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Gerry Wright may have turned 90 years old but shows everyone that he still has some dance moves.



Matt Wright, Gerry's son, with Community Service Care Board Chair Crystal Jones.



Tom Carney, Armondo J Silva, and Paul O'Brien. See more photos on Pages 12 and 13.

Mayor Wu addresses residents' concerns about White Stadium project at JPNC meeting

BY GAZETTE STAFF

The Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council (JPNC) held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 27. On hand for the session were chair Renee Stacey Welch, Purple Reign, Willie Mitchell, Bernie Doherty, Dave Baron, Sarah Freeman, Leah Dzintars, Danielle Sommer-Kieta, Peter DeCotis, Caliga, Michael Reiskind, and Lorenzo Bartoloni.

The special guest for the evening was Boston Mayor Michelle Wu, who answered questions from the members and from the public regarding the city's controversial plan to allow the new Boston women's professional soccer team, Boston Legacy FC, to use White Stadium for its home games.

The city is partnering with the team to undertake a \$200 million reconstruction of White Stadium, of which the team will contribute \$109 million and the city \$91 million. White Stadium, which was built in 1949, had fallen into a total state of disrepair over the decades and had been unusable for the past 35 years.

The project will transform the site into a modern-day soccer stadium that also will provide the Boston public schools with a sorely-needed, state-of-the-art athletic facility.

Those who spoke against the proposal cited a wide range of issues, including their view that

the stadium will be a second-rate venue for a women's professional and that the ban on parking on game days in JP adversely will affect local businesses.

"We can have a conversation with the businesses about what they are worried about in terms of parking and what kind of parking needs they have on weekends and on weeknights," said Wu. "We also can get more specific about what kinds of parking restrictions will apply. The parking restrictions are needed to protect residents, but we have heard from a lot of local businesses that they are excited for additional foot traffic because fans will be using public transportation to get to the game."

"The proposal opens up a lot of additional green space, contrary to what has been said otherwise," the mayor continued. "There will be amenities outside the stadium and drainage issues will be fixed."

"In terms of the stadium's suitability for a women's professional soccer team, the team itself has made their own decisions that this is their best option," said Wu. "They believe that if they were to share a stadium with the men, they would end up playing second fiddle, which has been the experience in other cities. They want their own space where they can shine and that

A Journey for the Ages

COMMENTARY BY JOHN SWAN

When I first wandered into Jamaica Plain in 1969 my Cambridge friends warned me that it was a dangerous place. Crime and arson plagued the deteriorating neighborhood, especially around Jamaica Pond. The state also planned to cut an I-95 extension through the middle of Boston and Jamaica Plain, further

isolating the already struggling area.

But in what became a national model for community activism, a new group of young urban homesteaders began the process of turning Jamaica Plain into what is now—the jewel of Boston. Leading the way was Gerry Wright, a former Methodist minister turned environmentalist / human service provider,

along with a large group of newly minted activists in the early 1970s who helped stop the I-95 extension.

On May 21 hundreds gathered at the Loring Greenough House to celebrate Gerry's 90th birthday and his long list of accomplishments, including founding Community Service Care,

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which has stepped back from its original mission of providing residential services for young adults in need, to now becoming an incubator supporting grassroots organizations and local leadership.

As Gerry steps down as CEO, while still filling a roll as advisor, he leaves a legacy that will shine for generations to come.

"I'll remember all the spirit here until my last day," he told supporters and former clients, some coming from as far away as North Carolina. "Now let's go forward and help this community, and far beyond, to be a better society."

"Gerry never tried to hand down sage advice," said new CEO Allison Yoos, who explained part of his leadership skills was that "he just lets each one of us follow our own personality."

"The only way to describe Gerry is that he has a calming energy that is also full of fire," said Chrystal Jones, a former client while at Boston University and now a Board member of Community Service Care.

An irascible, undeniable force of nature, Gerry would have fit in

as comfortably with 19th century icons Walt Whitman and Frederick Law Olmsted (both of whom he portrayed in one-man shows) as he has with modern political and social leaders he's worked with like James Meredith, Norman Vincent Peale, Jack and Ted Kennedy, and Michael Dukakis.

A short list of organizations Gerry has founded includes: in 1964, the Dynamic Action Residence Enterprise (DARE), a nationally recognized leader in supported housing for young adults at risk of being institutionalized; in 1975, the Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers to help develop funding sources for non-profits; in 1982, Community Service Care, continuing DARE's mission; in 1983, the Jamaica Pond Project, renovating the boat house and bandstand while cleaning up the area and making it safe after years of neglect; then in 1996, The Caring Force to advocate for human service workers.

Always willing to share the stage, Gerry credits his working partners Charlie Hauck who managed the human services, and Christine Cooper who ran the Jamaica Pond Project, as crucial to the groups' success. "Charlie and Christine did the real work in the trenches," he

said. Both have since passed, but Gerry has remained the heartbeat of JP's resurgence for the past seven decades.

