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## Breakfast with Congressman Capuano



Photo by Harry Kane

Congressman Capuano offered his insights on a host of issues relevant to Somerville and its neighboring communities at the Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs breakfast on Tuesday.

By Harry Kane

Congressman Michael Capuano spoke about the local economy, and how Washington's gridlock is adversely affecting the Somerville residents at the Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs breakfast at Mount Vernon Restaurant on Jan. 31.

Congressman Capuano is in his seventh term, representing the eighth congressional district in congress, which includes Cambridge, Chelsea, Somerville and approximately 70 percent of Boston.

"It's a good forum to be able to get to see your congressman and find out what's going on and maybe get a couple words in there about where you see some issues and things that you think Washington should be working on," said Richard Brenner, the Vice President of Commercial lending at Winter Hill Bank.

Like many others, Brenner came to the meeting to hear about the economy from the esteemed congressman and ex-mayor of Somerville from 1990-1998.

"As far as what's going on in Washington, the truth is, this is the first time in a long time in my opinion that what is being written is pretty accurate: we're fighting like

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## Somerville High Blacks Out on 'No Name Calling Day'

By Savath Yong

On January 25, "No Name Calling Day," a provision of the anti-bullying legislation signed by Governor Deval Patrick in May 2010, was recognized in schools throughout the state, as students pledged to take a stand against bullying with organized efforts by the Youth Council Members from the Governor's Statewide Youth Council. Kevin Ma, a Somerville High School student and one of the Youth Council Members appointed to represent Middlesex County, promoted awareness about the effects of bullying and encouraged classmates to wear black to empower his school to work against this harmful behavior.

Ma was involved with Somerville Positive Forces since eighth grade in community efforts to help prevent drug and alcohol abuse. His youth leader encouraged him to apply for the Youth Council Member position and he feels grateful that he was selected

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Photo by Kevin Ma

Somerville High School students and staff participated in the signing of the "Black Out Bullying" banner, signifying their support for the "No Name Calling Day" initiative.

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# NEWTALK

Thursday evening, February 2, from 5 to 7 p.m., come join the members of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce at their monthly "Business After Hours" at the Independent Restaurant, located at 75 Union Square. It's a great time to meet and greet and especially network with all the members throughout the city. There will be a free gift certificate raffle, so bring your business cards. This month's event is sponsored by Respond Inc. and Hosted by Somerville Chamber of Commerce Business after Hours Co-Chair Dana Iacopucci, of Chubby Oil. Remember, everyone is welcome.

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A very brave local attorney and Rotarian will be taking the Polar Plunge up in Gloucester's Long Beach on February 11. Kara Dardeno of Broadway has volunteered to take the plunge to help with the regional Rotary fundraiser to help Rotary raise money to eradicate polio in the world. If you'd like to pledge/donate contact local Somerville Rotarian and former President Ann Kirby by mail at 4 Melane Land, Arlington, 02474, or you can make a pledge online at [www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/karadadeno/rotarydistrict793polarplunge](http://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/karadadeno/rotarydistrict793polarplunge). You can even contact Somerville Rotary president Jeannie Scarpa at Century Bank. It's a great cause for which Kara is willing to jump into the ocean to demonstrate her commitment, so please join Kara and the Somerville Rotary by sponsoring her.

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Celebrating Birthdays this week are: Somerville's finest Parking Control Officer Mary William Killoren who is celebrating, we hear, her 30th birthday. Also, Barbara Bloedow Miele and Don Miele are both celebrating this week. A life-long resident and popular man in the 'Ville, Walter Whitney, is having his birthday this week. Phyllis Eiro Shea is celebrating as well. Say "hi" to her up

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## TheSomervilleNews.com Comments of the Week

### Response to *A deal we can live with*

Me says:

Way to stand up for your constituents, and shoot high with 'something you can live with' Politicians, striving for excellence :/

Ward7Somerville says:

IMO, getting a deal that the constituents (both the firefighters and the other non-firefighter taxpayers) can live with was the best possible outcome unless you were just hoping that the mayor could magically lay a golden egg or wanted him to ignore the arbitration decision.

nicks says:

Not only is Somerville the most densely populated city, it is made up mainly of old, wood frame buildings, that due to its' small geographic size are located very close to one another. One large fire without enough manpower to battle it could be devastating.

*Log onto TheSomervilleNews.com to leave your own comments*

## TheSomervilleNews.com polls of the week

In addition to breaking news, sports and opinion, TheSomervilleNews.com also features a daily poll in which you, the reader, tell us where you come down on local issues. Last week's polls concerned your views on whether or not you think is the most cost-effective option is to pay the \$10M to repair Somerville High School or to build a new high school and whether or not you support a proposed bill that would require local city and town assessors be state-certified or state-licensed. If you don't agree with the results, simply log onto TheSomervilleNews.com.

### Which do you think is the most cost-effective option, pay the \$10M to repair Somerville High School or build a new high school?



### Do you support a proposed bill that would require local city and town assessors be state-certified or state-licensed?



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# Small Victories for GLX

## Phase 1 could start by year's end

By Andrew Firestone

After years of delays, false starts, lawsuits and strong language by local politicians and activists, the Green Line Extension appears to be nearing a reality, at least in terms of starting construction.

The first phase, which does not include any stations coming in for at least 18 months, will deal with site preparation and reworking two bridges. The bridges are at Medford St. in Somerville and the rail bridge over Harvard St. in Medford. The tire factory in Cambridge at 21 Water St. will be demolished, and Lechmere station, long the final stop of the Green Line inbound, will be rebuilt.

The price tag for the work will be \$20 million, raised from Commonwealth bonds ap-

proved by Gov. Deval Patrick earlier this summer.

While members of the Somerville Transportation Equity Partnership (STEP), the activist group responsible for pushing the GLX for the last several years, have expressed gratitude for the advancement in the project, there are still many questions that need to be asked.

The GLX design remains void of a full extension to Medford's border at Rt. 16. This has caused some questions from local residents as well as the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) regarding whether it fits with the court-mandated build-out to "Medford Hillside" as described in the State Implementation Plan.

Likewise, the MBTA recently

revealed a \$161 million operating deficit. Their proposal for fare hikes and service cuts was met with disappointment and outrage by the public. Likewise Transportation Secretary Richard Davey has repeatedly said he plans that Federal funds will be relied upon for the project. However, no grants have been announced, and Congressman Mike Capuano has said that he does not believe the MBTA/MassDOT can demonstrate the fiscal stability necessary for receiving such grants.

As it stands, the Metropolitan Planning Organization has approved the full build out in their long-term transportation plans, with the \$1.1 billion set to be completed by 2020. But the \$25 million set



Inch by inch, mile by mile, the GLX preparations roll on.

out to bond does not come close to covering this expense.

This does not imply that the GLX, which has been in the works for over 20 years is not progressing, and will not progress. However, with the in-

clusion of multi-modal stations in existing commuter rail lines into the argument by Capuano, and debt appearing to be a major factor in the delay, the fate of the full build-out of the GLX remains in limbo.

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cats and dogs," said the Congressman.

Capuano is a member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. There is currently a transportation bill on the agenda in the House of Representatives. According to Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman John L. Mica, "This legislation will be the largest transportation reform bill since

the Interstate Highway System was created in 1956."

"Everybody agrees that we need to invest in infrastructure, but on one side they say we want to invest in infrastructure but we won't add any more money. Now everyone here knows we cannot do anything unless we add more money to the transportation system," said the Congressman.

He also commented on some of the transportation related pro-

grams that were slated for the future but are now looking bleak as budget cuts steamroll the progress made by our city officials.

"I do not know how much the MBTA has to commit to the green line," said Capuano. "I believe with every ounce of my soul that they want to build the green line."

With the green line extension being postponed until November of 2016, along with the forecasted Union Square and Washington St. stations opening, there is still a lot of uncertainty surrounding the project.

"I think we have to wake up and figure out how much they [MBTA] have and then grab as much of that as we can to build as much of the green line as we can and to get the most service for the people of Somerville as quickly as we can. If we hang on to some dream that cannot be funded...that will in the long

run end up hurting the people of Somerville."

In the midst of the economic downturn Capuano states that there's no way to get everything we want. If we had a choice between three things Somerville can only choose one of them.

"Right now we have priority but we run the risk of losing that priority with another administration if we don't just finally wake up and act like adults, which we'll know within the next couple of months, I think, how much money we have to spend on it," said Capuano.

The Congressman said that budgets for community bike path may be eliminated. "We have a cute little bike path, and it works a little bit for some people commuting but the one we want along the green line is not for cuteness it's not so you can have a nice little jog on the weekend:

it's to get to work."

Capuano was furious when it came to the possibility of downsizing Amtrak. He noted the importance of traveling between New York and Boston. "They want to reduce Amtrak by 25 percent. It should be improved not cut back. It hurts our businesses, it hurts our tax-base and it hurts this country in competitive nature."

In the end Capuano feels that the future is uncertain and there will be budget cuts across the board. "Here's what's going to happen: over the next ten years every single department in the country will have to cut between seven and ten percent every year, one on top of the other. The first ten percent, yeah sure we could probably suck it up, maybe the second. Do you really think we could take another and another and another?"

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# THE WEEK IN CRIME

By Jim Clark

## Sex and drugs and...undercover cops

Somerville Police developed intelligence last week regarding a woman who was allegedly offering sexual services for a fee as well as distributing illegal controlled substances.

The investigating Detective reportedly contacted the suspect, Joelle Dawson, 24, of Stoneham, and through a series of telephone conversations made arrangements to meet with her for the purpose of engaging in a sexual act for a fee and purchasing a controlled substance, police said.

The Detective reportedly explained to Dawson that he

would be cashing a payroll check and that he planned on a party that would involve sexual acts and the ingestion of heroin and/or cocaine. Dawson allegedly indicated that she could assist the Detective with his intentions, according to reports.

After meeting with Dawson at a prearranged location, the Detective reportedly asked her to help him acquire a small quantity of heroin. According to reports, Dawson then made a series of phone calls in order to locate a source for the heroin and eventually told the Detective that a "Charlie Ryan" would be

available to meet and provide the illegal drugs.

The Detective and Dawson then proceeded to the arranged meeting location, having taken the Detectives undercover vehicle, and met with the alleged drug dealer, police said.

Dawson reportedly asked the Detective for \$40 payment for her sexual services and an additional \$40 for the heroin to be purchased from the awaiting contact. After giving Dawson \$80, she reportedly exited the vehicle and met with the alleged drug dealer.

At the conclusion of the ex-

change, the man reportedly walked away from the area and Dawson re-entered the Detective's car. Once inside, Dawson reportedly gave the Detective a knotted, clear plastic bag containing a brown, powdery substance believed to be heroin. Dawson claimed that her contact was presently en route to meet his source of supply to purchase more heroin.

A nearby surveillance team witnessed the exchange and signaled undercover officers to stop the man, Charles Ryan, 37, of Roxbury, wherein he was immediately placed under arrest,

charged with conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class A drug, and drug violation near a school or park, police said.

The surveillance team then reportedly stopped the investigating Detective's undercover car and placed Dawson under arrest, charging her with sexual conduct for a fee, conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class A drug, and drug violation near a school or park. She was additionally booked on warrant charges of drug possession, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and possession of heroin.

## Would-be thieves bad at hiding the goods

A distraught woman showed up at the Somerville Police station, complaining that a man had stolen her laptop computer out of her car near Dunkin' Donuts last Friday.

The woman reportedly gave

the name of the alleged thief, as well as that of his alleged accomplice, police said.

Shortly thereafter, a call came in to police from a Melvin St. resident who reportedly observed two men hiding some-

thing in a neighbor's yard under the porch. The caller stated that she went to see if something was taken and noticed a laptop case under the porch, police said.

Thanks to witness descriptions, the two suspects were

shortly located and questioned.

Adam Leal, 28, reportedly confessed to taking the laptop and was placed under arrest for daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat and receiving stolen property.

The other man, Jeffrey Elias, 29, was placed under arrest and charged with daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, possession of a burglarious instrument, and receiving stolen property.

## SOMERVILLE POLICE CRIME LOG

### Arrests:

**Gregory Campbell**, 28, of 110 Fifth St., Cambridge, January 23, 12:14 p.m., arrested at 219 Broadway on warrant charges of utter false check and larceny by check.

**Leslie Pine**, 46, of 93 Temple St., January 24, 8:47 a.m., arrested at home on warrant charges receiving stolen property, disorderly conduct, and number plate violation.

**Alexis Perez**, 31, of 59 Harwood St., Lynn, January 24, 1:52 p.m., arrested at 175 Fellowship on charges failure to stop for police, resisting arrest, and witness intimidation.

**Jonathan Jones**, 33, of 15 Dorchester, Worcester, January 24, 4:13 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of larceny over \$250 and a warrant charge of shoplifting by asportation.

**Anthony Sorrentino**, 19, of 15 Dorchester, Worcester, January 24, 4:13 p.m., arrested at 77 Middlesex Ave. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

**Louis Spezzafero**, 50, January 24, 10:46 p.m., arrested at 225 Elm St. on a charge of shoplifting by asportation.

**Angela Bishop**, 25, of 6 Blanchard St., Foxboro, January 25, 12:08 p.m., arrested at Broadway on warrant charges of

breaking and entering and larceny over \$250.

