate March.

to New York City. Around the world, 2,808 different solidarity events took place in 166 different countries.

The event began around 11:30 a.m. at Columbus Circle off Central Park West. Seniors, adults, teenagers, kids, and infants all were present in the march accurately representing the wide scope of responsibility to the cause. Scientific communities, schools, religious organizations, and many more embodied the roughly 1,500 different groups that came together on Sunday. An estimated 10 city blocks of the march were covered by a student section from local schools such as Lesley University, Harvard University, and Tufts University and schools from all over the country.

At around 1:00 p.m. the march briefly stopped as the demonstrators took a moment of silence for all those who have been affected by climate change. Everything was calm as a wave of silence, raised hands and bowed heads spread throughout the 2.2 miles of people. The moment of silence was followed by an equally powerful moment of cheering.

> "I'm here because we have a serious problem on our hands..."

The march met its conduct rules, according to a statement released by the NYPD, as there wasn't a single arrest. Signs with sayings such as "Love Your Mother,""There Is No Planet B," "Jobs, Justice, Clean Energy," "To

Change Everything Takes Everyone" and displays of Noah's Ark, a giant carbon molecule, and many others like it decorated the crowd.

According to GoFossilFree. org Arabella Advisors and the Divest-Invest coalition released numbers, post Peoples Climate March, "181 institutions and local governments and 656 individuals representing over \$50 billion dollars have pledged to divest to-date." This number including the \$860 million Rockefeller Brothers Fund, which was originally built on the Standard Oil fortune of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, a strong statement

Somerville residents, and all others who attended the People's Climate March, indisputably made history on September 21, 2014 by helping to support Environmental Action.



## Boston Zine Fest 2014 on its way

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The 2014 Boston Zine Fest will night at 8:00 p.m. at Washingbe held on October 11 at Washington Street Art Center, 321 Washington Street, Somerville and on October 12 at Aeronaut Brewing Company, 14 Tyler Street, Somerville.

The Boston Zine Fest is an annual event dedicated to the celebration of zines and DIY (doit-yourself) culture and aims to create a space where zine enthusiasts and creators can come together to share their creative work, exchange ideas, and promote self-publishing. For the uninitiated, zines (derived from "fanzine") are self-published works usually with a small circulation and often reproduced via photocopier.

On Saturday, BZF will host a series of workshops from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., zine readings from out-of-town zine creators from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and a movie ton Street Art Center. Scheduled workshops will be Riot Grrl Zines (presented by Papercut Zine Library), Personal Narratives Panel, and Zine Cover Screen Printing. More workshops to be announced.

BZF is holding a ZINE EX-HIBITION in the marketplace of Aeronaut Brewing Company from 12:00-6:00 p.m., where local, national, and international "zinesters" will be displaying and selling their zines. The Taco Party food truck will be on site selling veggie/vegan tacos to hungry BZF attendees.

All BZF events are free to the public and wheelchair accessible.

For more information, please contact BZF: bostonzf@gmail. com or visit www.facebook. com/bostonzinefest or bostonzinefest.tumblr.com.



## By Jim Clark

## Suspected wire snatcher winds up busted

A police officer patrolling the Davis Square area on foot last week happened upon two men who were standing near the bushes by the MBTA station on Holland St.

According to reports, the men were observed handling a large plastic bag, which they reportedly walked away from as they noticed the officer approaching.

The officer looked inside the bag and discovered an assortment of copper pipe pieces and electrical wire, police said.

The officer radioed for support in returning the two men to the scene for questioning. They were found at the nearby CVS store and escorted back to where the bag had been found.

The two men were asked if the bag and its contents belonged to them, and they denied that it was theirs. They reportedly told the officer that they had found the bag at either Porter or Harvard Square and brought it there to inspect its contents.

The investigating officer suspected that the men may have been involved in burglarizing building sites in order to collect materials that can be sold for scrap.

The officer asked the men if they would consent to searches and they reportedly agreed.

A small partially emptied bot-

tle of liquor was found on the person of Stephen Danca, 32, of Wakefield. A search of Danca's backpack also turned up a permanent resident card and visa belonging to another person that, according to reports, Danca said he had found and intended to return to its owner.

The officer reportedly also found a bundle of copper wire in Danca's backpack, and when asked about it Danca reportedly said that he had gotten it from a trade school he had attended.

Police contacted the school and they could not confirm that Danca was a student there, and that such materials were not allowed to be taken from the school.

Danca was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with violation of city ordinance open container. The scrap material issue is being investigated.

#### **Arrests**:

Clifford Flynn, 29, September 15, 10:42 a.m., arrested at College Ave. on charges of drug possession to distribute and disorderly conduct.

Stephen Danca, 32, of 246 Albion St., Wakefield, September 15, 10:50 a.m., arrested at Buena Vista Rd. on a charge of violation of city ordinance open container.

Melissa Greenwald, 48, of 220 Spencer Ave., Chelsea, September 15, 6:26 p.m., arrested at Alston St. on warrant charges of uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Alfrado Faherty, 20, of 15 Memorial Rd., September 16, 3:11 p.m., arrested at Temple St. on a warrant charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Elson Souza, 50, of 3B S. Commons, Lincoln, September 17, 4:52 a.m., arrested at Washington St. on a charge of unregistered motor vehicle.

Erving Nazaire, 25, of 170 Albion St., September 17, 11:47 a.m., arrested at 167 Holland St. on a warrant charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

Claudine Dyer, 30, of 20 Kingman Rd., September 17, 2:35 p.m., arrested at 38 Medford St. on warrant charges of utter false instrument, uninsured motor vehicle, receiving stolen property under \$250, forgery, and operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended registration.

James Woods, 29, of 16 Granville Ave., Medford, September 17, 5:51 p.m., arrested at 100 Gov. Winthrop Rd. on multiple warrant charges of possession of a class B drug.

Michael Kreisel, 59, September 18, 11:31 a.m., arrested at 9 Davis Sq. on warrant charges of shoplifting by asportation, trespassing, and destruction of property over \$250.

Alfrado Faherty, 20, of 15 Memorial Rd., September 18, 5:46 p.m., arrested at 519

## Somerville Ave. on a warrant

charge of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Victor Guzman, 29, of 30 Fremont St., Mattapan, September 19, 9:44 p.m., arrested at Newton St. on warrant charges of miscellaneous municipal ordinance violation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and motor vehicle brakes violation.

#### **Incidents**:

#### Theft:

September 16, 10:38 a.m., police reported a theft at Wyatt

September 17, 9:08 a.m., police reported a theft at Gilman

September 17, 1:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Medford

September 17, 4:21 p.m., police reported a theft at 232 Elm

September 17, 5:58 p.m., police reported a theft at Ross-

September 18, 2:33 p.m., police reported a theft at Powder

#### House Blvd.

September 18, 4:24 p.m., police reported a theft at Albion

September 19, 12:03 p.m., police reported a theft at Raymond Ave.

September 19, 5:00 p.m., police reported a theft at Raymond Ave.

September 21, 2:24 a.m., police reported a theft at River

September 21, 4:38 p.m., police reported a theft at Michigan Ave.

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

September 21, 4:07 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

#### Vehicle Theft:

September 18, 1:43 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Dow St.

September 19, 2:58 p.m., police reported a vehicle theft at Jaques St.

#### Assault:

September 18, 10:31 a.m., police reported an assault at

#### College Ave.

September 20, 3:30 p.m., police reported an assault at School St.

September 21, 2:33 p.m., police reported an assault at Marshall St.

#### **Destruction of Property:**

September 16, 9:28 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Broadway.

September 17, 6:16 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Park St.

September 18, 5:41 p.m., police reported a destruction of property at Liberty Rd.

#### Trespassing:

September 19, 12:51 p.m., police reported a trespassing at Putnam Rd.

#### Counterfeiting/Forgery:

September 17, 8:57 a.m., police reported a counterfeiting/ forgery at 75 Mystic Ave.

#### **Disorderly Conduct:**

September 18, 8:28 p.m., police reported a disorderly conduct at 158 Broadway.

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community policing."

"Data analysis and tracking is essential to effective policing, and the important next step in our department's use of data is to layer crime analysis into each level within the police department from commanders to front line officers," said Fallon. "My intent is for every patrolman to have an evidence-based understanding of the issues affecting the community and to be trained to effectively record data for future crime analysis."

Mayor Joseph Curtatone praised the new Chief's transi-

tional initiative saying, "David Fallon exemplifies what we want in the Somerville Police Department—dedication to this city and its residents, a desire to find ways to reduce crime that go beyond arrests and convictions, a commitment to evidence-based decision making, and a spirit of collaboration. He has helped lay the foundation for the city's progress on public safety over his past 16 years with the department, and as Chief of Police, I am confident he will continue to effectively serve the community by building upon that progress. I am extremely pleased to

work with Chief Fallon as the next leader of the Somerville Police Department."

Fallon's appointment as Chief of Police was confirmed unanimously by the Board of Alderman at their last General Meeting.

According to reports, Fallon has already begun the process of appointing two new Deputy Chiefs and two District Commanders, and announcements are forthcoming. The transition plan also includes meetings with every member of the Board of Aldermen to discuss ward-based and community-wide issues.



David Fallon was sworn in as the Somerville Police Department's new Chief at the last General Meeting of the Board of Alderman.

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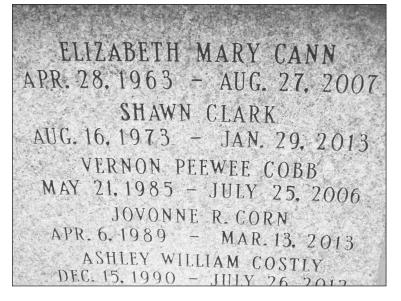
## Garden of Peace: remembering victims of homicide

Hundreds of family members January 29, 2013. He served and friends gathered on Thursday, September 18 as the names of 40 victims of homicide were added to the statewide memorial, bringing the total number of homicide victims memorialized since the Garden was first dedicated in 2004 close to a thousand. The newly engraved names were read by family members and community supporters who founded the Garden of Peace, which was dedicated in 2004.