It all started here in JP in 1957 when Gerry, a graduate student in the divinity program at Boston University, saw a flight of seagulls heading inland and asked a friend where they were going. His friend said Jamaica Pond. According to his son Matt, who has moved on from his leadership role in the I Have a Dream Foundation to help Gerry and his organization transition to new leadership under Allison, "Gerry followed those gulls and never left."

Although over the years, Gerry did make more than a few sorties outside JP.

In the early 1970s Gerry's appearance on the Tonight Show with Johnny Carson help publicize the importance of the DARE program to the nation

Then in the 1980s he made 34 trips to the Soviet Union, Russia and Ukraine, running marathons and creating the Worldwide Running Club for Peace, the American Ukrainian Trade Council and the American Russian Forestry Alliance.

Those trips led to his fateful meeting in 1991 in Boston with the first president of free

Ukraine, Leonid Kravchuk, who invited Gerry to visit him in Ukraine. During that trip Gerry mentioned that he and his wife Thalia, an arts administrator and theater director, were interested in adopting a child. Kravchuk suggested Gerry visit a local Ukraine orphanage, "And when I saw this beautiful, magical child, just 20 months old, I knew she was the one," he said.

"So much has happened in the Ukraine, I don't know what my life would have been like if not for Gerry and Thalia," said their daughter Emily, a former Park Ranger now working in retail. "But I realize every day I'm living a Cinderella story. My dad and mom have always been the number one cheerleaders for me and my brother, and I'm blessed to have a sibling to look up to."

Then in 2015, at the age of eighty, Gerry decided to bring his environmental message nationwide, driving alone in a cross-country tour performing his popular Olmsted play "Passages in Life of an Unpractical Man" in national parks throughout the country. But before he left Thalia insisted Gerry, who eschews high tech, carry a cell phone with him.

"He did use it," she laughed, "But it's been in a drawer ever

since then."

Gerry's life in the public forum should come as no surprise since he had an auspicious beginning. In 1935 he was one of the infants chosen to represent Clapp's Baby Foods in ads in publications like Life magazine. Then Depression and World War Two shaped his first ten years. "That's when my soul and spirit developed," he explained. "When I see a problem it takes me back to my youth when I learned from my family to help other people."

That background lead him to the University of Maine, Cornell, Boston University, Methodist Church in Essex where he served four years as Minister, and what he calls his first "soul-searching trip" around the United States in 1962— and of course, following the gulls here to Jamaica Plain.

It's been a long journey, but along the way Gerry said he's learned the importance of "embracing the challenges of life, and how connected we all are to the earth and to each other."

It's been our blessing that he chose to settle in our community. Every resident of JP owes a debt of gratitude to this amazing man. I'm honored to call him not just a friend, but also a brother. He is a without a doubt a man for all seasons.

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this is a size that is appropriate for them.

"My main focus has been to ensure that for the 90%-plus rest of the time, the athletic complex will be in use for our public schools and the public," Wu continued. "It is guaranteed legally to be open to our community and our students and this is all codified in the contract with the team."

In other business, the members approved all of the recommendations of the Zoning Committee, giving a favorable vote to requests for variances for 3458 Washington St. (a new 36-unit building), 14 Varney St., 10 Westerly St., 15 Conry Crescent, and 12 Rear Union Ave., and rejecting the application for 561-579 Centre St., the site of a former gas station, where the owner is proposing to construct a four-story, 12-unit residential building.

All of the owners still must go before the city's Zoning Board of

Appeals to obtain their variances.

The full committee also approved all of the recommendations of the Public Service Committee for three new liquor licenses.

The first request pertained to Mr. Drinky, 606 Centre St., for a common victualler and seven-day all-alcohol license for a cocktail lounge from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. The space is the former JP Fruit. The lounge will have a capacity of 26 persons and the owner highlighted his artisanal ice abilities.

The Third Cliff Bakery asked for a beer and wine license and for a takeout license at 3531 Washington St.

The third application, from AAA Restaurant in Egleston Sq. at 3141 Wash St., sought an all-alcohol license, entertainment license for two TVs, and a takeout license.

Sommer-Kieta presented the report of the Housing and Development Committee, which held a joint meeting with the Zoning Committee for a presentation by Reuben Kantor, a Senior Policy Advisor with the BPDA, regarding the PLAN: JP/ROX guidelines that have been in effect for the past eight years.

Sommer-Kieta said Kantor reported that there has been a decline in the filings of new projects compared to the rest of the city and there has not been strict compliance with the so-called density bonus which requires developers to add more affordable housing units in exchange for higher density.

However, Kantor acknowl-

edged that much has changed in the past eight years, which has made the goals of JP/ROX difficult to bring to fruition. According to the BPDA's website, "The PLAN: JP/ROX document provides recommendations and strategies around affordable housing, jobs and businesses, guidelines for urban design, and suggestions for improvements to transportation, connections, open space, sustainability, and the public realm."