**Gregory Miller**, 47, of 22 Flint St., January 25, 4:48 p.m., arrested at home on warrant charges of larceny over \$250, larceny under \$250, and utter false check.

**Murillo Rechetnicou**, 25, of 430 Medford St., January 25, 8:49 p.m., arrested at home on a warrant charge of assault and battery.

**Delince Dodin**, 33, of 497 Medford St., January 26, 3:18 p.m., arrested at home on a charge of abuse prevention order violation.

**Clifford Lathrop**, 40, of 75 Wamsutta St., New Bedford, January 26, 3:21 p.m., arrested at Broadway on a warrant charge of larceny over \$250.

**Jeffrey Elias**, 29, of 26 Derby St., January 27, 12:46 p.m., arrested at 220 Broadway on charges of daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat, possession of a burglarious instrument, and receiving stolen property.

**Adam Leal**, 28, of 199 Pearl St., January 27, 12:46 p.m., arrested at 220 Broadway on charges of daytime breaking and entering of a vehicle or boat and receiving stolen property.

**Roberto Hernandez**, 42, of 875 Taylor Ave., Bronx, NY,

January 27, 2:46 p.m., arrested at 67 Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

**Albert Essiam**, 45, of 19 Day St., January 27, 6:37 p.m., arrested at 757 Somerville Ave. on charges of negligent operation of a motor vehicle and operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

**Carlos Pineda**, 19, of 151 Pearl St., January 27, 10:41 p.m., arrested at 82 Broadway on warrant charges of unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

**Joelle Dawson**, 24, of 9 Dean St., Stoneham, January 28, 1:52 p.m., arrested at Lincoln St. on charges of sexual conduct for a fee, conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class A drug, drug violation near a school or park, and on warrant charges of drug possession, shoplifting by concealing merchandise, and possession of heroin.

**Charles Ryan**, 37, of 9 Notre Dame St., Roxbury, January 28, 1:52 p.m., arrested at Lincoln St. on charges of conspiracy to violate drug law, distribution of a class A drug, and drug violation near a school or park.

**Clivens Gelin**, 26, of 16 Otis St., January 28, 5:52 p.m., arrested at 99 Broadway on

warrant charges of window obstruction, unregistered motor vehicle, suspended registration, brakes violation, and drug possession.

**Jason Walker**, 34, of 46B Liberty St., Everett, January 29, 1:18 a.m., arrested at 228 Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

**Jason Delvalle**, 22, of 26 Florian Way, Roslindale, January 30, 2:49 a.m., arrested at 390 Broadway on a charge of operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor.

### Incidents:

#### Theft:

January 24, 7:48 a.m., police reported a theft at 5 Middlesex Ave.

January 24, 2:10 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

January 24, 4:13 p.m., police reported a theft at 77 Middlesex Ave.

January 24, 4:30 p.m., police reported a theft at Teele Ave.

January 24, 4:48 p.m., police reported a theft at Broadway.

January 24, 6:09 p.m., police reported a theft at Cedar St.

January 24, 10:46 p.m., police reported a theft at 225 Elm St.

January 25, 8:48 a.m., police reported a theft at 48 Columbia St.

January 25, 4:25 p.m., police reported a theft at Prospect St.

January 25, 8:06 p.m., police reported a theft at Grant St.

January 26, 3:50 p.m., police reported a theft at Highland Ave.

January 26, 6:54 p.m., police reported a theft at Concord Ave.

January 27, 9:50 a.m., police reported a theft at 20 Assembly Sq. Dr.

January 27, 10:49 a.m., police reported a theft at Bradley St.

### Breaking & Entering:

January 26, 7:59 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Broadway.

January 26, 8:05 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Tufts St.

January 27, 5:32 a.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 20 Inner Belt Rd.

January 27, 12:46 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at 220 Broadway.

January 27, 10:12 p.m., police reported a breaking & entering at Tennyson St.

### Assault:

January 25, 6:10 p.m., police reported an assault at Benedict St.

January 25, 9:35 p.m., police reported an assault at Mystic Ave.

# FAFSA Day 2012: College Goal Sunday

By Harry Kane

Somerville high school seniors and parents seek funds to cover the costs of college tuition. During the eighth annual FAFSA day on Jan. 29 several families were helped by volunteers to learn about the application process for the financial aid program.

This year more prospective students and parents attended the FAFSA day presentation than during the previous seven years, says Patricia Reilly, the director of financial aid at Tufts University. Approximately 70 people showed up to listen to the power point presentation, which provided instructions for the financial aid program.

FAFSA consists of several federal student aid programs. The grants and scholarships awarded to prospective students are funds, which do not need to be repaid. Loans, however, do need to be repaid, but the money borrowed may typically allow for less costly borrowing options. The last type of FAFSA financial aid is Federal Work Study, an employment program.

The National Center for Education Statistics has documented the change in costs for college

and the results indicate a huge spike in necessity for financial aid. In the past decade tuition has risen 37 percent for public schools and 25 percent for private institutions, after factoring in inflation adjustments. In a study "80 percent of full time undergraduate students received financial aid," in the 2007-08 academic year, according to the digest of education statistics.

Following the initial presentation in the cafeteria, the prospective students and parents went upstairs to the library to complete the online paperwork. Roughly a dozen volunteers assisted the newbies in filing for FAFSA.

David Leopold, a volunteer from Access Boston said, "The most difficult part [for those signing up] is finding the questions and corresponding number or answer on tax returns, like the adjusted gross income."

"All these families never completed them before. It's not easy for the foreign language students to comprehend, Leopold explained."

Several student volunteers were present to assist in the translation for Spanish, Portuguese and Creole language-based-families. "We find



College Goal Sunday provides students and their families with important information and resources for acquiring financial aid.

often in communities like Somerville that there are non-English language students doing these forms. That is why we offer as much help as we can cause it can be pretty overwhelming," Reilly said.

One of the mothers signing up for her daughter had a good ex-

perience overall but noted an issue that she had with the process. "I actually thought we would have one on one help. I didn't realize that we'd be all sitting together in a public area, because I could hear other people's information," said CarloJean Cassidy.

After the application process

was completed Cassidy did not feel overwhelmed by the process. "It really wasn't that bad. I thought it could have taken me longer to fill it out but it only took me an hour.

Cassidy, who went to Somerville High School herself, was filling out her daughter Britany's

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## Somerville Daffodil honoree



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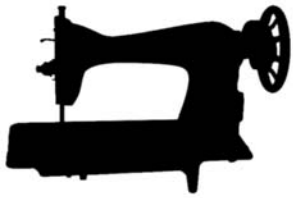


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# The farmer in the classroom

## East Somerville kids learn about farming from the source

By Elizabeth Sheeran

In their classrooms, Somerville students learn about healthy food choices, including the benefits of locally-grown food. In their schoolyard gardens, they see firsthand how food can grow. And in their cafeterias, they taste fresh local produce.

Now East Somerville school kids can also put a face behind locally-grown food, since Athol farmer David Graham visited their classrooms last week, as part of a state-funded "Meet-The-Farmer" program.

"When the kids hear the word 'farmer' they picture someone with the pitchfork and overalls, so it's kind of nice for them to see this is what a farmer really looks like," said Brooke Yingling, a nutritionist who teaches about good eating habits in Somerville schools. "It's important to know where food comes from and they're going to appreciate it more coming from a farmer who's actually in there doing all the work, than if I just tell them about it."

Tai Dinnan of Groundwork Somerville, which runs the school gardens and helped obtain the Agriculture-in-the-Classroom grant, said introducing kids to a local Massachusetts farmer is a logical next step in connecting them to locally-grown foods. She said it gives students the bigger picture of what they see in the school gardens.

"Part of not understanding the current food system includes not understanding what it's like to be a farmer today. It's different than maybe the stereotypical movie image or picture book image," said Dinnan.

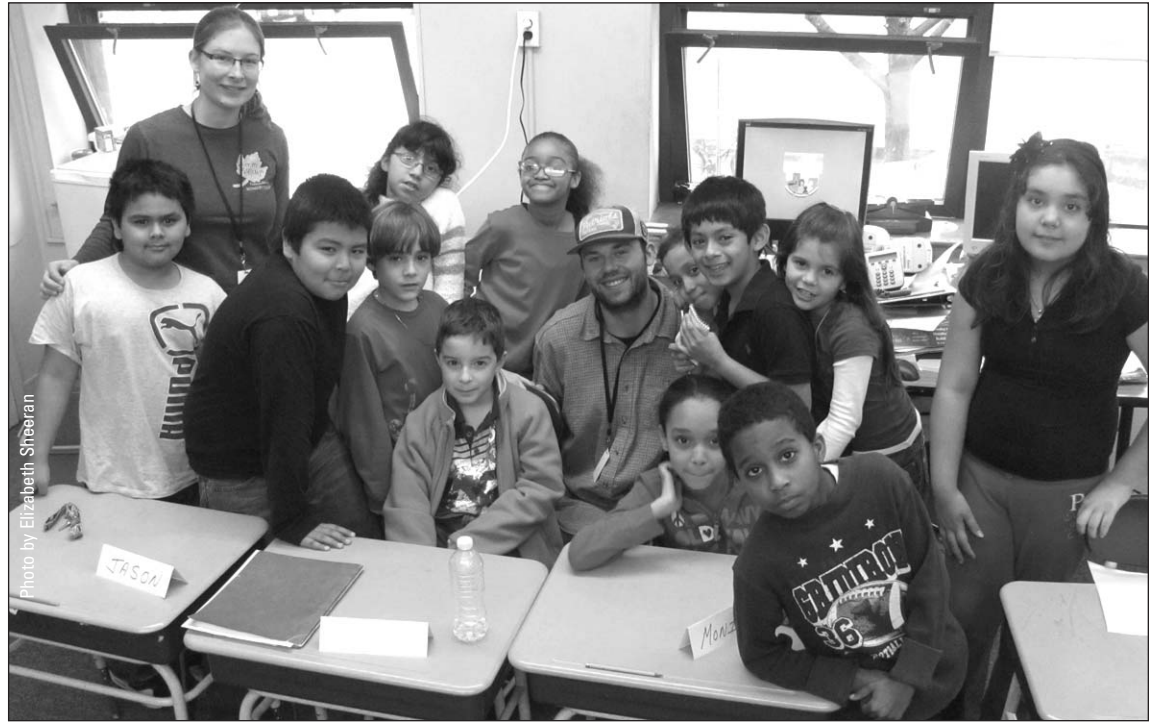
She estimated that the majority of Somerville school kids have probably never been to a farm, and that urban kids can be at a disadvantage when it comes to things like MCAS questions about farm animals, because they don't experience agriculture in their everyday lives.

Graham talked to students about his experience as a farmer, and shared a whole gallery of photos of the farm where he lives and works. He walked them through a mock potato planting, while the kids talked of how potatoes are used to make some of their favorite foods, like french fries.

And he answered all kinds of questions:

How do you get eggs from a chicken if they don't want to give it to you? Is it hot working on a farm? Do you have to catch the animals to get them on the farm? Does chocolate milk come from brown cows?

"It's interesting to hear those questions because it does give you a sense that people are farther away from their food than you really expect. Hopefully this program is helping them kind of visualize it a little better," said Graham. "Letting them imagine that they can be farmers and



Athol farmer David Graham (center) and Tai Dinnan of Groundwork Somerville (upper left) talked to Mary McClellan's third grade class at East Somerville Community School as part of a Meet The Farmer program.

grow their own food, I think, is really cool."

Third-grader Justin Davy said he'd never met a farmer before. "It feels good because you get to learn more. You could learn how they can grow the plants and how they can store things away for the next spring or summer so they have more things to grow," said Davy, who enthusiastically showed Graham a section in his library book that described composting.

Dinnan said that enthusiasm for learning about the farming experience can translate into better eating habits. "It's making it real how food is grown, which broadens our connection to our food and makes us more willing to try produce," said Dinnan.

"Because we don't grow corn chips in Massachusetts. We grow fruits and vegetables and grains and meat and cheese. If we can be more open to those foods because we have a connection with them, we're more likely to pick them over some other unhealthy choice."

For Graham, part of helping kids to make that connection to fresh local foods is taking some of the mystery out of farming. "The great thing about farming is that anyone can do it," he told the students in Mary McClellan's third grade class at East Somerville's Edgerly site.

And he asked students to list things they would like to grow at school. Common favorites like carrots, tomatoes, potatoes, ap-

ples and strawberries made the list. But so did a few more surprising choices, like eggplant and cauliflower.

"Seeing them to be able to make that connection, like 'I like eating the cauliflower soup that my Mom makes, and we could grow that in my backyard or in my school garden,' that's really cool for me to see," said Graham.

And East Somerville kids could get a chance to test their farming skills in the near future. Current plans for the rebuilt East Somerville Community School, scheduled to open in 2013, call for 1,500 square feet of planting space, which will make it the largest school garden in the city.

