High score to Cambridge Mayfair

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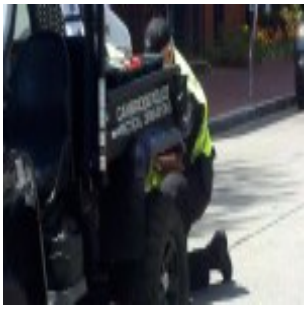
Had just left the Hair Cuttery in Harvard Square (Clarissa did a great job—I was her first client at 9 am on Sunday!); called my friend E who, it turned out was also in the Square, to do a quick run through Mayfair before it got too crowded. As long-time denizens of Harvard Square, we started out a bit jaded . "Same vendors, same food ,Octoberfest, year after year," E had remarked the previous day. But this time seemed different—many new nonprofits—J Street for Israeli Arab peace, the Cambridge Art Association, "Chalk on the sidewalk" opportunities with a number of Chamber of Commerce members sponsoring space, a few excellent street musicians…many international food vendors, and even a train to take kids around for $3.00. E and I were a bit taken aback by the number of police bomb squad vehicles on Brattle Street—and by flocks of Cambridge police—highly visible in bright chartreuse vests—on patrol. Had not thought about possible danger but E pointed out that there could be copycat bombings, especially since the accused Marathon bombers three weeks ago had lived in Cambridge. The police presence made me feel more anxious than secure…Still, E bought some beautiful scarves for $5 apiece and won $24 worth of Zip car miles in a carnival-like game. I scored at the Commonwealth's booth, where I found my name on a list of people who had unclaimed funds….Evidently,

I’d left $400 in the old Coolidge bank when I moved to New York—and by the time I moved back to Cambridge, the bank had closed. So—all in all, we had a great time. See you there next year?



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