The Garden of Peace is located on the plaza behind 100 Cambridge Street in Boston.

Somerville native Shawn Clark was added to the Garden. He is the Marine that was murdered at his business in Malden on two tours in Iraq and the Middle East, only to succumb to the violence here in the USA. He leaves behind a wife and two children. The perpetrators are still at large and the family is looking for closure in this case. They have renewed their plea for anyone with information to come forward and call the Malden police at 781-397-7171. There is currently a \$60000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

Will Morales, Executive Director of the YMCA Achievers and the Egleston Square Youth Center, delivered this year's keynote address. Morales is no strang-





Somerville native Shawn Clark was among those honored at the Garden of Peace ceremony last Thursday.

er to violence and homicide. A former gang-member, he was in prison when his younger brother was killed in a fatal shootout with police. Upon release, Morales sought opportunities to help end the violence devastating his community. From his early volunteer work, gang intervention efforts and community development programs he has become a leader, advocate and beacon of hope for youth in Boston and beyond.

Annie Cox, a Garden of Peace board member and Boston Police Officer, shared the story of her beloved son, Dana R. Cox, who was killed on October 17, 1990.

Once again Mike Verge and his son Dylan performed along with "Wil Darcangelo & The Tribe," an independent, student-run, adult-mentored, social enterprise rock band in Fitchburg, MA, performing a song written for the occasion called Rough Stones.

A full listing of the homicide victims, along with their city/town affiliation in Massachusetts, was released before the event.

## Somerville public schools in top 15%

Somerville Public Schools maintained its phenomenal upward trajectory as the leading urban district in the state for student growth, breaking into the top 15% of all Massachusetts districts in combined growth in English-Language Arts (ELA) and Math, according to Spring 2014 MCAS results released today by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Somerville's continuing improvement in student growth was coupled with more students scoring higher on English-Language Arts, Math and Science MCAS tests, and those results have catapulted nearly every school in the District to either the highest or second highest levels on the state's accountability scale, showing that Somerville is making significant progress in addressing the needs of students at every level.

Somerville firmly positioned itself among the top 15% of Massachusetts school districts in Student Growth Percentile (SGP) with District-wide SGPs of 59 and 60 in English-Language Arts and Math, respectively. Somerville, the only urban district to rank among the Commonwealth's top 15% in growth, far surpassed every oth-

er urban district in the Commonwealth with a combined SGP of 119 and a ranking of 58. The next closest urban district had a ranking of 117.

As measured by SGP, which offers a clear measure of a school's ability to accelerate learning for students at every proficiency level by comparing them to their "academic peers" from across the state, Somerville moved up to an 85th percentile rank in the state, meaning Somerville students performed as well as or better than students in 334 (of 392) districts. Once again, Somershowed improvement measure-Student every Growth Percentile, School Accountability ratings, Composite Performance index (CPI), and percentage of students scoring Proficient and Advanced.

"Our focus has been on longterm, consistent progress in meeting the educational needs of our students," stated Superintendent of Schools, Tony Pierantozzi. "We made phenomenal gains last year, and improved on that rate of progress this year. More importantly, the latest MCAS results indicate we're meeting the needs of students at every level of proficiency. Every school made progress, and for the first time since the state's current 5-level accountability ranking system has been in place, we have three of our schools ranked as Level 1 schools, and four ranked Level 2, the top two ratings. We will continue to address those areas where we identify gaps, keeping in mind the need to continue implementing strategies and systems that will result in longterm success for our students."

"Student Growth Percentile is a better measure for the work that schools actually do with students, increasing their funds of knowledge and depth of understanding. This kind of growth reflects phenomenal education happening in Somerville," added School Committee Chair, Christine Rafal.

Somerville High School continued to show outstanding SGP improvement that included a jump in the median ELA SGP from 68 to 75, and a rise in the median Math SGP from 55 to 65. From 2012 to 2014, 70% of SHS students grew more than their academic peers in ELA, while 64% of SHS students grew more than their academic peers in Math. Meanwhile, Somerville High's drop-out rate continues to fall, to a 5-year low of 2.5 in 2013. The high school maintained its Level 1 accountability designation after making a 2-level leap last year to the highest ranking on the state's five-level Accountability scale.

The West Somerville Neighborhood School moved up to a Level 1 rating from Level 2 last year, while the Winter Hill Community Innovation School moved up to a Level 2 rating from Level 3. The John F. Kennedy School maintained its Level 1 status.

"The 2014 MCAS results reflect two important aspects of our schools. The first is the focus and dedication of our teachers, whose impact on our students is the continuing story of Somerville's ongoing improvements," said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Vince McKay.

"Secondly, the results show that Somerville's long-term school improvement strategy, a strategy that avoids test-prep but stresses critical thinking skills, focused support and the needs of the whole child, is working."

Somerville's student growth was combined with District-wide improvement in the number of students progressing toward proficiency, with a greater percentage of students scoring higher on MCAS exams:

- The number of students District-wide scoring Advanced in ELA and Math improved to 15% from 13% and 22% from 19%, respectively.
- In Science, 16% of Somerville students scored in the Advanced range, an improvement of 4 percentage points over 2013 and just one percentage point shy of the state average. Continued on page 17



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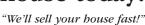
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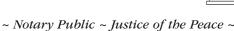


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## **Get your Fluff on!**

#### By Mariya Manzhos

The 9th annual "What the Fluff?" Festival will rock the streets of Union Square on Saturday, September 27. More than 10,000 visitors are expected to flood into the heart of Somerville to celebrate the neighborhood's community, history and culture by integrating Marshmallow Fluff into every aspect of the festivity. Somerville's quirkiest annual party pays tribute to the Irish immigrant Archibald Query, who in 1917 concocted the recipe for this scrumptious gooey spread in the basement of his Union Square home.

Mimi Graney, the Executive Director of Union Square Main Streets, started the festival in 2006. "Whenever I would bring up fluff, people would get really animated and engaged and interested. I thought, we definitely have to do something with it," said Graney.

This year's festival theme is "steam-fluff", a tasty combination of turn-of-the-century steam-powered aesthetics and all things fluffy and marshmallowy. Inventors from Artisan's Asylum will display robot sculptures, industrial themed art, fantastical creatures, as well as fun new technology. Local craft vendors will offer an array of themed trinkets - tiny food made of clay as jewelry, necklaces with bone art, leather masks and vintage umbrellas.

"We really care about bringing together everybody in the community - immigrants, long-time residents, kids and the elderly," says Graney.

The Fluff bash offers something for everyone. All sorts of wacky fun will take place at the Shenanigans Stage, but be prepared to get messy: there will be Fluff hairstyling, Fluff jousting, sticky musical chairs, a Fluff lick-off and a Fluffernutter relay. Behind the Independent, kids will have a chance to burn off their sugar rush in an inflatable bounce house and do some sweet fortune fishing and Fluff bowling.

At the performance stage the Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching band will bring a unique concoction of gypsy-funk, avant-garde jazz and circus music. The guys from Federator N1 will get you moving to African beats and powerful vocals. And don't miss the pop-motown tunes from the Dirty Dottys.

Every year organizers tap into Fluff's history by reincarnating the Flufferettes, the music group who promoted the spread on the radio show hosted by Fluff owners Allen Durkee and Fred Mower in the 30's. The sassy ladies from Rogue Burlesque will be stepping in this year as Flufferettes, looking to fire up everyone up with some geeky and G-rated fun.

So you think you can cook? It's not too late to join the Fluff Cooking Contest. But start your imagination wheels spinning - the organizers want you to "Think beyond the whoopie!" And don't worry, even if culinary arts are not your forte, you can purchase some goodies at the bake sale after the contest.

The monumental task of making the Fluff Fest happen is a large community effort, Graney says. There are 200 volunteers and more than 40 local vendors participating this year. "We try to work with locally owned businesses. We are not celebrating a giant corporation, but family owned businesses with food made locally." Nearby businesses are embracing the Fluff spirit with gusto. Union Square Donuts brought back the Fluffanutta donut, filled with peanut-butter cream and topped with Fluff and peanuts. Bronwyn is putting out a "What the Fluff?" menu featuring the Beyond Flufferdome Cocktail and a haus smoked ham and Fluff sandwich. Bring your appetite for Fluff waffles from the Neighbourhood and Fluff ice cream from Tipping Cow Ice Cream. There will also be fluff tacos, pizzas and, of course, Fluffernutters. The organizers believe that everyone can come together



Fluffers are standing by. Get your Fluff on in Union Square this coming Saturday.

around food.

Michael Katz has volunteered at the festival since its first year. He started out dressing up as Fluff inventor Archibald Query, but in recent years has been running the Shenanigans stage with his 26-year old daughter. Katz is committed to preserving the

character of the neighborhood: "Fluff Fest and all the crazy and wonderful things that go on in the Square are a way to help us keep this area a meaningful and lovely place to live".

What: "What the Fluff?" Where: Union Square, Somerville. When: Saturday, September 27, 3-7 p.m.

#### Tap Water 101 film screening **CONT. FROM PG 1**

"The reason this came about is that we have been hearing a lot in the community that the are many misperceptions about bottle water. Many of the people that we serve in Somerville are spending money on bottle water - and money that they don't necessarily have. Most of these people are struggling to pay for food and rent. This is why we wanted to get the message out about the importance of drinking tap water," said David Hudson, the director of Shape Up Somerville and one of the event's organizer.

Upon arriving, members of the community were invited to participate in a survey about the best policies for making tap water more accessible for everyone. Before settling into their seats, the attendees were offered coffee, popcorn, and, of course, tap water.

The screening was comprised of four videos. The first clip, featuring the comedian Jimmy Tingle espousing the benefits of tap water, served as a humorous introduction for an incisive, eight-minute video called The Story of Bottle Water.

Part of an online series created by the Story of Stuff Project, The Story of Bottle Water examines the strategies the bottle water industry use to manufacture demand for their product. Such strategies include convincing people that tap water is unsafe and using images of idyllic landscapes and environmentally-themed advertising on water bottles.