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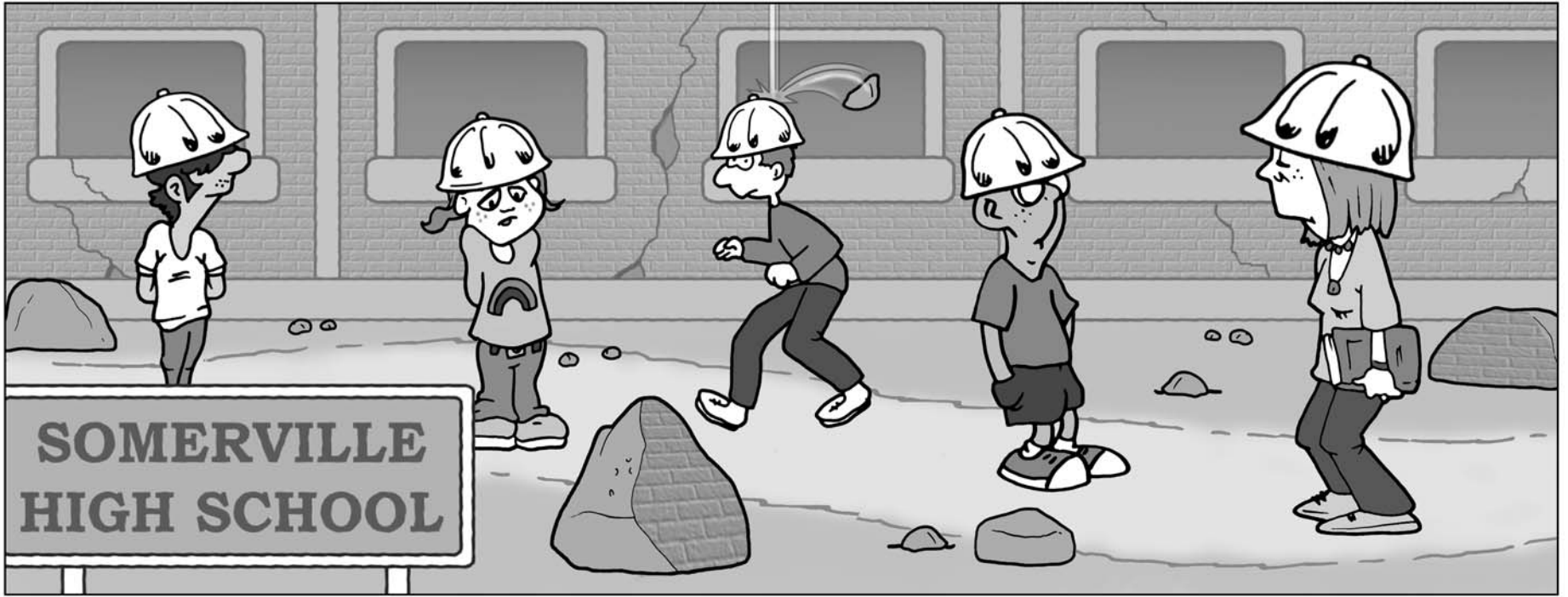
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# COMMENTARY

## TALES OF SOMERVILLE

Illustrated by Jim Clark



Do we need a new school, with the student population dropping, or should we fix the one we have?

# The View From Prospect Hill



It goes without saying that we all want a safe and comfortable place for our kids to be taught and spend a large amount of their time away from home. The question before us now is whether or not we should renovate the aging Somerville High School or build anew.

The present structure was wrought in a time when things were built to last, but even the mightiest of edifices must face their moment of critical appraisal. Time takes its toll and the inevitable certainty of natural deterioration cannot be ignored. Clearly,

the situation must be addressed and a sensible solution to the problem adopted. It is important to go into the decision making phase armed with incontrovertible facts and cool, dispassionate judgment. Does our dwindling student population warrant the tremen-

dous expense involved in replacing the school that now stands? Is renovation of the present structure the most cost-effective answer for us?

Let us consider the options from all angles and decide on what is not only best for our kids but also for our com-

munity as a whole. We owe it to all concerned to get this one right.

As the song says, in time the Rockies may crumble, Gibraltar may tumble, they're only made of clay. But, of course, SHS is here to stay. In one form or another, to be sure.

### News Talk CONT. FROM PG 2

at City Hall. Another 'Villen, Bill McCarthy, is hitting the birthday's this week as well. A good friend of The News, David Olsen, who starred and won in the reality series about Geeks and Beauties, also celebrates. One person we can't forget is Barbara Snow, who now lives in Haverhill, but is from Somerville and is married to the popular Donald Snow. Barbara is a great lady and has many friends here in the 'Ville. She used to work at the local Welfare office in Davis Square until she retired. We wish her many more years. To these and many others celebrating this week we wish everyone the very best, and remind everyone one month down and 11 more till Xmas 2012.

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This week Local Alderman and popular lady about town Maryanne Heuston announced she would be running for Middlesex Registrar of Deeds this year. The seat, by the way, being vacated by our own popular former mayor and 'Villen Eugene Brune, whom we hear has endorsed Maryanne for her run for his seat.

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Still making plans are a couple of Aldermen here and maybe a city coun-

cilor over in Medford to run for the state representative's seat being held locally by Denise Provost and Carl Sciortino.

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It looks more and more like a statewide election campaign brewing in the near future for our own Mayor Joe Curtatone, who is seriously considering throwing his hat in the ring for Governor. We hear many city organizations and associations are inviting the popular Somerville mayor to appear as their special guest at a lot of events. We will keep you up to speed as we hear more and, yes, we will be there as well covering the story.

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We're still reminding people about the Council on Aging Annual Valentine's Day Party being held this year at the Winter Hill Yacht Club with the special guest host, the current Sheriff of Middlesex County, Peter Koutoujian. Many of his deputies will be cooking up a storm and serving everyone there. It's free, but you need to call Council on Aging at 617 625-6600-2300.

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Tuesday, February 7, at the Burren in Davis Square is "Team up for Trivia" - a

benefit to help raise funds for the Prospect Hill Academy. Again, Tuesday, February 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring your own trivia team of six or join other guests to form a team on site. Everyone is invited. Tickets are \$20 pp. Contact Anja Bresler at 617 284-7822 or abresler@prospecthillacademy.org for more information.

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Be sure to check out Somerville High School's production of the classic musical "Guys and Dolls" running February 2-4. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students, or buy in advance at [www.ticketstage.com/SHS](http://www.ticketstage.com/SHS). Come and support them and enjoy a nice Saturday afternoon as well.

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This Saturday at Union Square's PA Lounge, 345 Somerville Avenue, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., the first part of our Arts Union Winter Series takes place. It's a full day of electronic dance music as five local DJ's fundraise for the Somerville Arts Council. Must be 18+ years of age. It sounds like a lot of fun. Stop by and enjoy the music and help a good cause, the Somerville Arts Council.

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Local guy and good friend here at The News Ken Kotch, who is a professional photographer, was at Gillette Stadium recently and was hired by a sports magazine to get some pictures down on the field. He got a lot of great shots. He is available for hire, so call 617 230-8462 or email him at [ken@kenkotch.com](mailto:ken@kenkotch.com). He also has a web site showing his work: [www.kenkotch.com](http://www.kenkotch.com). He recently did some aerial shots for the state of New Jersey for a promotion that the state is having. He's a good guy, he's local, and he's pretty good at what he does.

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The Local Masonic Lodge here in Somerville, known as King Solomon's Lodge, will be having an Open House on Saturday, February 25, at 125 Highland Avenue (rear building). Interesting historical memorabilia will be on display dating back to the mid 1700's, including works done by Paul Revere and others. The lodge is one of the oldest Masonic Lodges in North America dating back to 1783. Open House is free and open to everyone in the community to come and get a tour and have your questions answered. You'll see and hear the ads on TV and radio running with Benjamin Franklin.



# COMMENTARY

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## Why can't we all just get along?



**By William C. Shelton**

The Republican primary elections are giving us a preview of the hateful name-calling that will characterize the general election. Name-calling is as old as civilization. But over the last quarter century, political "leaders" have made it the most potent weapon in what has become electoral warfare.

We are not strangers to name-calling in Somerville. You hear insults screamed by frustrated drivers. In so many casual conversations, anyone who does not agree with the speaker is a moron. You read hateful epithets in too many Somerville News blog posts. And the Journal's Speak Out section seems to be dedicated to promoting vitriol.

The incidence of name-calling in Somerville has declined somewhat since people who make their living as professionals have become a larger share of the population. Overt name-calling is

counter-cultural to them. And because of their limited involvement in Somerville life, they encounter few conflicts. But I do hear name-calling in the debate over the proposed Somerville Progressive Charter School.

We seem to have more things to be angry about these days, but fewer apparent opportunities to do something about them. Name-calling only worsens this situation. It is a symptom of felt powerlessness, and it recreates the conditions of powerlessness by undermining our ability to work together.

Learning to focus anger in a way that actually makes things better is an essential element in becoming a mature human being. Aristotle wrote, "Anyone can become angry—that is easy. But to be angry with the right person, to the right degree, at the right time, for the right purpose, and in the right way—that is not so easy."

"In the right way" is the most important element. It focuses on conditions and behavior rather than assaulting the person. It assumes that the person is a human being whose personal experience is as authentic as yours is.

Name-calling provides two fleeting satisfactions. It gives us

the opportunity to discharge some small fraction of our anger. And it gives us an illusory sense of power. It is the power to hurt and define those who we believe have hurt us. These delusions are as old as language.

Now, name-calling seems to be the primary bludgeon used in a war to achieve political dominance. And it is dividing the nation beyond the possibility of reconciliation.

More than any other single person, Newt Gingrich is responsible for this state. When he first entered politics, he studied the military strategies articulated by the ancient Chinese general Sun Tzu, the Prussian war scholar Karl von Clausewitz, and the Nazi general Heinz Guderian.

The Republican political action committee, GOPAC, was the army that Newt found to be general of. His greatest weapon was what his troops affectionately called "Newtspeak."

A 1990 GOPAC memo instructed its recipients to memorize a list of "Optimistic Positive Governing Words" such as "common sense," "freedom" and "principled" to describe the Republicans, and a list of "Contrasting Words," such as "excuses," "pathetic" and "stagnation" to

disparage their opponents.

Every week, GOPAC mailed cassette tapes to over 400 Republican office holders and candidates, from local to national levels. They contained new words to use and directions on how to use them. This phalanx of local- and mass-media messaging had a devastating effect on Democrats. It was an essential element in Republicans gaining control of Congress in the 1994 election. Democrats' responses were, and remain, feeble.

Now Newt is employing the same strategy. He calls Mitt Romney a "vulture capitalist," and worse. Responding in kind, Mitt calls Newt "Goldilocks," and worse.

Ron Paul, a man of integrity who seeks to persuade through reason, has the tiniest chance of becoming the nominee, even though he is the truest to historically conservative principles.

Don't imagine that the Obama campaign will remain above the slime fest. Its consultants and opposition researchers are busily deciding how to best attack its most likely opponents.

Analysts predict that electoral campaigns will spend \$3 billion on television advertising this year. I predict that most of it

will be devoted to name-calling. The great majority of it, donated anonymously, will come from the super-Pacs that were made possible by a 2010 Supreme Court decision. The 5-to-4 decision overturned a century of established law.

Few things are as effective at making someone stop listening as insulting them. Doing so in a public forum hurts more than the victim's feelings. It undermines mutual trust, discourages participation, keeps us separated, and deepens a sense of collective futility.

There is a lot to be justly angry about. Expressing it can be the first step toward making things better. But as Aristotle suggested, some expressions are more effective than others.

Offering verifiable evidence that supports your complaint calls attention to real conditions. Even simply stating why you are angry, in terms of your own personal experience, leaves the possibility of interaction. It allows others to see your humanity and maybe even take your complaint seriously.

Could we have more of that and less name-calling? To quote Rodney King and paraphrase Martin Luther King, "Can't we all just get along?"

## On The Silly Side by Jimmy Del Ponte

### The Mystic Lakes



Back in the late 60's and through the 70's and into the early 80's, there was one favorite spot for Somerville kids to hang out at. It was The Mystic Lakes in Medford. Of course, back then we called it Meffa. Okay, so we still call it Meffa but it's all in fun. We know what they call us.

As soon as we were able to drive and convince our parents to let us use the car at night, we headed "down the Mystics." And if we could also convince a female friend to accompany us we would find a spot to park and watch the submarine races. Of course, there were no actual submarine races at the Mystic Lakes. It was what we called it when we were, well, parking. We parked so we could "get better acquainted" with a companion that was with us in the car. We were necking, and smooching. Hopefully, that is. There were an awful lot of steamed up automobile windows on weekend nights. We are talking about those big

old cars of yesteryear that had a front seat like a bench and a back seat like your living room.

During daylight hours the recreational area that was most popular at the Mystic Lakes was Sandy Beach. Families would go there and have picnics and enjoy the cool refreshing water on a hot summer day. I remember going there with my family, along with a picnic basket packed with baloney and cheese sandwiches and a cooler full of Kool-Aid.

Maybe you remember drinking White Rock soda from that canteen truck that sold burgers and other refreshments.

One of the other favorite activities that people took part in at the lakes was waxing their cars on Sunday morning. There were signs that said no car washing allowed but somehow we overlooked it. The Triple A stables is where many of Somerville kids first saw a real horse and got to actually ride one. I can still smell the manure as we galloped along the trails near the shore. You would come home smelling like a horse. Others

would go to the dam and catch fish. There is a legend that claims that the MDC (Metropolitan District Commission) police had a hatred of Somerville teens. That didn't stop us from hanging out there. Our friend, and Somerville historian, John Roderick tells us that the Mystic Lakes, until about 1905, was the supply source for Somerville's municipal water system. Yuck.