> "Most of these people are struggling to pay for food and rent"

educational This short, film was followed by a blind taste-testing filmed by SCATV. The tasting was a collaboration between Shape Up Somerville, SCATV, and the Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA) and was held last August at the Somerville Union Square Farmers' Market. Out of the 102 people who took the tests, 77 preferred Somerville Tap, while 51 opted for the bottle water.

The last short film was an indepth documentary about the Quabbin Reservoir in Central Massachusetts, which is Boston's primary water supply. The film also documents the various tests and treatments administered by the MWRA before delivering tap water to the community.

The films were followed by a panel discussion led by Lisa Brukalacchio, the Director of the Somerville Community Health Agenda; Oliver Sellers-Garcia, the Director of Sustainability and Environment at City of Somerville; and Joshua Das from the MWRA. The event organizers also contacted Coca-Cola and Poland Spring to solicit their participation in the panel, but did not receive a response to their invitation.

The panel served as a forum for members of the Somerville community to discuss their views on the quality of tap water in Somerville. Some members of the community voiced concerns about lead, which can get into tap water through leadbased pipes that often found in



The panel (L to R): Lisa Brukilacchio, Joshua Das, Oliver Sellers-Garcia.

older houses. Mr. Sellers-Garcia stated that all of the pipes that carry water into the community are mostly made out of iron and steel and do not add lead into the water.

The conversation also highlighted the importance of educating newly arrived immigrant communities about the quality of tap water.

"We are particularly trying to get the word out to non-English speakers or immigrants who might come from someplace where you can't take for granted that you can drink the water. If you come here, why would you just assume that it's OK to drink the water without some kind of educational process?" Lisa Brukilacchio answered, when asked why the initiative to promote bottle water was important.

As part of their effort to promote the use of bottle water among immigrant communities, the program will be hosting another Tap Water 101 Film Screening and Dialogue in October that will target the Spanish, Haitian, and Portuguese-speaking communities in Somerville.

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calls in the House or Senate last week.

Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:



#### Rep. Denise Provost

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** Twenty-seventh Middlesex. - Consisting of precinct 3 of ward 2, all precincts of ward 3, precinct 3 of ward 4, and all precincts of wards 5 and 6, of the city of Somerville, in the county of Middlesex.



#### Rep. Timothy Toomey

DISTRICT REPRESENTED: Twenty-sixth Middlesex. - Consisting of all precincts of ward 1, precinct 1 of ward 2, precincts 1 and 2 of ward 3, and precinct 1 of ward 6, of the city of Cambridge, and all precincts of ward 1 and precincts 1 and 2 of ward 2, of the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.



#### Sen. Patricia Jehlen

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

Beacon Hill Roll Call has obtained the 2014 official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the Legislature's 152 current state representatives from January 1, 2014 to September 1, 2014. The list reveals that representatives collected a total of \$121,176. Beacon Hill Roll Call recently reported that state senators in 2014 collected \$55,891 in per diems, making the total for both branches \$177,067.

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

THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll house often collect the highest total of annual per diems.

Some supporters of the per diems say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They argue that many legislators spend a lot of money on travel to Boston and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions. Others argue that some legislators accept the per diem but use all of the revenue they receive to support local nonprofit causes.

Some opponents argue the entire concept of per diems is outrageous and noted that most private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. Others say the per diem is especially inappropriate given the recent 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's current 21-cent-per-gallon gas tax and the creation of automatic gas tax hikes by linking the tax to the U.S. Consumer Price Index.

The 2014 statistics indicate that 65 current state representatives received reimbursements ranging from \$104 to \$4,680, while 87 have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that representatives must meet in order to collect the per diems.

The representative who has received the most money in 2014 is Rep. Michael Finn (D-West Springfield), who has collected \$5,148.

Representatives rounding out the top five include Reps. Joseph Wagner (D-Chicopee) and Tricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield), who both received \$4,680; Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown), \$4,366; and John Scibak (D-Hadley), \$3,600.

#### **REPRESENTATIVES' 2014 PER DIEMS**

The dollar figure next to the representative's name represents the total amount of per diem money the state paid him or her in 2014. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the representative certified he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period. Representatives who have not requested any per diems have "0 days" listed. That is not meant to imply that these representatives didn't attend any sessions but rather that they chose not to request any per diems.

> Rep. Denise Provost (68 days) \$680 Rep. Timothy Toomey (0 days)

#### ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL

Several bills that were signed into law by Gov. Deval Patrick in June will take effect over the next several months

GAS LEAKS (H 4164) - Effective October 1, 2014: Requires gas leaks to be repaired by the gas company in a time frame based on a three-tier classification system of dangerousness. Grade One leaks are most likely to cause an explosion and would have to be repaired immediately. Grade Two leaks are expected to create a hazard in the future and would have to be fixed within 15 months, while Grade Three leaks are non-hazardous and would have to be reevaluated every six months. Other provisions align civil penalties for pipeline facility and gas transportation safety violations with federal law and require gas leaks that are identified within a school zone to be prioritized.

Supporters say the state's gas delivery system is the second oldest in the nation and has 5,700 miles of leakprone distribution pipe and 20,000 known leaks. They noted the bill will help prevent gas leak tragedies, save lives and have a positive impact on the environment by reducing methane gas.

MINIMUM WAGE HIKE (S 2195) - Effective January 1, 2015: Hikes the current \$8 hourly minimum wage to \$9 and for tipped employees from \$2.63 to \$3.00. Effective January 1, 2016, it hikes the minimum wage to \$10 and the tipped wage to \$3.35 and finally to \$11 and \$3.75 on January 1 2017.

Supporters say this pro-worker law ensures economic justice and helps thousands of families who are living near the poverty level despite the fact that the breadwinner works in excess of 40 hours weekly. They argue that a minimum wage hike is one of the best anti-poverty programs available.

Opponents say the hike is unfair to businesses that are already faced with skyrocketing health care and energy costs and would also hurt consumers by forcing businesses to raise prices. Some say they supported a smaller increase to \$9.50 instead of \$11.

BREAST CANCER DETECTION (H 3733) - Effective January 1, 2015: Requires hospitals and doctors to inform patients when their mammograms reveal dense breast tissue. Other information that must be provided includes telling the patient that dense breast tissue is common and not abnormal but may increase the risk of breast cancer by making it more difficult to find cancer on a mammogram and that sometimes additional testing is needed; and that the patient has the right to discuss the results of the mammogram with the physician and radiologist.

Supporters say that this will ensure that patients are given accurate and important information on which they base their medical decisions.

#### PROTECT DOMESTIC WORKERS (S 2132) -

Effective April 1, 2015: Establishes a bill of rights for domestic workers in households. These include employees who perform housekeeping, house cleaning, nanny services, caretaking of sick or elderly individuals, laundering and cooking.

Other provisions include requiring that a worker who puts in more than 40 hours per week be given a period of rest of at least 24 consecutive hours each week; mandating that all meal periods, rest periods and sleeping periods count as working time; ensuring that workers have a right to privacy; and requiring that female fulltime workers receive at least eight weeks' maternity leave.

Supporters say it is long past time to ensure that these domestic workers have the same rights as all other workers across the state. They noted many are not given time off, paid appropriately or given notice before they are fired.

Some opponents say the bill gives more benefits and rights to domestic workers than those enjoyed by many other workers who work outside a home. Others say this is an example of another overreach by the government. They argue it will increase costs to hardworking families and is a slippery slope that will lead to an additional bureaucracy to oversee what goes on in individuals' homes.



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QUOTABLE QUOTES - Special "By the Numbers" Edition

"\$1 billion." — The cost of transitioning the Bay State to an Obamacare-compliant health insurance exchange over two years, according to a report by Josh Archambault, Senior Fellow, Pioneer Institute.

"One' thing I won't miss is having to answer spurious charges from the Pioneer Institute based on politics rather than fact. The truth is that Massachusetts is still successfully expanding health care and doing so within budget." — Gov. Patrick.

"Eight." — The number of House seats that are vacant following the resignation of Rep. Michael Costello (D -Newburyport) to join Smith, Costello & Crawford. The private law firm is comprised of Costello's former aide Jennifer Crawford and former Lynn Rep. James Smith.

"5,300." — Number of jobs Massachusetts lost in August according to the Patrick Administration's Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development.

"3-1." — The vote by which the Massachusetts Gaming Commission granted the Boston area casino license to Wynn Resorts for an Everett casino rather than Mohegan Sun for a casino at Revere's Suffolk Downs racetrack.

#### 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 15-19, the House met for a total of 39 minutes and the Senate met for a total of 34 minutes.

Mon. September 15 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:29 a.m.

Senate 11:02 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.

Tues. September 16 No House session

No Senate session

Wed. September 17 No House session

No Senate session

Thurs. September 18 House 11:03 a.m. to 11:16 a.m.

Senate 11:06 a.m. to 11:21 a.m.

Fri. September 19 No House session

No Senate session

Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com

#### INGS: **(**)

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

#### All clubs and groups welcome new members.

Holland Street: 167 Holland Street Monday through Friday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300

Cross Street Center: 165 Broadway Tuesday & Wednesday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(617) 625-6600 Ext. 2335

Ralph and Jenny Center: 9 New Washington Street, Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. (617) 666-5223

#### Some exciting events in the coming weeks:

Fitchburg Art Museum - Thursday, September 25 - A no cost trip to the Fitchburg Art Museum thanks to SCM Transportation and a free admission day sponsored by Tufts Health Plan Medicare Preferred. The museum is a four building complex, over 20,000 square feet of exhibition space, focusing on creativity, education, community building and fun! Trip leaves the Holland Street Center at 9:00 A.M. and returns at approximately 4:30 P.M. Lunch is on your own and will be the day's only expense. Space is extremely limited so please call 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.

Fall Foliage Trip – East Hill Farm, Troy, NH: Tuesday, September 30 – Enjoy the fall foliage and a delectable homemade family style lunch including: tomato cheddar soup, fresh baked bread, fritters with maple syrup, roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, green garden peas, applesauce, berry cobbler, coffee, tea & milk. We will be visiting Allison's Apple Orchard for apples, pumpkins and lots of other fall goodies. Free Pumpkin included. Trip fee is \$45.00 - Check in times are 8:45 a.m. at the Ralph & Jenny Center & 9 a.m. at the Holland Street Center. Approximate return time is 4:30 / 5 p.m. Please contact Connie or Flo at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to reserves your spot.

4th Annual Health & Wellness Fair - Thursday, October 16 - 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. at our Holland Street Center. Blood pressure screenings, glucose screenings, hearing screenings, reiki treatments, mental health nutrition resources, Housing resourses, door prizes and more. Lunch and transportation available upon request. Please RSVP to 617-625-6600, ext. 2300.

#### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

The Fall Foliage trip to East Hill Farms scheduled for September 30 is SOLD OUT.

The trip to the Taj Mahal Resort in Atlantic City scheduled for October is **SOLD OUT**.

Halloween Super Bingo scheduled for Friday, October 31 is **SOLD OUT**.

The monthly Hanscom BINGO for September has been CANCELLED.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

The Mobile Farmer's Market is at our Holland Street Center every Thursday throughout the summer from 1:00 to 3:30 PM.

#### **LGBT EVENTS:**

LGBT Advisory Group – Meets on the 2nd Monday of each month

**LGBT Lunch** – Due to a holiday, Columbus Day, there will be no LGBT lunch in October. The next LGBT Lunch will be Monday, November 10. More information to follow.

LGBT Advisory Group – Due to a holiday, Columbus Day, the monthly Advisory Group meeting has been changed to Tuesday, October 14 at 4:30 P.M.- for this month only. We are always looking for new members and would love to have you.

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

#### **IMPORTANT NEWS:**

The Somerville Council on Aging in conjunction with the Somerville Fire Department are installing free, new smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors to eligible Somerville older adults as part of the Senior SAFE Program. If you are an older adult (60 years of age or older) and live in Somerville (own or rent) please contact Maureen Bastardi, Outreach Worker at the Somerville Council on Aging at 617-625-6600, Ext. 2300 to find out how to get yours.

On Thursday, October 16 from 9:00 AM to Noon, the Somerville Council on Aging will be holding its 4th Annual Health & Wellness Fair. This year the fair is entitled "Mastering the Aging Process" and will be held at our Holland Street Center located at 167 Holland Street. If you are interested in being a participate or one of our sponsors please contact Suzanne Norton at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2318 to register or if you go to the SCOA's portion of the City's web site and go to the "Department Calendar" on that day you will be able to access a registration form.

#### **STAY ACTIVE:**

#### Mondays:

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

#### **Tuesdays:**

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

Wednesdays:

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 a.m. (H)

Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9 a.m. (H)

Fit 4 Life\* Group C, Noon (H)

Bowling @ Flatbreads, 1 p.m. Zumba for All, 5:15 p.m.., \$3 per class (H)

#### Thursdays:

Strengthening, 9:30 a.m. \$3 per class (RJ)

LBT Fit 4 Life\*, 6 p.m.

#### Fridays:

Fit 4 Life\* Group A, 8:45 a.m.

Fit 4 Life\* Group B, 9 a.m.

Fit 4 Life\* Group C 12 p.m.

\*All Fit 4 Life classes are \$10/month and require pre-registration.

#### **Upcoming Schedule:**

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

#### Wednesday | September 24

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

#### **Thursday | September 25**

10:00 Current Events (H)

10:00 Cards (RJ) 11:00 Computer tutorial with Barbara (H)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ)

12:45 Bingo (H, RJ) 1:00 Mobile Farmer's Market (H)

#### Friday | September 26

Lunch (H) Bingo (H)

#### Monday | September 29

11:30 Lunch (H)

12:30 Afternoon at the Movies – Saving Mr. Banks (H)

#### **Tuesday | September 30**

10:00 English Conversation (C) 10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

East Hill Farm Trip

Wednesday October 1

#### 10:00 English Conversation (C)

10:00 Cards (RJ)

11:30 Lunch (H, RJ, C)

12:45 Bingo (RJ)

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

We have a Facebook page. Check us out at www.facebook.com/somervilleCOA

You can receive our monthly newsletter that is always filled with useful and important information. For a \$5.00 yearly fee you can receive it via the U.S. Postal service or a free version can be sent electronically. Please contact Connie at 617-625-6600 Ext. 2300 to sign up.

## **COMMENTARY**

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## State's casino approval process has failed



By Joseph A. Curtatone

The casino process has failed. Last week the Gaming Commission voted 3-1 to award a license to Wynn for its proposed gambling center in Everett, even though critical questions about the proposal remain unresolved. It is a disappointing result but unfortunately not surprising. We have seen throughout this

entire process that it was designed, from start to finish, to favor the gambling industry. Neither Wynn, nor Mohegan Sun, nor any of the gambling pushers looking to open shop in Massachusetts have had their feet held to the fire by the officials appointed to scrutinize their applications. Whenever there was a question or doubt, the discussion seemingly always resolved in the casino developers' favor.

We saw this reckless pattern continue with last week's vote. Real questions about the inability of Sullivan Square—and subsequently the region—to handle the traffic created by Wynn's proposed casino are still there. The Commission's

response to those questions? To demand and secure modest contributions from Wynn, but not deal with the real problems of traffic and environment. Even then Wynn countered by offering to throw a pittance of additional funding at the problem without proposing any real solution, and the Gaming Commission backed down and accepted that small offer from a gambling mogul as adequate.

We live in one of the most congested regions in the country with fine and ultrafine particulates saturating the air, particularly near highways like I-93, contributing to higher-than-average rates of heart disease and respiratory illnesses. Now, next

to environment justice zones in Somerville, Charlestown and Everett where residents already shoulder a disproportionate burden of environmental impacts caused by traffic and industry, the Commonwealth and its casino partner are going to add more traffic, and resultant back-ups of idling vehicles on I-93, its ramps and adjacent streets, without any real plan to alleviate those impacts. Minor financial contributions are not the solution to the major issues in Sullivan Square. We should demand a real, tangible design plan.

Those are not the only outstanding questions. Wynn does not have an approved environmental impact report—which

would also detail how Sullivan Square's traffic issues will truly be resolved—as required under state law. While Everett has a municipal harbor plan, which would require an extreme variance from the state law's height limitation for buildings along waterways of 255 feet for the construction of Wynn's nearly 400-foot tower, Somerville has a pending appeal of its approval. Both the height and design of Wynn's monolithic gambling den lack the clarity that a project of this magnitude deserves. Even the Gaming Commission itself called the design of Wynn's tower atrocious.

Despite all that, Wynn Resorts simply

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## **Immigration again**

## Part 3: What would work



By William C. Shelton

All political factions acknowledge that our immigration system doesn't work. Yet this 113th Congress will be another one that does nothing to fix it, even though honest political leaders on both the left and the right agree on the essentials of a workable system.

Conservative analysts who work with verifiable evidence,

like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Cato Institute, and the Americas Majority Foundation come to conclusions similar to those of their liberal counterparts. Propaganda shops like the Heritage Foundation, Center for Immigration Studies, and the talk show demagogues fictionalize their "evidence." Their purpose is often not to solve the problem, but to gain political advantage for politicians who exploit their base's nativist anger.

Most Republican Congressmen from states with the largest populations of illegal immigrants understand the complexities of the issue and are ready to deal. But their Republican colleagues from states where

illegal immigration is an ideological issue rather than a practical problem get too much political mileage from feeding ignorant rage. And they have cowed the House leadership into blocking legislation.

Crafting effective immigration policy requires understanding what we want to accomplish with it and why the system we have doesn't work. That system does not respond flexibly to the economy's needs or the labor market's conditions. The number of permanent employment-based visas that it issues annually has not changed for 25 years. The number of temporary employment-based visas changes rarely.

Although immigration has been a family affair since the founding of the Republic, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA) did not allow family reunification. This is a major reason why 10-to-11 million people are here illegally (down from 12 million before the great recession). Extensive research concludes that immigrants best integrate into U.S. society with the support of their families.

The current immigration bureaucracy is slow, inefficient and backlogged. Both applicants and detainees wait interminably, adding to the system's costs and to immigrants' adversity.

The current system imposes a

hardship on honest employers. Dishonest competitors exploit undocumented workers' and impose substandard wages and working conditions on them to achieve greater advantage and higher profits.

Because the current system focuses enforcement on how immigrants enter the U.S. rather than why, it is unenforceable. Since IRCA's passage, the federal government has spent over \$200 billion on immigration enforcement while the undocumented population has tripled. Unenforceable laws weaken the moral authority of the entire legal system.

All of these problems can and must be Continued on page 17

## Life in the VILLE by Jimmy Del Ponte

Those stores of yore

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Can you tell where the photo on the right was taken? It looks a bit different now (The answer is at the end of this story).

As much as a lot of people frown upon Facebook as a waste of time and merely an Internet fad, I for one depend on it for a lot of my research. Although my mind is full of old memories, sometimes it needs a jumpstart. Recently I posed this question: If you could bring back ONE store from the old days of Somerville, what would it be? Facebook responded in a huge way (over 700 responses). Are you ready for yet another jaunt down memory

lane? Well, grab your shopping bag and let's go! Might just as well say bring'em all back. (Can you find a repeat?)