I caught my first fish at the Mystics when we went there with the YMCA day camp. There is a part of the Mystics known as "The Point," where some rabble rousers used to have bon fires. Hopefully there were no forest fires as a result. Many families would stop at Buttrick's Ice Cream (recently razed) in Arlington, on the way home from an enjoyable outing at the Mystic Lakes.

And now, back to the submarine races. The cops would usually leave the parked cars alone up until 11 p.m. But after that it was open season on the make-out crew. The worst-case scenario was when you

were involved in some serious kissing, and all of a sudden you would get a cop's flashlight shined in your face. You were bagged!

I would say that "parking" at the Mystics was definitely one of the rites of youth for Somerville kids back in the 60's, 70's, and early 80's. Of course, some to this day would never kiss and tell, but that's okay. The guys would be more than willing to brag to their pals about their parking exploits.

For many Somerville people the Mystic Lakes supplies us with many awesome memories. As Mr. Roderick recalls, "It was only five minutes from Dilboy Stadium, but it always seemed like we were going to the country."

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**THE HOUSE AND SENATE.** *Beacon Hill Roll Call* records the votes of local representatives on two roll calls from the week of January 23-27. There were no roll calls in the Senate.

**Our Legislators in the House and Senate for Somerville:**



**Rep. Denise Provost**

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



**Rep. Carl Sciortino**

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



**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. Sal DiDomenico**

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** MIDDLESEX, SUFFOLK AND ESSEX. - Cambridge, ward 3, precinct 2, wards 6 and 7, ward 8, precincts 1 and 2, ward 9, precinct 1, ward 10, precinct 2, Everett and Somerville, ward 1, precinct 1, ward 2, precinct 1, in the county of Middle-

sex; Boston, ward 2, ward 21, precincts 4, 6 and 7, ward 22, precincts 1, 2 and 5, Chelsea and Revere, ward 6, in the county of Suffolk; and Saugus, precincts 2, 6 and 10, in the county of Essex.



**Sen. Patricia Jehlen**

**DISTRICT REPRESENTED:** SECOND MIDDLESEX. - Medford, Somerville, ward 1, precincts 2 and 3, ward 2, precincts 2 and 3, and wards 3 to 7, inclusive, Woburn, ward 2, and Winchester.

**END ABUSES AT STATE EDUCATION COLLABORATIVES (H 3889)**

House 151-0, approved a bill making major changes in the regulation and operation of the state's 30 education collaboratives that help teach children with special needs. The bill is in response to last year's uncovering of the misuse of funds at the Merrimack Special Education Collaborative by former director John Barranco. He is accused of diverting \$11.5 million in public funds to the center to raise his pay and that of some top executives. He is also accused of illegally using the collaborative's credit card to charge some \$50,000 in personal expenses.

The collaboratives would be managed by a board of directors comprised of one person appointed annually by each member school committee. All appointees must be either a school committee member or the superintendent of schools.

Other provisions include prohibiting board members from receiving a salary; requiring boards to institute generally accepted accounting practices; requiring collaboratives to file an annual report with their school committees; and authorizing the State Education Department, state auditor and Department of Revenue to periodically audit and review the records of each collaborative.

Supporters said last year's abuse should never be allowed to happen again. They argued the bill would create accountability and transparency, and prevent fraud and financial mismanagement. They noted the measure would help thousands of families of special needs children across the state who depend on these important services.

The Senate has approved a different version of the bill. The House version now goes to the Senate for consideration. (A "Yes" vote is for the bill.)

Rep. Denise Provost	Yes
Rep. Carl Sciortino	Yes
Rep. Timothy Toomey	Yes

**ALLOW COMMUNITIES TO REMOVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD MEMBERS (S 2105)**

House 35-116, rejected an amendment that would allow cities and towns to directly remove any member of the local collaboratives' board of directors and the executive director. The removal question would go on the ballot if

supporters collect the signatures of 2 percent of the registered voters in each municipality that participates in the education collaborative. The ballot question would then be considered at the annual municipal election or special election called for the removal.

Amendment supporters said this would make the director and the board accountable to local voters. They noted a recent disturbing trend of creating boards and commissions without any direct accountability.

Amendment opponents said the collaboratives bill includes many accountability mechanisms including one that allows board members to serve for only one year and then face reappointment. They noted since most board members are local school committee members, voters have the power to remove them from the board by forcing a recall of the school committee member in the local city or town. (A "Yes" vote is for the amendment giving voters the power of direct removal on the ballot. A "No" vote is against the amendment.)

Rep. Denise Provost	No
Rep. Carl Sciortino	No
Rep. Timothy Toomey	No

**ALSO UP ON BEACON HILL**

**BAN HAND-HELD CELL PHONES (H 1817)**

The Transportation Committee approved a bill that would ban the use of hand-held cell phones while driving. The measure would have Massachusetts join ten states that allow only hands-free phones. In 2010, the House supported a similar ban on handheld phones 92-66, but it was rejected 16-18 in the Senate.

Supporters say the amendment would save lives, prevent injuries and make the roads safer.

Opponents say the ban goes too far and is the same old unnecessary government intrusion into people's lives. They note that there are already many existing laws that prohibit distracted driving.

The approval comes only a month after the National Transportation Safety Board called for all 50 states to implement a complete ban on motorist use of any cell phones.

**TOO MUCH CHATTER ON HOUSE FLOOR**

Rep. Denise Andrews (R-Orange) criticized her colleagues' loud chatter and cell phone use during last week's House debate on education collaboratives. "We wonder in today's society why in the classroom teachers are not listened to. Yet, we sit here on Beacon Hill and do not listen to each other," the freshman lawmaker said.

Chatter so loud that no one can hear the debate is commonplace in both the House and the Senate. Often times a legislator will complain to the speaker or senate president about the noise. The two presiding officers then ask members to quiet down or take their conversation outside. The chamber usually gets quiet for a while but the chatter often comes back in a few minutes.

Some legislators say the noise level has gotten worse over the years. Rep. Sarah Peake notes she sometimes leaves the chamber to go back to her office where she can watch and clearly hear the debate online.

Defenders say the conversation is part of the process of legislators getting to know each other and discussing legislation and other Statehouse matters. Some point out that legislators have often been briefed on many of the

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proposals being debated and do not find it necessary to listen to the arguments.

**INSURANCE** - The Financial Services Committee held a hearing on legislation that would prohibit insurance companies from charging different rates or providing different benefits or terms on any policies on the basis of gender (S 414, H 1172). The measure would expand a 2008 law that prohibits the use of gender as a factor in the sale and payout of an annuity policy.

Other measures on the hearing agenda include prohibiting insurance companies from reducing the benefit amount paid under a private disability policy by the amount of benefit the person receives from federal Social Security disability benefits (S 445); prohibiting health insurance companies from denying benefits if the injured person was drunk or under the influence of drugs (S 471); and making the state's insurance commissioner an elected rather than appointed office (H 1208). One of the commissioner's duties is to set auto insurance rates following a series of public hearings. Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that gives the commissioner this power; other states set their rates by law or by a competitive free market.

**BAN STYROFOAM PACKAGING (S 1034)** - The Municipalities and Regional Government Committee held a hearing on a bill allowing cities and towns to ban the commercial sale and use of any Styrofoam and other polystyrene containers. Styrofoam is the Dow Chemical Company's brand name of polystyrene. These containers are the familiar white plastic foam that supermarkets, fast food and other restaurants use to package and serve food and drinks.

**COMMUNITIES RECOVER COSTS (H 3745)** The Municipalities and Regional Government Committee's agenda also included a bill that would allow cities and towns adversely affected by extended power outages to recover some costs from the utility companies. Costs covered would include those incurred as a result of the municipality paying personnel to monitor downed power lines.

**NO ROBOCALLS TO CELL PHONES (H 3858)** - The Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee held a hearing on a bill that would prohibit robocalls to cell phones and other mobile electronic devices. The measure exempts messages from school districts to students, parents or employees; companies advising employees of work schedules; correctional facilities advising victims; and municipalities and state government.

**ASSESSORS (S 2081)** - The Municipalities and Regional Government Committee held a hearing on several bills including one that would require that local city and town assessors be state-certified or state-li-

censed. Supporters say this requirement will lead to improved accuracy in assessing property to the benefit of property owners, cities and towns, and the Department of Revenue.

**TREATMENT OF CIRCUS ELEPHANTS (S 1706)** - The Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development will hold a hearing on February 13 at 10 a.m. on legislation that would ban the use of bullhooks and chains on circus elephants. Violators would be punished by up to a \$5,000 fine and/or a year in jail.

Supporters of the ban say circus elephants are abused and routinely beaten with bullhooks inserted into their skin. A bullhook is a weapon that resembles a fireplace poker, with a sharp steel hook at one end.

Opponents say bullhooks simply help guide and train elephants, and argue that existing animal abuse laws already cover elephants.

**QUOTABLE QUOTES** - *Special Edition: Gov. Deval Patrick files \$32.3 billion fiscal 2013 budget.*

"Under this budget, Massachusetts will create more jobs, further reduce the cost of health care, bring us closer to closing the achievement gap and build safer communities for our families." - *Gov. Patrick.*

"The (Patrick) Administration has made it apparent that they seem keen on balancing the New Hampshire state budget by raising the sales tax on cigarettes and other tobacco products here in the Bay State." - *House Republican Leader Bradley Jones (R-North Reading) commenting on Patrick's proposal to raise an estimated \$62.5 million by raising the sales tax on cigarettes by 50 cents per pack.*

"We applaud Gov. Patrick for including funding to make the resounding Supreme Judicial Court decision requiring justice to prevail for the immigrants of Massachusetts a reality. We welcome the opportunity to work with the Patrick Administration to reinstate legal immigrants into Commonwealth Care as quickly and effectively as possible." - *Amy Whitcomb Slemmer, Executive Director of Health Care for All.*

"Gov. Patrick has recommended level funding HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis, but it's not enough. In the last five years, state funding for HIV and viral hepatitis has been cut by \$5 million." - *Rebecca Haag, AIDS Action President & CEO.*

"It's a money maker. For every dollar spent on the Bureau of Special Investigations (BSI), the Commonwealth sees almost \$2.50 in identified fraud. The use of new technology in these new positions will enable us to go on the offensive against fraud." - *State Auditor Suzanne Bump on Patrick's proposal to fund a new five-person unit that would*

*use new technology to help prevent and stop fraud in the state's public benefits system.*

"We are disappointed the governor did not provide adequate funding for people living with disabilities and their families, particularly family supports. In addition, there are 710 students graduating high school with special needs, and most of them will lose out on services with this budget." - *Leo Sarkissian, the executive director of The Arc of Massachusetts, a nonprofit group whose goal is to enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.*

"Fiscal discipline is only half an aspirin. We need a full-blown reform of the way we tax and regulate small businesses in Massachusetts. Raising taxes won't fix the structural problems." - *Bill Vernon, Massachusetts director of the National Federation of Independent Business.*

**HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION?**

*Beacon Hill Roll Call* tracks the length of time the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say 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 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 January 23-27, the House met for a total of four hours and seven minutes while the Senate met for a total of 2 hours.

Mon. January 23	House 11:01 a.m. to 11:07 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.
Tues. January 24	House 11:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Senate 1:00 p.m. to 1:43 p.m.
Wed. January 25	No House session No Senate session
Thurs. January 26	House 11:00 a.m. to 11:16 a.m. Senate 11:01 a.m. to 12:04 p.m.
Fri. January 27	No House session No Senate session

*Bob Katzen welcomes feedback at bob@beaconhillrollcall.com*

## Somerville High Blacks Out on 'No Name Calling Day' CONT. FROM PG 1

to participate in Governor Patrick's anti-bullying campaign. Ma said many of his teachers and classmates were instrumental in making "No Name Calling Day" successful. Charles Gerlach, Ma's graphics teacher, gave him immense support and helped him design the "Black Out Bullying" banner that says,

"I pledge to take a stand against bullying and name calling."  
"I thought that midterms would get in the way of 'No Name Calling Day' but I saw so many people dressed in black in the hallways and I really appreciated all of their support. So many of my friends, teachers, guidance counselors, and even

the Principal signed our banner to represent how we will not tolerate bullying at our school."  
Ma said that with the height of social media, he's seen fights and arguments break out over Facebook statuses and his peers become victims of cyberbullying. He said many of his friends showed their support by posting

Facebook statuses to help advocate for anti-bullying on "No Name Calling Day."  
"I understand that everyone is going to be bullied to some extent in their lives but when you are going to school, you want to know you're going to be in a safe environment and I feel that anti-bullying should

be reinforced in every school. 'No Name Calling Day' is a day for everyone to demonstrate that they will not tolerate this dangerous behavior. I hope this 'holiday' becomes a yearly tradition and I'm excited to see how the anti-bullying movement will progress in the future."

# Maple syrup tapping event

By Harry Kane

The flow of sap from maple trees at Tufts University was the center of attention for at least 25 kids and as many as 30 adults on Jan. 28.

Twenty buckets of sap were procured from drilling 1 1/2- 2" deep holes into the trunks of some ten or so maple trees.

It was Meghan Bouchard's first maple syrup tapping event; she brought her two kids to the event. "There seemed to be a good turnout: parents, babysitters and children, community members, and I even recognized some Tufts Education staff members," said Bouchard.