La Contessa Bakery, Kay and Chips, Woolworths, Cilchrist's, The Children's Shop, Passicks, Gorins, Grants, Brighams, Friendly's, BoBo's Chinese Restaurant, Yees Village, Napoli's Pizza, Thom McCann Shoes, Bargain Center, Bradlees, Sam's Shoe store, Shea Five and Dime, Savel's Five and Dime, Todi's Sub Shop, Harold's Luncheonette, Mitchell's Variety, Cara Donna Bakery, Maria's Cold Cut's, Marios, Jack in the Box, Cummings, Highland Shoe, Butler Music, Bernie's Music, Kresge's, The Railside, Pine Tree, Pat Connolly's, The Jum-

bo, Art and Bobs, Sir Francos's, Kennedy Butter and Egg, Bradlees, Buster's, Sunnny Deli, Ming Toy, The Venice, Frascatti's, Steve's Ice Cream, Joey's Ice Cream, Learner's, Lucy's, Dairy Queen, Irving's, Caterinos, Walnut Drug, Cedar Pharmacy, Reeds Drug Store, White Sport, Joe Izzy's, Small's Variety, Parke Snow, Kerner's Drug, Hilda's, Speedy Pizza, All Star Trophys, Primo's, The Gas Light, Tip Top Market, J and S, Di Tucci's, The Embassy, Sordillo's, Loud's Candy, Goodell Drug, Ray's Fruit, Miller's Market, Marks, Hobby Shop on lower B'Way, Rainbow Spa, Thurston Spa, (home of Johnny's Special) J&S, Red's Variety, Fanny Farmer, Lambro's Roast Beef, Temple's, Ball



Square Fish, Prince of Pizza, Decelle, White Tower, Joe's, Charlie's, Johnny's, Joe's Spa, The Genoa, Somerville Lumber, Vera's, Nan's Sub Shop, Gross Cleaners, Mickey Finn, Supreme Deli, Hilda and Arthur's, Sylvia's, Don's Variety, Kneelands, Kerble's, Continued on page 15

## COMMENTARY

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

# Illustrated by Jim Clark

What the Fluff? Again?

## The View Of The Times



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

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 sticky, sweet and gooey confection 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. Enjoy the day.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 2

Speaking about shakeups, again by now everyone knows that the Director of the Somerville Board of Health has resigned. We heard a rumor that it wasn't an amicable split and we also heard that former Mayor Dot Gay might be a candidate for the position, even though she was just appointed to the Planning Board.

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If you are a Somerville homeowner and resided in your home since January 1 of this year, you need to know that the city is offering a 35% Residential Abatement. It turns out it is the largest abatement in the state offered by cities and towns. Call the Board of Assessors for a form at 617 625-6600 x 3100. Thanks to the Mayor Joe Curtatone, with the help of Governor Patrick.

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There was a proposal submitted by some of the more progressive members of the Board of Alderman - "Pay to Play" - which was voted on by the board with 7 Alderman in favor. We hear the mayor is vetoing the bill and it appears that the ordinance does not have sufficient votes to override his veto. Now, Pay to Play was an effort to reduce donations to politicians from \$500 down to \$250. This was the brainchild, like we said, of some of the progressive members of the

Board of Alderman. Maybe they should have checked with our esteemed State Senator Pat Jehlen, who we heard voted to raise the level of donations (call it "Pay to Play" state level) from \$500 to \$1,000, a totally opposite direction from that of the Board of Alderman members. We heard it was a move by some to limit Mayor Joe's efforts to have fundraisers. Could some of the members be jealous of the fundraising dollars that the mayor has attracted? We've been to some of the Alderman's fundraisers that were not nearly as attractive as the mayor's. Maybe it's because he's a good mayor and has our city on the move? \*\*\*\*\*\*

Somerville High Adult Evening Courses are starting up again this fall, and registration is over the next two weeks Tuesday and Thursday nights at the High School main office. One class in particular being offered again this semester is the Real Estate course being offered for \$165, which is more than half of what it would cost going anywhere else. Plus it is a live course with interaction with the teacher who has over 35 years of experience to offer. Register directly to the Principal, Sophia Carafotes, by emailing her at scarafotes@k12.somerville.ma.us or visit the high school at 6 p.m. and see how many great courses that they have

to offer the public at real low prices you can't find anywhere. Let Sophia know you saw it here. She's one of Somerville's finest teachers.

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We will be bestowing the "Best of Somerville" awards again this year. Started 30 years ago by one of our past owners, Bob Publicover, it continues to this day. This year we will have a different twist on it by adding popular food items to the categories. Best Hamburger, Mac & Cheese, Pastry, Donuts, etc. And if you have a suggestion, again, send it along to 617 666-4010. Leave a message for the category you'd like to see nominated. We will be rolling out the ballots shortly for the "Best of Somerville 2014". A couple of our readers called this past week giving us suggestions and we thank them very much.

The Masonic Open House at 125 Highland Avenue is coming up Saturday, October 11. It's open to the public for tours and Q&A. The only Somerville Masonic Lodge is King Solomon's Lodge AF & AM, founded in 1783 in Charlestown and moved to Somerville in 1899.

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We will ad them to our list.

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The Duhamel Education Initiative invites you to attend the The Duhamel

Education Initiative 19th Annual Pasta & Meatball Supper (meatless entrees will be available) to support Somerville Public Schools which will take place on Saturday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. at the First Church Congregational, 89 College Ave. Somerville. Ticket Donations are \$30 per family, \$12 adults, \$9 seniors, \$6 children. Paul Duhamel, a Somerville School Committee member, was a positive force in the community and an excellent leader in the area of dropout prevention. His untimely passing spurred his friends to establish an organization that would continue his work. Since 1995, the Duhamel Education Initiative has furthered Paul's efforts by supporting the Somerville Public Schools and those students who are most in need. The Initiative has awarded over \$50,000 in dropout prevention grants to Somerville teachers and also supports at-risk youth and innovative programs in the Somerville Public Schools. In 2011, the DEI was honored by the Somerville School Committee for its strong support of the public schools of Somerville. Please help serve the children of our community. Donations may be sent to: Duhamel Education Initiative, P.O. Box 440113, Somerville, MA 02144.

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## **East Broadway Foodie Crawl**

On Tuesday, September 16, the East Somerville restaurant offered food lovers the sights and smells of Ethiopia, the tastes of El Salvador and the colors of Haiti. Over a dozen restaurants, representing five continents, once again threw open their doors to a horde of foodies.

This year's crawl featured newly opened La Brasa and their woodfired eats, as well as the newly completed East Broadway Streetscape, allowing for outdoor music and seating while you enjoy the evening!

All profits support East Somerville Main Streets, a non-profit 501c3 organization dedicated to building a vibrant neighborhood through a thriving business district to improve the quality of people's lives.

































Photos by Claudia Ferro





## **SPORTS**

## 'The Gronk' surprises Somerville Pop Warner









## Ms. Cam's 110 scellaneous #441 Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

- 1. What is Doonesbury's first name?
- 2. Where is the famed "Arch of Hadrian"?
- 3. What suit in cards is the suicide king?
- 4. What was the theme song in The Grapes of Wrath?
- 5. How many number segments are there on a dart board?
- 6. What president presided over the ceremony to relight the renovated Statue of Liberty?
- 7. Who wrote, directed

and was featured in Blazing Saddles?

- 8. What do pointed letters mean to a handwriting expert?
- 9. Prior to his death in 1999, John F. Kennedy, Jr. founded what politically-themed magazine?
- 10. How many miles of nerves are there in the adult human body?
- 11. How often does the epidermis, the outer layer of our skin, replace itself?
- 12. hich character in M\*A\*S\*H did McLean Stevenson play?

Answers on page 23

Local Somerville company needs part-time home telemarketers to make calls for appointments. Experience preferred, but if you're self motivated, home during the day and think you can handle making calls to get sales leads, contact us at 617-623-6605 and ask for Tom.

#### By Donald Norton

On Tuesday night of last week at Foss Park the Somerville Pop Warner organization was presented with a \$20K gift of equipment from the "Good Sport" foundation. Hundreds of players, kids, moms and dads showed up at 5:30 p.m. at Foss Park for the

surprise of surprises. Star Patriots player Rob "The Gronk" Gronkowski showed up along with his brother Dan and father Marty. The Pop Warner participants, both players and cheerleaders, were so excited to see and meet Rob, it gave them memories to last a lifetime. The Gronk was received very warmly by the kids

and almost all of them played catch with him and his brother Dan. The Good Sports foundation is supported by Rob Gronkowski and it helps various Pop Warner organizations throughout the area, this year they donated much needed equipment for the teams to practice with and be safe. — Photos by Donald Norton

## **SPW Football and Cheerleading - Somervillens**









Week 3 winning scores: E team Malden 7-6; D team Som 34-25; C team Malden 14-0; B team Malden 19-0; A team NB Conn 28-0: F team Som 21-0.

# Somerville Times photographer wins award



The Somerville Times' photographer, Claudia Ferro, won second place for her photography at the Malden River Festival held at the Park at River's Edge on Saturday, September 20. In addition to the art exhibit by local artists, there was food for purchase, children's bicycle helmet giveaways and family fun activities. Congratulations, Claudia, from all of us here at The Times.

#### JFK School PTA local goods sale

John F. Kennedy Elementary School PTA in Somerville has launched their fall fundraising season with Close Buy Catalog, a local goods school fundraising catalog featuring only made in New England products.

Funds raised through this fall sale will assist with the initiatives of the John F. Kennedy PTA, with over 500 students benefiting from this fundraiser.

This year's Close Buy Catalog features over 120 New England vendors – showcasing their locally made specialty food, body care, gifts, accessories, toys and stationary, and helping the JFK PTA raise money for their school and special projects.

Massachusetts vendors featured in the 2014 Close Buy Catalog include ReFleece, EH Chocolatier, Cook's Illustrated, Biena Chick Pea Snacks, Ceaco Puzzles, Taza Chocolate, Cuppow, Dancing Deer Baking Co., Gryphon Design Collective, Onehundred, Modern Moose, Robinson Press, Smudge Ink and Zootility Tools.

Anyone can shop. To support John F. Kennedy Elementary School and Massachusetts vendors, visit closebuycatalog.com and choose JFK School at checkout. 30% of each sale will benefit JFK Elementary PTA. This year's sale runs from through October 3. For more information, please contact the Kennedy School PTA at JFKelementary PTA@gmail.com.

## Those stores of yore CONT. FROM PG 10

Tony's Foodland, The Cadillac, Apollo Cake, The Waldorf, The Blarney Stone, The Bullpen, Freddie's Hardware, Sam Shoe, Modern Shoe, Beltram Locksmith, Bain's Market, Leo's, 160 Variety, Disc Diggers, Salvi's Carpets, Jakes' Variety, The Sweet Shop, Maher's Market, Broadway Café, Oscar's Variety, Pioneer Market, Roma Bakery, Cedar St. Market, The Coronet, The Paddock, Elliot's Market, Russ's Donuts, Lionel's Barber Shop. Artie Ardolinos Barber Shop, Andy's

Donuts, Harry's, Eddy's, Orlando's Bakery, Kemp's, Ko-Z-Grill, Mac's, Louie's Cold Cuts, North End Fruit, El Greco and The A & P.

That's it for me. Feel free to add your own. Some stores were mentioned again and again such as Joe Izzy's, Bradlees, and Kay and Chips. There were a lot of bars and lounges that I didn't mention. Perhaps we will do a list of those another time.

The photo above was taken at the corner of Farragut Ave and Broadway in the 60's.

## What's on Somerville Neighborhood News



Go with Somerville Neighborhood News to New York on Sept. 21 with Somerville marchers at the People's Climate March! Also on the next newscast, you'll learn the latest on the Aldermen's campaign finance reform law, on a new proposed ordinance that's already leading landlords to evict Tufts students, on the plans and process for the Lincoln Park renovation, and on Senator Elizabeth Warren's talk at Tufts. These stories, a visit to a secret garden and the Foodie Crawl and more on Somerville Neighborhood News #23 on Sept. 23 at 7 p.m., on Channel 3 if you have cable TV, or online at www. somervilleneighborhoodnews.org.



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MICHAEL E GLAVIN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PLANNING DIVISION** 

**LEGAL NOTICE** 

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers, 2nd Floor, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

51 McGrath Hwy: (Case #ZBA 2013-27-R1-8/2014) Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, Somerville Storage Partners, LLC, seek a Revision to a Special Permit ZBA 2013-27 under SZO §5.3.8 to add equipment to an existing wireless communication facility. IA zone. Ward 2.

240 Elm St: (Case #ZBA 2014-06) Applicant, Fitness Holdings Somerville, LLC, d/b/a Crunch Fitness, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.11.6.3.b to establish a exercise facility over 10,000 sf and a Special Permit or Variance under SZO \$9.5 or 9.13.a to modify parking space requirements. The proposal also includes the alteration to a nonconforming structure under \$4.4.1 to alter the façade and floor area ratio. Zone CBD. Ward 6.

1108 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2014-78) Applicant and Owner, JSS Realty Corp., seeks a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.c for an access easement to be able to provide on-site parking at an existing two-family dwelling. Ward 7. BA zone.

425 Broadway: (Case #ZBA 2014-79) Applicant, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, and Owner, Summit, LLC, seeks Special Permit Approval (§5.1) under SZO §7.11.15.3 and §14 for the installation of a wireless communications facility consisting of antennas and related equipment and cables, \$4.4.1 for the alteration of an existing nonconforming structure to relocate antennas and related equipment. RC / 5

355 Medford St: (Case #ZBA 2014-86) Applicant and Owner, Gerald Amazu, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §9.13.a for two spaces of parking relief due to a by-right third dwelling unit. BA zone. Ward 4.

240 Elm St: (Case #ZBA 2014-88) Applicant, Roche Bros. Supermarket Co., c/o Roche Bros, Inc., Trustee, and Owner, Davis Square Realty Ventures Nominee Trust, seek a Special Permit with Site Plan Review, to establish a general merchandise/department store/supermarket under SZO §7.11.9.2.c, that is greater than 10,000 sf. The proposal also includes the alteration to a nonconforming structure under §4.4.1 to alter the façade and floor area ratio, and a Special Permit or Variance under SZO §9.5 or 9.13.a to modify parking space requirements. Zone CBD. Ward 6.

11 Albion St: (Case #ZBA 2014-91) Applicant and Owner, Brian Lavelle, seek a Special Permit per SZO §4.4.1 to expand a nonconforming FAR by enlarging a dormer to accommodate a bathroom. RA Zone. Ward 5. Somerville

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

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Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts** The Trial Court **Middlesex Probate and Family Court** 208 Cambridge Street Cambridge, MA. 02141 (617) 768- 5800

#### CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER TO RENDER

**MIDDLESEX Division** 

Docket No. MI08P3071EA1

NH

Estate of:

William S. Kinney

Date of Death: <u>04/17/2008</u>

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Merrimack Lisa Greenleaf

Requesting that the Court enter an Order that

TEWKSBURY James M Maloney

be ordered to render an Inventory, render an Account, compel distri-

bution and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Peti-

tioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance bjection at this Court before 10 a.m. on 10/20/2014.

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

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

Date: September 12, 2014

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

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**PLANNING DIVISION** 

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

A public hearing for all interested parties will be held by the Planning Board on Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chambers on the Second Floor of Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, Somerville, MA.

515 Somerville Ave: (Case #PB 2014-18) Applicant and Owner, DEVB, LLC, seek a Site Plan Approval for a subdivision under SZO §5.4 to divide 46,852 sf lot into 10 lots and a private way with a 2,650 sf lot min. for a by-right development of 30 residential units in five structures that es in height. BA zone. Ward 2

10 Webster Ave: (Case #PB 2014-26) Applicant, Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation, Ltd, d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and Owner, D & M Nominee Trust, seek a Special Permit under SZO §7.13.1 and SZO §14 to add equipment to an existing wireless communication facility. CCD 55 zone. Ward 2.

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

Attest: Kevin Prior, Chairman To be published in The Somerville Times on 9/17/14 & 9/24/14.

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#### COMBINED NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO **REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

Commonwealth of MA Dept. of Housing & Community Development

100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300 Boston, MA 02114

This notice shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by DHCD.

#### **REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about October 10, 2014 DHCD will submit a request to the HUD Boston Regional Office for the release of Housing Choice Vouchers Program (HCVP) funds under Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937, as amended to undertake a project known as Washington Street Apartments the new construction of 35 affordable rental units at 181 Washington Street, Somerville, MA.

#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

DHCD have determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at DHCD, Bureau of Rental Assistance, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02114 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 9am to 4pm.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to Dan Tobyne or Paul Nixon, Bureau of Rental Assistance, 100 Cambridge Street Suite 300, Boston, MA 02114. All comments received by October 9, 2014 will be considered by DHCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

#### **RELEASE OF FUNDS**

The Commonwealth of MA acting through DHCD certifies to HUD that Catherine Racer in her capacity as Certifying Officer, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the project, Washington Street Apartments, to use HUD program funds for the purpose specified.

#### **OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS**

HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the Commonwealth of Mass. certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the Commonwealth of MA; (b) the Commonwealth of MA have omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the project have committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HUD at the Boston Area Office, 10 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02222. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

For DHCD

Catherine Racer, Associate Director

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#### CITY OF SOMERVILLE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT RFP #15-18

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

#### 2014-2015 Youth Services Program

2014-2015 Youth Services Program. Proposals must be for programs that provide youth development services to at-risk youth of the City of Somerville. Bid Number RFP #15-18

Request for Proposal packages may be obtained online at: http:// www.somervillema.gov/departments/finance/purchasing/bids or may be picked up at the Purchasing Department, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Avenue, First Floor, Somerville, MA 02143 beginning on Monday, September 22, 2014.

Proposals must be submitted no later than 11:00 A.M. Wednesday, October 8, 2014.

Please contact Alex Nosnik, Assistant Director, Purchasing 617-625-6600 x 3412, or email anosnik@somervillema.gov, for information and proposal packages.

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

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The Somerville Housing Authority (SHA), the Awarding Authority, invites sealed bids from qualified service contractors for SHA Project No. 1421, Cogeneration Systems Maintenance at Properzi Manor (AMP 5) and Bryant Manor (667-4) in Somerville Massachusetts, in accordance with Specifications prepared by the SHA Modernization

The work consists of three (3) years preventive maintenance service of two CM-60 Tecogen Modules.

These services are estimated to cost \$50,000 to \$55.000 over a three year period. Bids are subject to M.G.L. Chapter 30B.

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at the Somerville Housing Authority Modernization Office, 30R Memorial Road, Somerville, MA 02145.

Access to the buildings, to examine existing conditions, can be scheduled by calling the SHA Modernization Department at 617-625-1152.

Bidders must have a minimum of five (5) years experience in work of

The contract will be awarded to the responsive and responsible bidder offering the lowest price for the services specified in the Bid

The SHA may reject any and all bids if such action is in the public

Bidding documents will be available for pick-up, at no cost, at the SHA Modernization Office after 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 24, 2014.

For more information regarding this project, contact Tim Healy, Director of Operations, at 617-625-1152, ext. 344, or Frank Smith at 617-625-1152, ext.332

Date: September 24, 2014

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**INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE** 

**MIDDLESEX Division** 

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Docket No. MI 14P4793EA

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Middle Name

Last Name has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the

[ ] with [x] without surety on the bond.

First Name M.I.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE** OFFICE OF CITY CLERK **BOARD OF ALDERMEN** 

The Board of Aldermen's Committee on Licenses and Permits has CANCELED the Public Hearings that were scheduled for Tuesday, September 30, 2014, at 6:00 PM. For more information, contact the City

> **JOHN J. LONG CITY CLERK**

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and speak to the Assignment Editor

## Somerville public schools in top 15% CONT. FROM PG 5

• 29% of Grade 10 students scored Advanced on the Science test.

- + Since 2011, the percentage of students scoring Advanced has increased from 8% to 15% in ELA, 14% to 22% in Math, and 7% to 16% in Science.
- · Students have shown phenomenal progress in Science. Since 2011, the percentage of students scoring Proficient or Advanced has in-

creased from 37% to 49%.

"This year's MCAS results solidify Somerville Public Schools' standing as one of the best urban school districts in the state, educating every student regardless of where they start academically," said Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone. "Studies show that the strongest predictor of student test scores is socioeconomic status. Somerville's student growth

scores show that our schools educate our students just as well as communities with students that predominantly come from higher income households, while the increase in students scoring proficient or advanced show that Somerville Schools are not only lifting up students—we're helping them excel."