Kids participated in measuring the circumference of the maple trees to determine how many times the tree could be tapped, they helped drill the two inch holes in the trees, and hammer in the spiles (taps) and hang the buckets. "By the end of the event they were tree-tapping experts," said Bouchard.

"This year's season is much earlier than usual, so we are not sure how long the sap will run," said Tai Dinnan the gardens coordinator for Groundwork Somerville.

"This year there was no snow cover and we had to tap in January because the days have been warm and nights have been cool, perfect for maple sap," said Cadot Pricejones.

Sap collector and volunteer coordinator, Hilary Dennis said, "Tai did a great job engaging participants of all ages, especially the kids: sap started flowing immediately after we tapped the first tree (we hardly got the bucket hung fast enough!) and she had the kids dip their fingers into the sap and taste it so they had a sensory understanding of how it's different from maple syrup."

The event also involved a simple ecology lesson on how to identify sugar maple trees.

All sap is stored in frozen and refrigerated storage until the Boil Down Festival on March 3 at the Somerville Community Growing Center. The public is then invited back out to see the sap boil down into pure maple syrup!

Keep an eye on Groundwork Somerville's website, online calendar, Facebook page, or twitter feed to get updates and news about the Somerville Maple Syrup Project. Maple tapping would not be possible without the support of Tufts Buildings and Grounds.





Photos by Groundwork Somerville Staff

# SOMERVILLE SPORTS

## St. Clement Sports update

### Girls Basketball

The young Saint Clement Lady Anchors continued their winning streak by grabbing wins against Mount Saint Joseph Academy and Trinity Catholic upping their overall record to 6-8. On Tuesday, 1/24 against Mount Saint Joseph, St. Clement were leading 21 to 13 at the half. While St. Joes continued to cut the lead, St. Clement was able to hold on to win 40-38.

Stepping up for the Lady Anchors was Elva Martinez (Somerville) with her first double double of the year scoring 10 points and grabbing 15 rebounds. Jessica Popken (Medford) continued her offensive leadership with 11 points, while Allison Caloggero (Medford) and Katie Monestime (Somerville) led the defensive end with 6 steals each.

On Friday, St. Clement traveled to Newton to face Trinity Catholic. Eighth grader Katie Monestime (Somerville) was huge for the St. Clement scoring

23 points with 6 rebounds and 6 assists. Diana Tran (Somerville) was stellar from long range scoring a career high 13 points. Sidney Cezil (Everett) racked up double digits scoring 12 points. Elva Martinez (Somerville) continued her domination of the boards grabbing 13 rebounds. The Lady Anchors played one of their best games of the year winning 66-28.

This week, the Lady Anchors prepare for Maimonides and the Pope John Tigers of Everett on Friday.

### Boys Basketball

The St. Clement Anchormen battled to return to the State Tournament by beating Trinity Catholic 62-39, improving their overall record to 6-7. Kevin Foley (Medford) continues his impressive season with 19 points, 9 rebounds and 7 assists. Jesus Gambaro (Charlestown) supported the effort with 18 points and 8 rebounds. The Anchormen will face Sutton High and Catholic Central League Pope John Tigers this week.



Eighth Grader Katie Monestime leads Lady Anchors.

## Voted Best of Somerville 2011



Rosa and Victor Moccia, owners of Victor's Deli, 710 Broadway. The Somerville News readers voted Victor's Deli Best Deli in Somerville 2011.

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# Olio

Olio - (noun) A miscellaneous mixture, hodgepodge

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| <p>1. Who was noted for saying "A Billion dollars isn't worth what it used to be"?</p> <p>2. What city in California did the "Pony Express" end in?</p> <p>3. What English Cathedral topped the music charts in the 1960's?</p> <p>4. If kiwi birds are blind how do hunt?</p> <p>5. What was the first bird domesticated by man?</p> <p>6. On a standard telephone keypad what number are the letters T, U, and V matched to?</p> <p>7. What insect can live</p> | <p>for several weeks without a head?</p> <p>8. What continent has the most countries represented in the UN?</p> <p>9. What Humphrey Bogart film is the line "The Germans wore grey, you wore blue" from?</p> <p>10. In what comedy "road film" did Bing Crosby and Bob Hope meet Humphrey Bogart?</p> <p>11. What TV series was about a lawyer named Ally?</p> <p>12. In the TV series "Friends" how many friends are there?</p> |
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Answers on page 17

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# Somerville Reads gets tasty

By Cathleen Twardzik

Somerville Reads 2012, the Somerville Public Library's third annual community reading program, will occur this spring. This year's the program theme is food, therefore they would like your help with two things: recipes and stories.

A community cookbook will be compiled, so that people may share their favorite dishes. Several recipe ideas that may inspire submissions include: cooking for a crowd, children's favorites, local roots or ingredients, and family heritage.

The submission deadline is March 1.

"Somerville voted for the delicious theme of food, and the Somerville Reads committee selected the featured book *Farm City* by Novella Carpenter. *Seedfolks* by Paul Fleischman and *Judy Pedersen*, illustrator, is the featured children's book," said Maria Carpenter, Director of the Somerville Public Library.

"We are leading with a theme. The past two years Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* and Jhumpa Lahiri's *The Namesake* were selected. The

themes of war, Vietnam, service, remembrance, family, and the immigrant experience came from those works," said Carpenter.

Printed copies of the cookbook will be sold at the program's kickoff event on March 31 at 1 p.m. in the central library in Somerville, at which there will be a potluck meal. The local band Michael J. Epstein Memorial Library will perform.

"The plan is for the community cookbook to be unveiled and sold at this program. We hope that cookbook contributors will make a sampling of their recipe and bring it to the kickoff," she said.

Proceeds from the sale of the books will go toward future programming at all of the branches of The Somerville Public Library, such as museum passes, children's performances, and author talks.

Three ways to submit your recipe are possible. Drop it off at any Somerville Public Library

location, send via Ellen Jacobs' e-mail to [ejacobs@minlib.net](mailto:ejacobs@minlib.net), or mail it to: Somerville Public Library, 79 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, Attention: Ellen Jacobs.

The program may not be able to print all of the recipes because that depends on how many submissions are received and whether there are duplicates. However, as many of them as possible will be included.

If a recipe is not yours, then, the program reminds you to properly credit each one. For example, according to them, it is essential for you to say, "[I] found this recipe in my mother's old 'Fanny Farmer,' if that is where it originated.

The program supports literacy, as well as community engagement, by "encouraging" individuals throughout Somerville to read and talk about the same book.

Discussions about the books, urban gardening and food will also take place at the event. Jessie Banhazzi from Green City Growers and Cathy Piantigini, Head of Children's Library Services, as well as Jim Boyd of Somerville Community Garden will lead them.

"We learn so much as a community by discussing books: about history, politics, socioeconomics, various cultures, universal values [and] what it means to

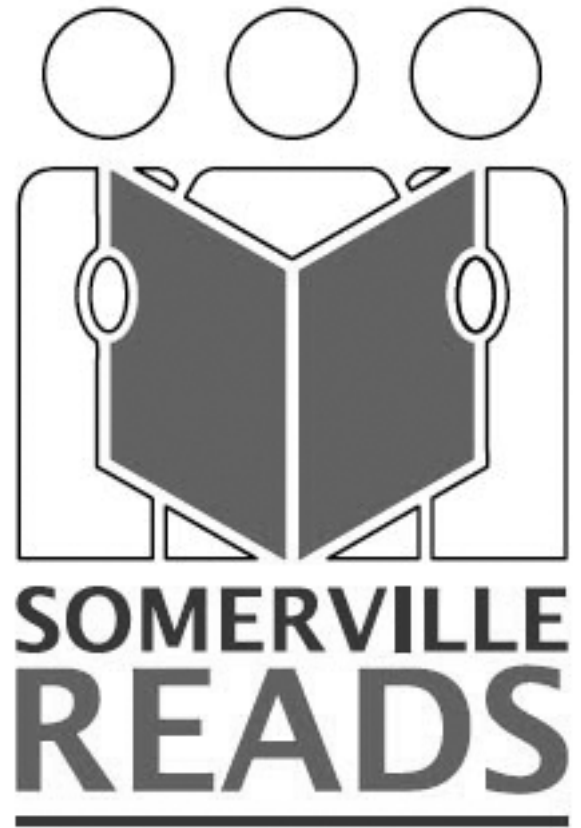
be human," she said.

Additionally, Somerville Reads would like to encourage you to share your stories. An open-mic night, at which individuals may tell food-themed stories which will range between five and 10 minutes, has been planned to take place on April 11.

"I saw a program like this out in San Francisco, and it was so

much fun," said Carpenter.

If you have a good story, such as a personal experience about trying an interesting dish in a foreign country, a recollection of learning to make a family favorite with a grandparent, or a familiar folktale that you've always loved, then tell the tale at the event and hear other people tell their stories as well.



## \$2.2 million homeless grant

By Harry Kane

Homeless persons of Somerville once again get beds to sleep on and shelter from the cold thanks to a homeless assistance grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

This year's continuum of care program totaled \$2,237,821 million. This is an increase of 1

percent or \$4,033 since last year.

Since 1996 HUD has awarded the City of Somerville with homeless assistance programs.

In the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 329 homeless programs received grants totaling \$60 million in 2011, up from last year's total grant of \$57.8 million.

Dana LeWinter, the director of housing in Somerville said, there

are a "range of programs aimed at providing permanent and transitional housing for homeless persons, both families and individuals, as well as services such as job training, case management and counseling."

Programs such as The Somerville Homeless Coalition (SHC) have received monies for their continuing efforts to subsidized housing for underprivi-

leged individuals.

SHC received their first federal grant in 1997 from HUD. In past history these grants were renewed every three years but recently the renewal process has changed to once a year.

Out of the \$2.2 million that the Somerville receives per year, the SHC receives approximately \$1.2 million. SHC matches \$100,000 that is given by HUD.

Grant money goes to case management but much of it goes to lease apartments to people who used to be homeless, according to Executive Director at the Somerville Housing Coalition, Mark Alston-Follansbee. HUD pays for 80 percent of supportive services, 100 percent to leasing, and 75 percent to operating costs for SHC.



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## Gold Award Member of the Year

**Mimi Pierre**

In 2007, Mimi visited her primary care doctor and learned that her weight had skyrocketed to 272 lbs. Upon hearing this news, Mimi dialed the operator to find the closest gym around. It happened to be Gold's Gym Somerville. Without hesitation, Mimi became a member. Although she was extremely "uncomfortable in her own skin while working out in front of people," Mimi refused to give up her goal of losing weight. She cut junk food completely out of her diet, and forced herself to run on the treadmill. After 6 months, she participated in aerobics classes and lost even more weight. Overall, Mimi has lost 90 lbs. and she now includes strength training into her routine regularly.




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In February 2011, Tom decided to utilize his spare time "focusing on his health and getting back into shape." He hired a trainer named Amy from Pro-Fit in order to build lean muscle and get results without a strenuous diet. As a result, Tom has lost over 50 pounds and has made exercise a part of his everyday lifestyle. Upon losing weight, Tom continues to work out regularly and thoroughly enjoys it



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After many years of being overweight, Melanie decided it was time to change her life once and for all. In 2007, she joined Gold's Gym Somerville with one goal in mind-to get into serious shape! Melanie made healthy eating and fitness a part of her everyday life. Despite having to get out of bed early in the morning, she made exercise part of her everyday routine. Clearly that worked in her favor; She is now 60 lbs lighter and is in the best shape of her life.



**Gold's Gym Somerville** 14 McGrath Hwy, Twin City Plaza, Somerville, MA 02143  
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## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS CITY OF SOMERVILLE OFFICE OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

### NOTICE OF TAKING

TO THE OWNERS OF THE HEREUNDER DESCRIBED LAND AND TO ALL OTHERS CONCERNED: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on Friday, February 24th, 2012 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning at the Collector's Office/Treasury, Somerville City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, the following described parcels of land will BE TAKEN FOR THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid in full before that date. Signed: Peter K. Forcellese, Jr. Acting Treasurer/Collector.

**LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 148 LOWELL ST., SOMERVILLE, MA**  
 SUBSEQUENT OWNERS: BARBARA FRANCIS - UNIT #1, JENICA UP SHAW - UNIT #2 and CLIFFORD R. RESTAINO - UNIT #3  
 ASSESSED OWNER: VICTOR & MARZIA CABRAL

PARCEL ID: **035-E.00011-00000**  
 ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **13451127**

DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:  
 A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 3,635 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book: 50300, Page: 140.

<b>2009</b>	REAL ESTATE TAXES:	<b>\$670.00</b>
	INTEREST:	<b>\$295.08</b>
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES:	<b>\$369.00</b>
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	<b>\$1,334.08</b>
<b>2010</b>	REAL ESTATE TAXES:	<b>\$0.00</b>
	OTHER ASSESSMENTS:	<b>\$135.00</b>
	INTEREST:	<b>\$0.00</b>
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES:	<b>\$369.00</b>
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	<b>\$504.00</b>

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**LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 1 LINDEN ST**  
 CURRENT OWNER(S): JOSE HERNANDEZ & FELICITAS LOPEZ  
 ASSESSED OWNER(S): JOSE HERNANDEZ & FELICITAS LOPEZ

PARCEL ID: **095-A.00003-00000**  
 ALT. PARCEL/TAX ACCOUNT: **06237198**

DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:  
 A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 1,950 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book: 43681 Page: 506.