— Somerville Public Schools

#### Immigration again **CONT. FROM PG 10**

solved. Without immigrants, both legal and illegal, the U.S. economy would collapse. And as baby-boomers retire, we will need more immigrants to sustain economic activity and to pay into the Social Security trust fund to compensate for the shrinking pool of native-born workers. So it's increasingly important that we get immigration reform right.

A first principle is that American citizens should always be given first consideration to fill labor market needs. This includes providing education, training, and relocation resources so that Americans can qualify for emerging opportunities.

Filling labor needs that cannot be met by Americans will require a flexible system that adjusts visa issuance to changing conditions, allowing immigration to rise and fall with economic cycles. That means being guided by rigorous and continuous research that tracks worker shortages and industry trends.

The current system obligates foreign students who our colleges and universities educate in science and technology to return home where they compete against U.S. businesses. Congressman Capuano says this is "insane." He's right.

If we are to preserve the integrity of our economy and our legal system we must grant legal status to the 10-to-11 million people who are here illegally. That poses a trade off. On the one hand, they have broken U.S. law and must account for that. On the other, if the penalties are too harsh and the requirements for legal status too onerous, many will remain in the shadows.

It's critical to get as many of the currently undocumented into the legal system as possible while identifying those whose criminal behavior should exclude them. This would save billions of government dollars now focused on immigration enforcement and level the playing field for U.S. workers and employers.

One way to balance the tradeoff would be to impose fines that are substantial enough to be punitive, but could be paid off in installments over a specified period of time. Applicants for legal status should know that they are on a path to a green card, provided they demonstrate commitment by learning English, paying taxes, and staying out of trouble. Without a

clear path to permanent legal status, many if not most of the undocumented will not apply, defeating the purpose of the reform.

A family-based immigration system is also critical to maximizing participation because it removes a key motivation for coming here illegally. We don't have to sacrifice an employment-based system for a family-based one, or vice versa.

Immigrants come here to work, and that's the focus of truly successful enforcement. We can see a rough precursor to effective enforcement in E-Verify. Operated by the Social Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security, it's an internet-based program that compares information on a job applicant's Employment Eligibility Verification Form I-9 to government records.

At present, E-Verify is voluntary and rife with errors. Only about 5% of American employers use it. Effective enforcement would make E-Verify mandatory, while requiring every employee in the U.S., citizen or immigrant, to obtain a tamper-proof, biometric federal work authorization card and number.

Every employer would be required to confirm the authenticity of each job applicant's identity. An employer who hired without confirming an employee's ID number, gender, and birth date would be liable for serious penalties.

Civil libertarians will probably ob-

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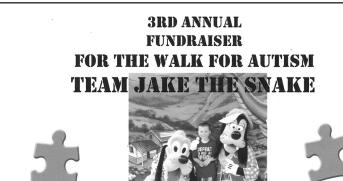
ject that such a card gives the government too much reach and power. But they aren't the one who are blocking immigration reform.

Making this enforcement system work would require well-managed investment in digital technology. The Obamacare website fiasco comes to mind as an example of how poor implementation can undermine program goals.

And it would require rigorous employer compliance enforcement. But those investments would be a fraction of what we spend on border agents, sensors, fences, and drones, and they would leave law enforcement along the border to focus on real security risks, smuggling, drug trafficking and gun running.

Many Republican lawmakers deflect calls to give undocumented workers legal status by insisting that we must first intensify border enforcement and punish those who have broken the law. Many Democratic lawmakers deflect calls for stricter enforcement by insisting that we must accommodate the reality of an economy that depends upon millions of undocumented workers whose status makes them frightened, vulnerable, exploited, and separated from their families.

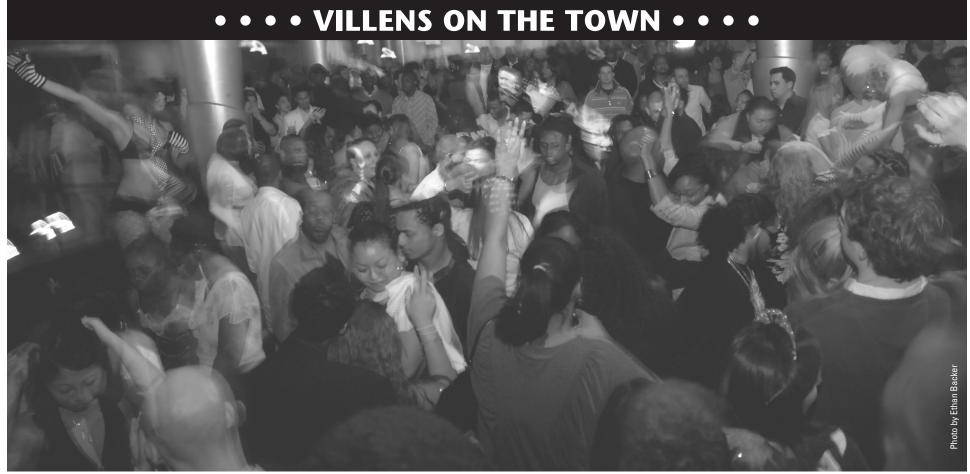
To me, it's all mostly political gamesmanship. There's no reason why we can't bring hard working immigrants into the system and ensure that our laws are enforced. It's time for both sides to put up or shut up.



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## Monday | September 29

Johnny D's Comedy Showcase Presents Storyteller Cafe|7 p.m. Stump! Pub Trivia|8:30 p.m. 17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

#### Sally O'Brien's Bar

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Marley Mondays with The Duppy Conquerors 10 p.m.

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#### **Third Life Studio**

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#### **Thursday** | September 25

#### **Central Library**

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

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#### basement.

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#### **East Branch Library**

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#### **Tuesday | September 30**

#### Friends of the Library Flatbread Pizza Fundraiser

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5 p.m. - 11 p.m.Flatbread Pizza, 45 Day St

#### **Central Library**

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#### Arts at the Armory

Prenatal Yoga

7 p.m.|Mezzanine|191 Highland

#### **Third Life Studio**

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with Susan Robbins, www.libana.

7 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.|33 Union Sq

#### Wednesday October 1

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Mystery Book Club 7 p.m.-9 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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## State's casino approval process has failed CONT. FROM PG 10

responding that they will propose other unspecified designs was enough to earn the Commission's approval. That the Gaming Commission had the temerity to award a casino license for a proposal with so many significant outstanding questions casts a shadow over this folly that's almost as large as the shadow that will be cast by Wynn's proposed tower.

Of course, these are all issues that could possibly be mitigated in the future, despite Wynn's woefully deficient work so far and the Gaming Commission's reckless decision to award a license anyway. But you can't

mitigate the degradation of our local economies. You might be able to mitigate traffic issues, but how can you mitigate an individual's financial ruin? Be it a problem gambler or a small business owner negatively impacted by the nearby casino. How can you mitigate alcoholism or substance abuse that arises because of financial ruin? How do you mitigate suicide? The social ills and negative economic impacts of casinos are well documented. One cannot point to a single example in this nation where expanded gambling has improved the quality of life for a

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We know casinos don't build communities. We know they take money off Main Street and our local squares with the promise of easy street. Casinos don't build anything. They don't create a product. It's a lure to get you in to take your money. That discretionary spending will no longer be spent in our stores and our squares. And an already flawed idea is even worse in today's environment.

Since 2004, 26 casinos have opened in the northeast. What has happened? This year alone,

more than a quarter of New Jersey casinos have closed—four out of eleven. Delaware is considering more tax breaks for its struggling casinos, worth up to \$20 million per year. Connecticut and Rhode Island are both forecasted to lose hundreds of millions in casino revenue over the next few years. Just last week, an Associated Press analysis concluded that not only have Pennsylvania casinos—legalized a decade ago not delivered enough revenue to put a dent in homeowners' tax bills, as that state's officials promised, in fact homeowners are feeling even more squeezed

on their tax bills today. The bottom line is: casinos are not a sustainable, long-term economic development plan.

The shadow looming over this folly across the Mystic River threatens our community. We will not stand by in that shadow while our quality of life is insidiously undermined by the false promises that gambling advocates dangle in front of politicians desperate for revenue, no matter the long-term cost. The state's casino process has failed. So, we will continue to pursue every option available to counteract this mistake and protect our quality of life.

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## The Grownup Noise to fill the Armory

#### By Blake Maddux

Paul Hansen and Adam Sankowski are two of the four Berklee-trained members of the Somerville-based quintet The Grownup Noise. The band released its eponymous debut in 2007, and the follow-up This Time with Feeling appeared in 2011.

Now the band has recorded it third album, The Problem with Living in the Moment, which they will celebrate the release of at The Armory on Saturday, October 4.

Hansen and Sankowski spoke to The Somerville Times at The Independent in Union Square in advance of their band's new release.

Somerville Times: How does The Problem with Living in the Moment differ from 2011's This Time with Feeling?

Paul Hansen: I don't think it's necessarily a huge departure from what we've been doing. I think maybe it's just a crystallization of it. It's definitely not a radical experiment.

Adam Sankowski: I definitely agree with that.

PH: In a way it might be part two of This Time with Feeling.

ST: Given The Grownup Noise's distinctive sound, are you fans of any kinds of music that might surprise listeners?

PH: We're into so many different kinds of music that it's kind of hard to keep this thing together. It's like a rickety truck shaking down the street. We're really into Wu-Tang Clan, and I would love to rap. We've actually covered rap songs, not that we could ever record an original one. I feel like we all wish that we were an amazing punk band. Actually, Adam is in an amazing punk band, Horse Hands.

AS: Yeah. It's funny because I don't necessarily listen to a ton of that kind of music, but playing it is really fun. I listen to a lot of things that don't sound anything like us, like a fair amount of hip-hop and a lot of electronic stuff, like Boards

of Canada. I listen to a lot more groovebased music than song-based music.

ST: What is the message of the song New Outsiders?

PH: It's kind of like someone analyzing pop culture, but it a good way. Some of the people that I kind of refer to in the song were outsiders at the time, but now they're icons. And it's a good thing. So hopefully there's a new set of people that we haven't met yet that are going to be outsiders and hopefully help the world, help the planet. The poem verse is loosely about Emily Dickinson and the last verse is loosely about Gandhi.

ST: Is the songwriting process collaborative?

**AS:** Paul's the man!

PH: I birth a song on my acoustic guitar, and then usually I bring it to Adam, and we work on it. And then we bring it to the band and kind of obsess over drum beats and stuff. I'm the songwriter, but there have been times when Adam made an arrangement choice, or someone else made one detail that kind of made the song. We've definitely had song-changing arrangements happen not by me.

AS: You're really good at writing with people in mind, like "this would be great for Todd [Marsten, keyboards and accordion]" or "this would be awesome for the cello" or "I can totally hear Aine [Fujioka] playing this drum part."

ST: Fill in the blank: "I wish that I were half the singer-songwriter that \_

PH: I think that answer has changed over time, so I am trying to give the most immediate answer, and I probably would say Jeff Mangum from Neutral Milk Hotel. I'd put his phrasing up against any classical composer.

ST: Was there a specific strategy behind the sequencing of The Problem with Living in the Moment?

PH: Even though I birth the songs, obsess over and write the lyrics, by the time we're done with the recording I'm like, "Adam, what's the order?"

AS: I did kind of do the order for this



The Grownup Noise members (R to L): Adam Sankowski, Rachel Arnold, Paul Hansen, Todd Marsten, Aine Fujioka.

one, didn't I?

PH: I know you did for the last two.

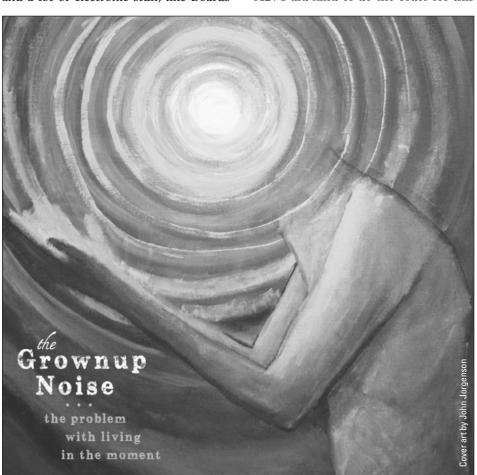
AS: I think that for this record, literally what I would do is go on iTunes and put it in a playlist, then go on a long run listening to the whole album. I would really get into it and kind of meditate on it. I'd do that like three or four times, move some things around, and make an order suggestion.

**ST:** What inspired the decision to have a cello player in the band?

**AS:** We wanted something to play mel-

odies, and we didn't really want a lead guitarist. We thought that a keyboard player would be cool, but at the time single-note melodies on a piano felt weird. A cello can play high, it can play low, it fills the middle space, it can support things, it can be a lead, and there's something about the tone that just cuts through an arrangement more than anything else.

The Grownup Noise, with Winterpills at Arts at the Armory, Saturday Oct. 4, 8 PM. All ages.



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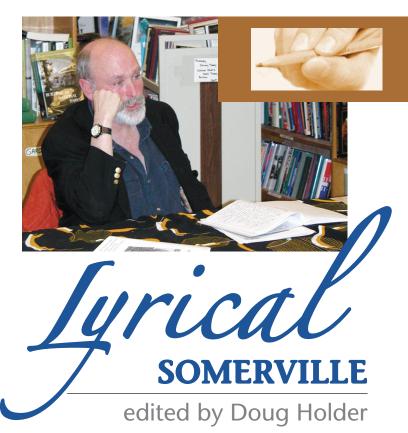
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## The Somerville Times



Any veteran human service worker has seen this before (I can say this because I have worked in Human Services in one capacity or another since 1978) - this scenario, this kid, in clinics, hospitals, at colleges, etc. – across the country.

#### Social workers

Tall skinny kid, twenty-four, two beers, sober white girlfriend sitting beside him. I'm sewing his eyebrow, didn't ask why he was skateboarding at 3 AM.

Do you like your job? he asks. Huh? Sure, I say.

He talks as I inject the lidocaine, clean, explore, suture, as if he were getting a haircut.

No, I'm serious. Do you really like it? Well, sometimes it's good, sometimes it's busy.

You're not listening, man, are you passionate? When you wake up in the morning this is all you want to do, most important thing in the world?

His girlfriend groans, Leave the doctor alone.

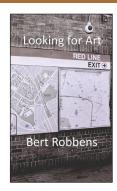
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by Doug Holder

## **'Looking for Art'** by Bert Robbens:

## A Somerville Gumshoe in a Gentrifying City



The past informs the present. And in the mystery novel based in Somerville Looking for Art by Bert Robbens, the ghost of Somerville's past haunts the present day landscape. Robbens mines the milieu of the 60s and 70s Somerville, the very one that spawned the likes of Howie Winter and the Winter Hill Gang, and other assorted thugs. His story involves the men and women from that crowd and its ilk who remain around today, and the younger folks who heard the stories, the myths, the hype, and the brass tacks.

Looking for Art is also a lament for the old city; a city that is being transformed by the rapid-fire pace of gentrification. The author captures the generational conflict, the old grudges, through excellent characterization and snappy dialogue that rings true. His characters are shades of gray, not black or white. They can be walking contradictions, like we all are.

The plot concerns the protagonist Joe, an excop, who has lived in Davis Square all of his forty years. Joe is contacted by a former Somerville resident, Eileen, who now has a cushy job and a home in the toney suburb of Lexington, Mass. She hires Joe to find her missing father Art. Art, back in the day, was involved in the gang wars in Somerville, and now is in hiding as his unsavory past comes back for its pound of flesh. Joe, a street smart, self-styled gumshoe, could be in a Raymond Chandler novel. He talks tough, but inside he has an acute sense of his own failings as well as a sense of decency and honor.

Obviously, Robbens knows Somerville well, and can describe an old tavern, a slightly gone-to-seed Somerville home, and the trendy newcomers to our city, with right on accuracy. On the first page of the novel Robbens gives a description of The Old Town Tavern – that gave me the look, the feel, the taste of any number of gin joints I frequented in

"The Old Town Tavern had been a fixture in Somerville for more than fifty years. The building had been there for a hundred. Most of the interior hadn't changed. The dark wood floor was original, as was the stamped tin ceiling. The bar was heavy wood, inlaid with some kind of textured black plastic. It had probably been installed when the tavern had taken over the space. It was all good material and workmanship, but it had seen a lot of service. The Yuppies would have taken over the place and called it 'shabby chic' if they been stiff-armed by the townies who considered it their turf."

Since I am a long-time denizen of Union Square, and I have heard the hype of the wonderful new gleaming city that the new subway will bring, I was particularly affected by this passage where Joe ponders the plight of Brazilians immigrant and his own shaky future:

"They were doing what generations of Somervillians had done before, what his own grandparents had done. They came here to work and make a better life for themselves and their families. As he saw it, that was what the city was for, part of its fundamental nature, and something to be proud of. The Brazilians didn't organize massive criminal businesses to bleed the city dry ... and they weren't Yuppie colonists taking over in the name of Starbucks and sushi. But he feared for them, just as he feared for himself and the rest of his old time working class neighbors. Slowly, but inevitably, they were losing their grip on the city. Economic forces and changing tastes were forcing them out. The Brazilians would find a someplace to go, someplace with cheap housing and jobs, someplace where enough of them can gather to feel comfortable, a new home. For Joe, it wouldn't be that easy. Somerville was his home. For him, there would be no other, not in his lifetime. If he went somewhere else - anywhere - he would be a stranger. The only thing he could do was hold on to his home as long as he could, until it changed so much it was no longer home."

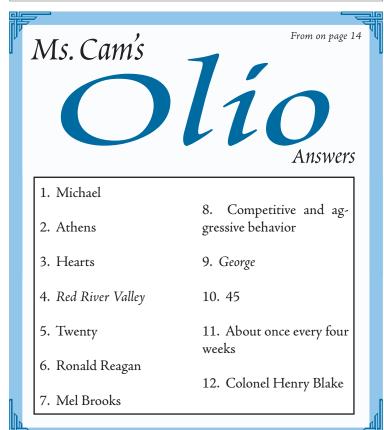
Robbens keeps the plot moving in this book with quirky characters and Somerville archetypes. This is more than a mystery - it makes a political and sociological statement about so called "progress" and what is left in its wake.

#### Newstalk CONT. FROM PG 11

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone and the Somerville Commission for Women announce the Annual Candlelight Vigil in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month on Wednesday, October 1 at 6 p.m. at the Somerville Public Safety Building, 220 Washington Street. The vigil walk begins at 6 p.m. through Union Square, concluding with a speaking agenda at the Public Safety Building at 6:30 p.m. City and local agencies will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m. with informational materials and to answer questions. The vigil is an annual event bringing the community together to remember those who have lost their lives over the last year to domestic violence. For more information about the Vigil, contact Director of Somerville Commissions, Sonja Darai, at 617-625-6600 x2406 or SDarai@somervillema.gov. For more information about domestic violence, contact RESPOND at their Hotline

number (617) 623-5900 (TTY accessible for the hearing impaired) and for on-line information go to www.respondinc.org.

Due to the overwhelming popularity and closeout of last Sunday's Walking Tour entitled "Union Square: An Intermixing of Industry, Immigration and Innovation," the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission expects to repeat the tour this Sunday, Sept. 28. Again it will be a free event co-sponsored with ArtsUnion. It will start at Somerville High School (91 Highland Ave.) at 2pm and end at 4:30pm. The route will include interior visits to the historic St. Anthony's Church on Properzi Way and the new Greentown Labs off Dane St. There is no rain date if heavy rain or wind prevails. Prior registration is again required by contacting Brandon Wilson via bwilson@somervillema.govor 617-625-6600, ext. 2532.



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