<b>2009</b>	REAL ESTATE TAXES:	<b>\$69.88</b>
	INTEREST:	<b>\$26.84</b>
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES:	<b>\$369.00</b>
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	<b>\$465.72</b>

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PARCEL ID: **008-G.00014-00000**  
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DESCRIPTION OF LAND & TITLE REFERENCE:  
 A parcel of land with any building thereon, containing approximately 4,016 square feet and being part of the premises recorded at Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book: 24981 Page: 294.

<b>2009</b>	REAL ESTATE TAXES:	<b>\$160.85</b>
	INTEREST:	<b>\$61.54</b>
	ADDITIONAL CHARGES:	<b>\$369.00</b>
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	<b>\$591.39</b>

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

**PLANNING DIVISION**

**LEGAL NOTICE  
OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet on **Wednesday, February 15, 2012**, at the **Visiting Nurses Association, 259 Lowell Street, 3rd Floor Community Room** at 6:00 p.m. to hear pending applications and to hold public hearings:

**23 Rush St. (Case #ZBA 2012-03)** Applicant and Owner, Electra Realty Corporation, seeks a Special Permit under SZO §4.4.1 to alter a nonconforming structure in order to continue the same nonconforming use of the structure. RB zone. Ward 1.


**123 Morrison Ave. (Case #ZBA 2012-06)** Applicant/Owner, Margaret Morrissey, seeks Special Permit approval (SZO §4.4.1) to rebuild a single-story, one-family dwelling into a two-and-a-half-story, two-family dwelling. The Applicant is also seeking variances from the minimum side yard and lot area per dwelling unit requirements (SZO 8.5). RA zone. Ward 6.

**234 Elm St. (Case #ZBA 2012-07)** Applicant Bryan Poisson and Owner Hancock Somerville, LLC, seek a Special Permit with Design Review under SZO §7.11.10.2.1.a to establish a fast order food establishment (café). CBD Zone. Ward 6.

Copies of these petitions 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 [somervillema.gov/planningandzoning](http://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 may 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](mailto:dpereira@somervillema.gov).

Attest: Dawn Pereira, Administrative Assistant  
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**CITY OF SOMERVILLE  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
IFB # 12-43, Re-Bid**

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

- (2) 2013 Ford Escape AWD
- (4) 2012 Ford Super Duty F-350 SRW 4WD Super Cab 8ft Box 158" XL
- (2) 2012 Ford Super Duty F550 DRW 4WD Regular Cab 141" WB 60" CA XL
- (3) 2012 Ford Super Duty F-250 SRW 4WD Crew Cab 6-3/4ft Box XLT
- (1) 2012 Ford Super Duty F-350 SRW 4WD Super Cab 8ft Box 158" XL, Power Tail Gate

for the City of Somerville, Department of Public Works

An invitation for bids (IFB) and specifications may be obtained at the Purchasing Department, City Hall, 93 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA. 02143 on or after: **Monday, January 30, 2011**. Sealed bids will be received at the above office until: **Monday, February 13, 2012 at 11:00A.M.**, at which time sealed bids will be open. The Purchasing Director reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if, in her sole judgment, the best interest of the City of Somerville would be served by so doing.

The contract term shall be for a period from 2/20/2012 through 12/31/2012.

Please contact Karen Mancini, Asst. Purchasing Director, x3412, or email [kmancini@somervillema.gov](mailto:kmancini@somervillema.gov), for information and bid packages.

**Angela M. Allen**  
Purchasing Director  
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
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208 Cambridge Street  
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**MIDDLESEX Division** **Docket No. MI 10P4511EA**

**Estate of: Nellie J. Harrington**

**Also known As: Same**

**Date of Death: July 30, 2010**

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To all persons who may have an interest in the above-captioned estate, the Division of Medical Assistance and, if interested, to the Office of the Attorney General and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs:

Notice is being sent to you as you may have a legal interest in this case, in order to inform you of your rights.

**Under the new Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code 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 the appointed Personal Representative.**

**Petitioner requests to be permitted to file a MUPC Bond**

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

**MIDDLESEX Division** **Docket No. MI 12P0137EA**

**In the Estate of: George Georgilas**

**Late of: Somerville, MA. 02144**

**Date of Death: 11/07/1987**

**NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR**

to all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that

Mary L Crowley of Reading MA or some other suitable person be appointed administrator of said estate to serve.

Without Surety

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT; **CAMBRIDGE** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10:00 AM) ON: **02/21/2012**

**WITNESS, HON. PETER C. DIGANGI, First Justice of this Court**  
 Date: January 24, 2012

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
208 Cambridge Street  
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**MIDDLESEX Division** **Docket No. MI 12A0012AD**

**In the matter of: Mackenzie Melissa Clough**  
 To:  
**David E Mitchell**

**CITATION  
G.L. c. 210, ss6**

and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:

Michele L. Lavigne of Wilmington, MA  
 Gregory K. Lavigne of Wilmington, MA

Requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

**Mackenzie Melissa Lavigne**

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT; **Cambridge** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK (10: 00 AM) ON: **03/19/2012**

**WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court**  
 Date: January 20, 2012

**Tara E. De Cristofaro**  
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**Jamie Mauritz James Esq.**  
**Law Office of Jamie Mauritz James**  
**1 Elm Square, Unit L9**  
**Andover, MA 01810**

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# LEGAL NOTICES

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### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael Roe O'Donnell to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for GreenPoint Mortgage Funding, Inc., "Lender"; and its successors and assigns dated April 12, 2004 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 42521, Page 144, and corrected by Confirmatory Mortgage dated April 12, 2004 recorded with said Registry in Book 54328, Page 571, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 10:00 AM, on February 22, 2012**, on the premises known as, **47 Fairmount Avenue, Somerville, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

Three certain lots of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Somerville, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

**Lot #1:** Beginning at a corner on Fairmount Avenue at the Westerly side of the lot now or formerly owned by a Miss Savage,

Thence running Northerly on said land of Savage one hundred (100) feet to land now or formerly of Lawrence S. Leland;

Thence turning and running Westerly on said land now or formerly of Leland forty (40) feet;

Thence turning and running Southerly on land now or formerly of Leland one hundred (100) feet to Fairmount Avenue;

Thence turning and running Easterly on said Fairmount Avenue forty (40) feet to point of beginning.

Containing 4000 square feet of land more or less.

**Lot #2:** A certain triangular parcel of land beginning at a point on Fairmount Avenue at the Westerly side of the above mentioned lot owned by said Leland;

Thence running Northerly on said aforementioned lot one hundred (100) feet to land now or formerly of said Leland;

Thence turning and running Westerly on a line with the Northerly boundary of said aforementioned lot, then (10) feet to land now or formerly of Bond;

Thence turning and running on said land of Bond to the point of beginning.

Containing 500 square feet of land more or less.

**Lot #3:** Beginning at a point in the boundary of said granted premises at the Northeasterly corner of the first aforementioned lot and running Northerly in a straight line on land now or formerly of Dow twenty (20) feet;

Thence turning and running Westerly on land formerly of one Merrill fifty (50) feet;

Thence turning and running Southerly on land now or formerly of said Dow twenty (20) feet to the aforementioned Lot #2;

Thence turning and running Easterly on the two above-mentioned lots fifty (50) feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 1000 square feet of land more or less.

Conveyed subject to a taking for street purposes recorded with Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 3578, Page 202.

Being the same premises conveyed to us by deed of Michael Roe O'Donnell, Hugh Roe O'Donnell and Agnes T. O'Donnell, dated July 21, 1986, and recorded with said Deeds in Book 17222 at Page 238.

Said premises are now known as and numbered 47 Fairmount Avenue, Somerville MA.

Title Reference: Book 20765, Page 175

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and, to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

Purchaser shall also bear all state and county deeds excise tax. The deposit of \$5,000.00 is to be paid in cash or bank or certified check at the time and place of the sale, with the balance of the purchase price to be paid by bank or certified check within thirty (30) days after the date of the sale, to be deposited in escrow with Guaetta and Benson, LLC, at 229 Billerica Road, Chelmsford, Massachusetts.

In the event that the successful bidder at the foreclosure sale shall default in purchasing the within described property according to the terms of this Notice of Sale and/or the terms of the Memorandum of Sale executed at the time of the foreclosure, the Mortgagee reserves the right to sell the property by foreclosure deed to the second highest bidder or, thereafter, to the next highest bidders, providing that said bidder shall deposit with said attorney, the amount of the required deposit as set forth herein within five (5) business days after written notice of the default of the previous highest bidder.

Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale. Present holder of said mortgage

Bank of America, N.A., Successor by Merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP f/k/a Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by its Attorneys

Guaetta and Benson, LLC  
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire  
P.O. Box 519  
Chelmsford, MA 01824  
January 29, 2012

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### MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elisee La Brecque and Eadwine P. Abrams to "MERS", Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., a separate corporation that is acting solely as nominee for "Lender", Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. and its successors and assigns dated February 8, 2005 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Southern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 44611, Page 473, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at **Public Auction at 10:00 AM, on February 10, 2012**, on the premises known as **7 Quincy Street, Somerville, Massachusetts**, the premises described in said mortgage, together with all the rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto, to wit:

the premises known as 7 Quincy Street, Somerville, Massachusetts, further bounded and described as follows:

the land with the buildings thereon situated in Somerville in said County of Middlesex, being the premises now known as and numbered 7 Quincy Street in the present numbering of said street, and shown as a portion of Lot 33 on a plan entitled "Plan of Building Lots in Somerville belonging to the heirs of Robert Vinal", A.F. and N. N. Sargent, Surveyors, dated May 1, 1869, and recorded in Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 16, Plan 67, and bounded and described as follows:

**NORTHWESTERLY:** by Quincy Street, forty (40) feet;

**SOUTHWESTERLY:** by Lots 34 and 35 on said plan, ninety (90) feet;

**SOUTHEASTERLY:** by Lot 37 on said plan, forty (40) feet; and

**NORTHEASTERLY:** by the remaining portion of said Lot 33 and by a line parallel with and twenty feet distant from the dividing line between Lot 33 and Lot 32 as shown on said plan, ninety (90) feet.

For title reference, see deed at Book 44579 Page 298.

Terms of Sale: These premises are being sold subject to any and all unpaid real estate taxes, water rates, municipal charges and assessments, condominium charges, expenses, costs, and assessments, if applicable, federal tax liens, partition wall rights, statutes, regulations, zoning, subdivision control, or other municipal ordinances or bylaws respecting land use, configuration, building or approval, or bylaws, statutes or ordinances regarding the presence of lead paint, asbestos or other toxic substances, sanitary codes, housing codes, tenancy, and, to the extent that they are recorded prior to the above mortgage, any easements, rights of way, restrictions, confirmation or other matters of record.

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Other terms, if any, are to be announced at the sale. Present holder of said mortgage

Bank of New York Mellon as Trustee for the Certificate Holders of CWALT, Inc., Alternative Loan Trust 2005-14, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2005-14 by its Attorneys

Guaetta and Benson, LLC  
Peter V. Guaetta, Esquire  
P.O. Box 519  
Chelmsford, MA 01824  
January 12, 2012

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Middlesex Probate and Family Court  
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MIDDLESEX Division

Docket No. MI 10P4511EA

To all persons interested in the estate of: Nellie J. Harrington

Late of: Somerville in the County of Middlesex

### NOTICE OF EXECUTOR /ADMINISTRATOR ACCOUNT

You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass, R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the **1st AND FINAL** account (s) of

Matthew Bova

As **Executor -(the fiduciary)** of said estate have been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account(s), you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at **Cambridge** on or before the **02/21/12**, the return day of this citation. You may upon written request by registered or certified mail to the fiduciary, or to the attorney for the fiduciary, obtain without cost a copy of said account(s). If you desire to object to any item of said account(s), you must, in addition to filing a written appearance as aforesaid, file within thirty (30) days after said return day or within such time as the Court upon motion may order a written statement of each such item together with the grounds for each objection thereto, a copy to be served upon the fiduciary pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 5.

WITNESS, Hon. Peter C. DiGangi, First Justice of this Court

Date: January 13, 2012

**Tara E. De Cristofaro**  
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### PATS TOWING

\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE TO OWNERS \*\*\*\*\*

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

2001	Ford	Taurus	Vin # 1FAFP55S01A268609
1999	Madza	B 2500	Vin# 4F4YR12C8XTM11037
2002	Mercury	Sable	Vin # 1MEFM50U32A629505
2007	Dodge	Caliber	Vin# 1B3HB28B57D5671983

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## FAFSA Day 2012: College Goal Sunday CONT. FROM PG 5

FAFSA application. Brittany was accepted to the University of New Hampshire in early action admission. "It's such a relief to find out early. I don't have to keep waiting and waiting."

Italo De Pinho has applied to Bunker Hill Community college. It only took him thirty minutes to compete the FAFSA application.

Most of the prospective students and parents finished their applications and left within an hour.

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Assignment Editor

## Ms. Cam's *Answers from page 14*

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Answers

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| 1. J. Paul Getty      | 7. The cockroach     |
| 2. Sacramento         | 8. Africa            |
| 3. Winchester         | 9. Casablanca        |
| 4. They hunt by smell | 10. The Road to Bali |
| 5. The goose          | 11. Ally McBeal      |
| 6. The "8"            | 12. There are six    |

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### FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### Wednesday|February 1

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

**West Branch Library**  
Preschool: Babygarten  
11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | 40 College  
Ave

#### Thursday|February 2

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

#### Friday|February 3

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

#### Saturday|February 4

**Central Library**  
Maple Syrupy Kids Workshop  
Tai Dinnan | 617-628-9988  
11 a.m.-2 p.m. | 79 Highland Ave

#### Monday|February 6

**Central Library**  
Preschool: Sing Along with Liza  
Kitchell  
11 a.m.-11:45 a.m. | 79 Highland  
Ave

#### Wednesday|February 8

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

**West Branch Library**  
Preschool: Babygarten  
11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. | 40 College  
Ave

**Central Library**  
Half Day Wednesday Movie:  
Gnomeo & Juliet  
1 p.m.-3:30 p.m. | 79 Highland  
Avenue

### MUSIC

#### Wednesday|February 1

**Johnny D's**  
Julien Kasper  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-  
3589

**The Burren**  
PUB QUIZ 8-10 | Comedy@10  
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**

345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-  
1557

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

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

**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Kong  
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-  
6045

**Highland Kitchen**  
TJ The DJ Presents The People's  
Karaoke  
10 p.m. | 150 Highland Ave | 617-  
625-1131

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

**Rosebud Bar**  
Nick Palms Comedy Showcase  
381 Summer St

**Bloc 11**  
11 Bow St. | 617-623-0000

**Arts at the Armory**  
Wiretap Wednesday Open Stage  
7 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

#### Thursday|February 2

**Johnny D's**  
Glen David Andrews  
17 Holland St. | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Spring Hill Rounders | 6 p.m.  
Digney Fignus | 9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-  
3589

**The Burren**  
Scattershot 80's Night  
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
Sinister Grin | Background  
Orcs | The Instinct | Steve Branson  
Band  
345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-  
1557

**On The Hill Tavern**  
Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Live music starting at 8:00pm  
from Maxi  
65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

**Precinct Bar**  
The Moodies | Preamble | Monkey  
Knife Fight  
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Dub Down Featuring The Scotch  
Bonnet Band  
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-

6045  
**Bloc 11**  
11 Bow St. | 617-623-0000

**PJ Ryan's**  
Live Music  
239 Holland St | 617-625-8200

**Joshua Tree**  
256 Elm St. | 617-623-9910

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

**Rosebud Bar**  
381 Summer St.

**Arts at the Armory**  
WAAF's Bay State Rock Bistro  
7 p.m. | Café | 191 Highland Ave

**Somerville Theatre**  
Awkward Compliment's Thursday  
Night Comedy Night  
8 p.m. | 55 Davis Square | 617-625-  
5700

#### Friday|February 3

**Johnny D's**  
Waylon Speed | Bombay Jim &  
Swinging Sapphires  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Radioactive Rustlers | 6 p.m.  
Dave Sammarco Band | 9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-  
3589

**The Burren**  
Red Square  
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Live Acoustic Music  
8 p.m. | 65 Holland St

**Precinct Bar**  
The Vital Might | Coo &  
Howl | Crinkle face  
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

**PA'S Lounge**  
Adam Arcuragi & the Lupine  
Chorale Society | Golden  
Bloom | Horse Thief | Personal  
Finance  
345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-  
1557

**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
Live music starting at 8:00pm.  
Featuring Dave Scott and friends  
65 Holland St | 617-591-2100

**Bull McCabe's**  
TBA  
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-  
6045

**Joshua Tree**  
256 Elm St. | 617-623-9910

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

718-9177

**Rosebud Bar**  
381 Summer St

**Bloc 11**  
11 Bow St. | 617-623-0000

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

#### Saturday|February 4

**Johnny D's**  
Meklit Hadero | Entrain  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's**  
Josh Lederman & The CSARs | 6  
p.m.  
Mars | 9 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-  
3589

**The Burren**  
Jimmy's Down  
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

**Precinct Bar**  
Dead Cats Dead Rats  
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
DJ every Saturday  
9 p.m. | 65 Holland St

**PA'S Lounge**  
TM Recordings Presents | Liquor  
Store | White Pages | Guilty Party  
345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-  
1557

**On The Hill Tavern**  
Live DJ Music  
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
TBA  
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-  
6045

**Joshua Tree**  
256 Elm St. | 617-623-9910

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

**Rosebud Bar**  
381 Summer St

**Bloc 11**  
11 Bow St. | 617-623-0000

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

**Somerville Theatre**  
Alloy Orchestra - Wild and Weird  
8 p.m. | 55 Davis Square | 617-625-  
5700

**Arts at the Armory**  
Somerville Singer Songwriter  
Sessions  
7:30 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

#### Sunday|February 5

**Johnny D's**  
Open Blues Jam | 4:30 p.m.

17 Holland St. | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Frank Drake Pre-Game Show | 3  
p.m.  
Super Bowl! \$1 hotdogs & 25-  
cent wings all day. Go Pats! | 5  
p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-  
3589

**The Burren**  
Grunge Brunch | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Sunday Night Music Series  
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-  
1557

**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Dub Apocalypse  
366A Somerville Ave | 617-440-  
6045

**Highland Kitchen**  
150 Highland Ave | 617-625-1131

**Somerville Theatre**  
Dan Zanes and Friends  
11 a.m./3 p.m. | 55 Davis  
Square | 617-625-5700

**Arts at the Armory**  
Join them for the BIG GAME  
Craft beer, a special Arts at the  
Armory play on game-day  
snacks, and good friends - what  
can be better than that?!  
5 p.m. | Cafe | 191 Highland Ave

#### Monday|February 6

**Johnny D's**  
Team Trivia | 8:30 p.m.  
17 Holland St | 617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Cheapshots Comedy Club open  
mike | 7 p.m.  
Marley Mondays with the Duppy  
Conquerors | 9:30 p.m.  
335 Somerville Ave | 617-666-  
3589

**The Burren**  
Bur Run | 6:30 p.m.  
Set Dancing | 8 p.m.  
247 Elm Street | 617-776-6896

**On The Hill Tavern**  
499 Broadway | 617-629-5302

**PA'S Lounge**  
Ginger Explosion  
345 Somerville Ave | 617-776-  
1557

**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq | 617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Stump Team Trivia  
8 p.m. | 366A Somerville Ave | 617-  
440-6045

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### Tuesday|February 7

**Johnny D's**  
Rayika  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Kristen Ford Band with guests  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
Open Mic w/ Hugh McGowan|6:30 p.m.  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

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

**PA'S Lounge**  
Open Mic - Rock, Folk, R&B, Alt, Jazz & Originals etc. Hosted by Tony Amaral  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

**Precinct Bar**  
The Honors  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
David Johnston Band  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen**  
Spelling Bee Night First Tuesday of the month  
150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

**Samba Bar & Grille**

608 Somerville Ave|617-718-9177

**Rosebud Bar**  
Karaoke  
381 Summer St

**Orleans Restaurant and Bar**  
"Beer and Mussels" Night  
65 Holland St|617-591-2100

### Wednesday|February 8

**Johnny D's**  
Sierra and Andrew|Lewis and Garrels  
17 Holland St|617-776-2004

**Sally O'Brien's Bar**  
Free Poker, lots of prizes!  
335 Somerville Ave|617-666-3589

**The Burren**  
PUB QUIZ 8-10|Comedy@10  
247 Elm Street|617-776-6896

**PA'S Lounge**  
Adam Douglass Trio|Big Rhythm Wine|Peter Joseph|Christine Galante  
345 Somerville Ave|617-776-1557

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

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

**Precinct Bar**  
70 Union Sq|617-623-9211

**Bull McCabe's Pub**  
Kong  
366A Somerville Ave|617-440-6045

**Highland Kitchen**  
TJ The DJ Presents The People's Karaoke  
10 p.m.|150 Highland Ave|617-625-1131

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

**Rosebud Bar**  
Nick Palms Comedy Showcase  
381 Summer St

**Bloc 11**  
11 Bow St.|617-623-0000

### CLASSES AND GROUPS

#### Wednesday|February 1

**Central Library**  
Book Group: Mystery  
7p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

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

#### Thursday|February 2

**West Branch Library**

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

**Third Life Studio**  
Roots and Rhythm  
33 Union Sq|  
drumzatlibana@gmail.com

**First Church Somerville**  
Debtors Anonymous- a 12 Step program for people with problems with money and debt.  
7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.|89 College Ave (Upstairs Parlor).  
For more info call: 781-762-6629

#### Saturday|February 4

**Arts at the Armory**  
Somerville Winter Farmer's Market  
9:30 p.m.|Performance Hall|191 Highland Ave

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

**Central Library**  
Chess Night  
7p.m.-8:30 p.m.|79 Highland Ave

**Third Life Studio**  
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### Tuesday|February 7

**Central Library**  
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**Third Life Studio**  
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### Wednesday|February 8

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#### February 1

**Holland Street Center**  
Flexibility & Balance with Janine\*|9:30 a.m.  
Women's Group|10:30 a.m.  
Qigong\*|1:15 p.m.  
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**Cross Street Center**  
Bowling\*|1 p.m.  
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m.  
Zumba Gold\*|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
9 New Washington Street|617-666-5223

#### February 2

**Holland Street Center**  
Indoor Exercise\*|9:30 a.m.  
Current Events Group - new members welcome! Come join us as we discuss what's going on in Somerville, the United States and World events.|10 a.m.  
Chair Massage - sign up for your 15 minute appointment - 617-625-6600 ext. 2300 \$15|11:45 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x 2300

**Cross Street Center**  
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.

Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
165 Broadway|617-625-6600 x 2335

**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Bereavement Support Group (sign up ahead)|9:45 a.m.  
Strengthening with Geoff|10 a.m.  
Portuguese Lunch|11:30 a.m.  
Bingo |12:45 p.m.  
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#### February 3

**Holland Street Center**  
Indoor Exercise\*|9 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

**Cross Street Center**  
Blood Pressure Screening|10 a.m.  
Flexibility and Balance with Didi\*|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
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**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
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#### February 6

**Holland Street Center**  
Monthly Breakfast - RSVP at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300|9:30 a.m.  
Somerville singing Seniors|9:30 a.m.  
167 Holland Street|617-625-6600 x. 2300

**Cross Street**  
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**Ralph & Jenny Center**  
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo |12:45 p.m.  
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#### February 7

**Holland Street Center**  
Strengthening with Geoff\*|9:15 a.m.  
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**Cross Street Center**  
Indoor Exercise|10:30 a.m.  
Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
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Chair Yoga\*|9:30 a.m.  
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Bingo|12:45 p.m.  
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#### Coming up in February

**Twin Rivers!** - Wednesday February 8 - \$16.00. Trip includes motorcoach transportation, \$7.00 food credit and \$10 free bonus play. RSVP at 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

**"Talking with Dolores"** - a one act play about aging, life-and death choices and saving room for dessert followed by sweets and conversation. February 9th 3:00 pm Holland Street - RSVP 617-625-6600 ext. 2300

**Russian Icon Museum** - Thursday, February 9. \$8.00 includes admission and transportation. Call Janine for a spot and to find out about our next trip to the Gardener Museum!

**Indoor Gardening** - February 13 at 9 am at Holland Street - this program provides an opportunity for budding gardeners to lend each other advice and support as we plant and showcase seedlings for our spring salads. For more info, call Janine at 167-625-6600 ext. 2321.

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2/21 - Tuesday - Cross Street  
2/22 - Wednesday - Holland Center  
2/23 - Thursday - Ralph & Jenny

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## News Talk CONT. FROM PG 8

Well, with two prominent women candidates both from Somerville in the same race for the Registrar of Deeds seat that's being vacated by Gene Brune, it will surely be an interesting campaign and a sure victory for any opponent from another city or town when the Somerville votes get split down the middle in the 'Ville. It's a lose, lose situation for any possible Somerville victory. Maybe now it opens the door for a strong Cambridge or Newton candidate to walk away with it all!

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Join the Somerville Arts Council, CAS-

PAR Inc. and the Somerville Chamber of Commerce for a special event book signing and Q&A session featuring nationally acclaimed local photographer, Bill Brett, in honor of his latest book, Boston Inspirational Women. Brett's latest achievement is a father-daughter collaboration with Kerry Brett, who compiled more than 125 black-and-white portraits of women with Boston ties for the book. With words by Carol Beggy and a foreword by Karen Kaplan, the book documents women who are influential and inspirational in their city and beyond. The book signing will be held on Wednesday, February 8th, 5-7p.m. at

Foundry on Elm in Davis Square. All proceeds from book sales will go to CASPAR Inc.'s "New Day Program," which offers residential treatment programs for pregnant and parenting mothers with substance abuse issues, and their newborns. For more information, contact CASPAR at 617-628-3850 or [aaldin@casparinc.org](mailto:aaldin@casparinc.org)

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On Wednesday, February 8, the Green Line Extension Project Team will hold a public meeting to review the latest design plans for Washington Street/Union Street Stations.

The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel Somerville, 30 Washington Street, from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. If you need access or language accommodations to fully participate in this public meeting, please contact Beverley Johnson at 617-438-2767 or [bjohnson@bevcoassociates.com](mailto:bjohnson@bevcoassociates.com). [castbiz.net](http://castbiz.net) at least one week before the event. More information about the project its available on the Green Line Extension website at: [www.mass.gov/greenlineextension](http://www.mass.gov/greenlineextension). If you have any questions on the Green line Extension Project, you can email [info@glxinfo.com](mailto:info@glxinfo.com).

# Somerville artist puts a surprising spin on all-too-familiar local motif

By Alexandra Botti

Most of us pass them every day without much notice. Once we have swiped our Charlie Cards and boarded the T, subway maps do not warrant much further thought. But a Somerville man has put these seemingly mundane charts that dot our city at very the heart of his work. From afar, his digital prints could almost pass for authentic MBTA maps. But trace your fingers along the bright lines of one of these pieces and you won't find Park Street, Davis, or Downtown Crossing. Artist Rajiv Ramaiah's metro-inspired prints - dubbed "Mappucinos" - don't connect stops on a subway line, but rather the most intimate and important moments in people's lives.

"I've always been a bit of a map addict," Ramaiah says. Fueled by this obsession, several years ago he created a subway-design map in which the "stops" were important moments in the romance of two friends. Tracing the couple's courtship, the print is comprised of everything from their first kiss to their honeymoon, connected as if by subway lines. Since then, Ramaiah has continued creating personalized, high-quality digital prints chronicling important events. The buyer simply chooses a set of 15-20 special landmarks for Ramaiah to use, and from these he imagines and designs a custom map.

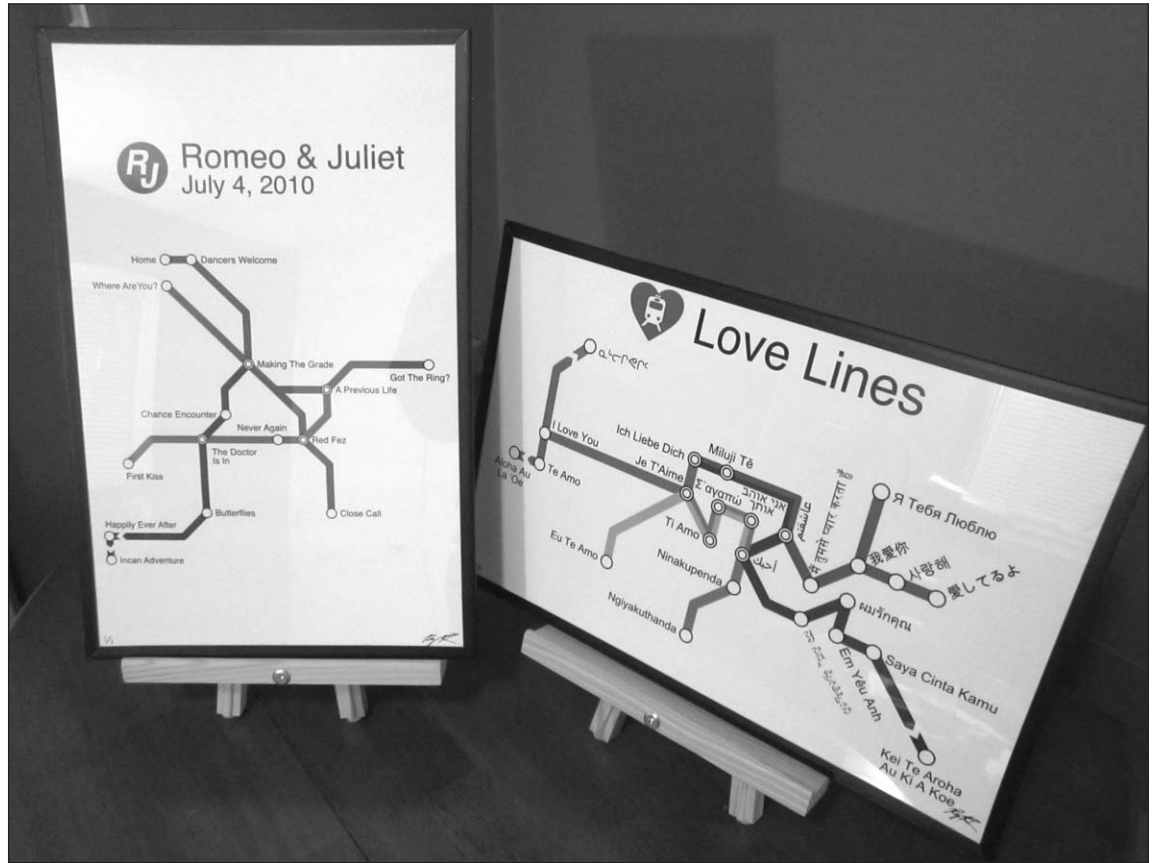
A Baltimore native, Ramaiah moved to Boston in the late 1990s, where he became accustomed to passing subway diagrams day in and day out. "I took a lot of inspiration from older Boston T maps." Using this motif as a basis means that at first glance his work may strike the viewer as a genuine subway map, but a closer look reveals a previously-hidden, personal story, something that Ramaiah says is at the core of what makes this work so captivating and unique. "It's different than other art. It's interactive." He estimates that he has created 30 or so custom prints to date, many commissioned as gifts on a romantic

theme (think Valentine's Day). "The appeal of my custom pieces is that when one is hanging in someone's home, it does stir curiosity," says Ramaiah.

While the design itself - the lines, colors, patterns - is up to Ramaiah, who has a degree in visual arts from Brown University, the placement of the points on one of his Mappucinos is hardly haphazard. Hours of work go into giving each piece an element of geographic accuracy, with proportional distances between locations. This can present an interesting challenge when the narrative moves from place to place across the globe. A map that includes clusters of locations in Boston, Rome, and Peru, for example, might use line breaks to show longer distances. Ramaiah employs other typical subway map conventions as well, to keep their authentic feel while conveying the meaning of the piece.

Ramaiah has since branched out with the creation of his "edition prints." These vary widely in theme, dealing with social issues, politics, the environment, and beyond. Two recent examples look at the last midterm congressional elections with pieces entitled "Red lines" and "Blue lines," depicting locations separated along party lines, literally. A number of Ramaiah's pieces map out the landmarks of an area or city, the first of which he created using the hills and squares of Somerville. Some are just for fun, Ramaiah says, like "Love Lines," which is made up of the phrase "I love you" in the world's major languages.

But Ramaiah does not restrict himself to the humorous, light, and easily viewed. Perhaps most striking among his recent edition pieces is his commemoration of 9/11, marking the 2011 anniversary. Using his typical motif, the piece connects the victims of the tragedy, represented by their home countries, on a black subway line. The absence of color normally associated with Subway stations, with bright lines fighting for attention on a giant map, is startling. The labels on



Rajiv Ramaiah's "Mappucinos" chart the courses of real life people and events.

the map - larger for countries that suffered more casualties than others - are faded to gray, so that from just a few steps back you cannot make out them out. "From far away it looks like what might be a subway map but is also a tangled web; a mangled mess" says Ramaiah. To make sense of that mess, you are forced, as the viewer, to get up close to the piece, to interact with it in a deeply personal way. "It is an intimate piece."

Ramaiah's wide-ranging work has thus far circulated local cities beyond Somerville, including Jamaica Plain, Cambridge, Brookline, Roslindale, and the artist's former home city of Providence R.I., and he is looking to move further afield. Also on display in various venues is the other side of Ramaiah's artistic life: semi-abstract wood sculpture, often

using elements of wood and metal. But for the most part, he says, he keeps his 3D and 2D work separate.

As for the future, Ramaiah imagines the possibility of a large-scale installation, perhaps wall-size, on a building. His work might appeal to people who work with or appreciate data visualization, and see the beauty of his work in that way. Therefore people in the sciences might be a good fit for a larger scale project in the future, he says. "There's a bit of a geek aspect to it!" Ramaiah, who also continues to nurture his "geek" side with part-time work at a tech company doing graphic design and web development, sees himself continuing to pursue both his art and his tech start-up involvement, the design element of which is closely related to his

Mappucinos.

As for the name he has given this collection, it is primarily meant to be an ear-catching play on words, but the artist says with a smile, "I always joke that it's named after my friend's adorable cat 'Cappucino.'" Somerville residents can enjoy a frothy beverage of their own while taking in some of Ramaiah's work; Mappucinos will be on display at the Porter Square Starbucks on Somerville Ave beginning this week.

In Somerville, edition prints can currently be purchased at Blue Cloud Gallery in Ball Sq., or Grand in Union Sq. Pieces range in price from \$70 to \$100+. For more details on where to purchase edition prints and how to commission custom pieces, visit Raj's website at [www.aRRtworks.com](http://www.aRRtworks.com).



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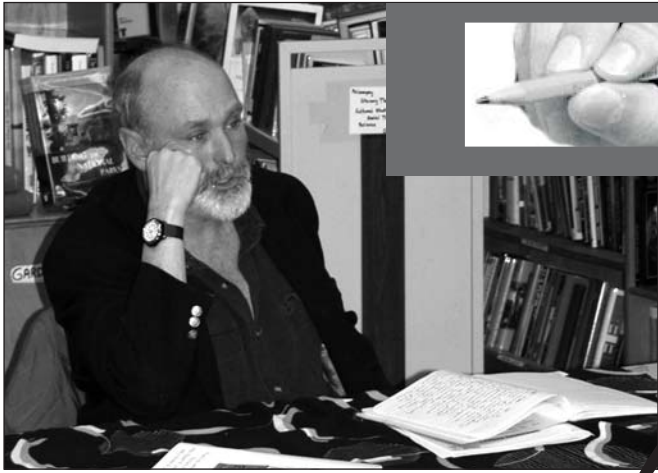
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# OFF THE SHELF

by Doug Holder

## Somerville Bagel Bard Zvi Sesling gets Poet Laureate for Brookline

I am a lover of irony. It seems that a Somerville Bagel Bard Zvi A. Sesling (Who resides in Brookline) lobbied and spurred the city on to have a Brookline Poet Laureate. I told him about the lack of interest in our beloved burg and it inspired him to get one for his town...they finally saw the light. The light in Somerville is still way, way at the end of the tunnel...sadly. Here is an article by Sesling about how he did it...



Back in June 2008 I brought a proposal to the Brookline Board of Selectmen requesting they create a position of Poet Laureate for the Town of Brookline. I suggested the Brookline Council on the Arts, together with a citizen or two and a Selectman take applications, filter them and select one person for a two year term.

I thought the idea was a "no brainer." I thought, despite the many difficult issues they had to deal with, they would, among their more trivial issues find a few minutes to approve the concept.

However, I guessed wrong. Perhaps they did not know or understand the wisdom, joy and education poetry imparts to readers. I had already explained to them that the cities of Boston and Cambridge have Poet Laureates as does the State of New Hampshire, where the legislature, in the middle of pressing issues of the economy, gay marriage and taxes still found the time to appoint a Poet Laureate.

Yet, Town of Brookline Board of Selectmen could not find even five minutes in one year of meetings to take an action and could only benefit the town. I wrote letters to the local paper, asked four of the five Selectmen for help and got no where. One Selectman promised my wife to do something and then would not return phone calls.

Then, last year when I went to the polls to vote in a local election, I was telling Selectman Ken Goldstein about the idea and my frustration with the Board. He was in the second year of his first term and he said he would undertake the project. A few

months later he and I appeared before the Brookline Council on the Arts with the proposal. The Council then undertook the project and did months of study, including looking into the Boston Poet Laureate contract. They moved forward, meeting, creating a contract and finally having Town Counsel (Brookline's in house lawyer) review it. Selectman Goldstein and the Council on the Arts then brought it to the Selectmen who voted unanimously to approve the position for an initial two year period with a stipend of \$1,000. Two banks, Bay State Federal Savings and Century Bank each contributed \$500 to fund the position.

In his presentation Selectman Goldstein even read a poem from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow to Julia Ward Howe which included a reference to Brookline.

The lesson I learned from all this is that it takes a committed city/town official, one who appreciates and supports the arts, who makes commitments and keeps them.

I know that Doug Holder has been trying to get the Somerville City Council to approve a Poet Laureate for the city – and there are some many wonderful poets in Somerville, many of whom, known as the Bagel Bards – meet weekly at the Au Bon Pain in Davis Square.

Perhaps there is a City Councilor out there who will take up the issue and see it to fruition the way Ken Goldstein has done in Brookline.

# Lyrical

## SOMERVILLE

edited by Doug Holder

This is February 1st but let's not forget January. The month that brings in the new year. This year it has been a forgiving month--mild and with little snow. So poet Valerie Querica Prescott brings it all home with her poem.

### January

The sky has fallen.

Brilliant and distinct—  
a trillion tiny stars  
as weighty  
and

Light  
as  
my heart.

A universe  
rests gently  
on my porch.

I reach  
wishing  
to sift them.  
To hear them  
tinkle as bells.  
But I am not God.

Still  
I cannot  
sweep  
for the longing.  
The staring.  
The starrng.

Perhaps  
infinity is a loop  
and a telescope might  
see far  
enough  
to turn back  
beneath my feet.

With hope I leave  
a galaxy  
by the door.

But stars  
have their own  
gravity.  
And not even  
Earth  
can hold  
what is light

When I come home,  
they've returned

to the sky

– Valerie Querica Prescott

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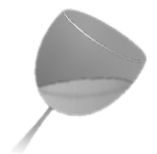
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