Reiskind expressed his view that he was "astounded that the BPDA believes that there has been less development in JP, when the reality is that this is the most-intensely developed corridor in the city over the past eight years. Most people feel there has been too much."

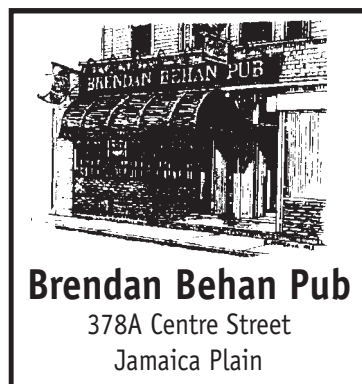
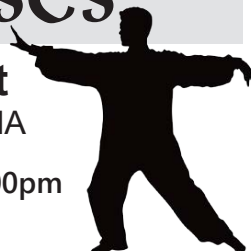
Sommer-Kieta concluded her committee's report by noting, "The one area where we vastly beat the rest of the city is in unaffordability."

The next meeting of the JPNC is set for June 24.

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J.P. Licks announces new flavors and a Levain Bakery collaboration for summer 2025

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

J.P. Licks is excited to announce their May & June 2025 ice cream flavors, featuring brand-new creations – Pineapple Upside Down Cake, Orange Chocolate Chip, and Cotton Candy – returning favorites – Cookies 'N' Dough, Extreme Chocolate, Cinnamon Toast Crunch – and a new dairy-free flavor – Peanut Butter Chip – as well as a collaboration with Levain Bakery.

J.P. Licks' new flavors have arrived just in time for summer! Pineapple Upside Down Cake is inspired by the classic dessert and features sweet pineapple ice cream loaded with brown sugar topped cake and maraschino cherries. Pineapple Upside Down Cake is available in J.P. Licks locations now through June 2025 while supplies last. Orange Chocolate Chip is a creation straight from the mind of our founder, Vincent Petryk, who wanted to create an ice cream to emulate

his favorite chocolate orange candies. The result is a creamy orange ice cream loaded with soft, dark chocolate chips. Additionally, J.P. Licks is pleased to announce the introduction of a Cotton Candy flavor, which has long been requested by J.P. Licks fans. Orange Chocolate Chip and Cotton Candy will be available in J.P. Licks locations from June through July 2025, while supplies last. Summer marks the return of J.P. Licks' rotating dairy-free ice cream selection. Peanut Butter Chip is a rich, dairy-free peanut butter ice cream loaded with chocolate chips. Peanut Butter Chip will be available in J.P. Licks locations for the month of June 2025, while supplies last.

J.P. Licks is thrilled to announce its Summer 2025 collaboration with Levain Bakery. This summer, ice cream and cookie lovers can now get J.P. Licks ice cream alongside the world-famous Levain Bakery cookies. Available exclusively in Boston

at Levain Bakery's Back Bay and Seaport bakeries beginning Friday, May 30th, the Bakery invites customers to enjoy Levain cookies "à la Mode" with a scoop of J.P. Licks' Vanilla ice cream.

"Summer is our season." Says J.P. Licks Founder and Owner Vincent Petryk. "We're always trying to push the envelope with our flavors and collaborations to create something fresh and exciting but relevant to our customers. We take a lot of inspiration from the world around us and feedback from the community. We have a mix of new and returning flavors, as well as a new collaboration, so there's a little something for everyone."

Locally owned and operated by Vincent Petryk, J.P. Licks now boasts 17 store locations throughout Massachusetts and has remained homemade and locally owned and operated. The company employs around 450 employees in the summer months and ships coffee (which is roasted in-house at the Jamaica Plain store) and merchandise anywhere in the continental USA. All ice cream and ice cream cakes are made in house in the Jamaica Plain headquarters. Since opening its doors, J.P. Licks has been committed to supporting each store's community by donating in-kind donations to small, local organizations.

J.P. Licks has won many awards over the years for their intensely flavored homemade ice cream and frozen yogurt, including a Best of Boston 2021 award from Boston Magazine. J.P. Licks has received over 300 "Best of" awards over the last 43 years. Known for their high quality, scrumptious treats J.P. Licks was named Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce's 2006 "Small Business of the Year". Dedham, MA 02026

J.P. Licks is located 659 Centre St., in Jamaica Plain, and operates 17 total locations across Boston and the Commonwealth.

Visit www.jplicks.com for more information.

Inaugural Forest Hills Community History Night and Potluck set for June 28

On Saturday, June 28 from 5 to 7pm the JP Historical Society and Wenham Street Cinema will host the first ever Forest Hills Community History Night and Potluck! The location is 23 Wenham St.

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Local activist turned author describes The Battle for Boston under Mayor Flynn

BY SANDRA STOREY / SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The mayoral administration of Ray Flynn set a progressive tone and agenda that has lasted until today in Boston and around the country, according to *The Battle for Boston: How Mayor Ray Flynn and Community Organizers Fought Racism and Downtown Power Brokers*, by Jamaica Plain resident Don Gillis.

Gillis, with a doctorate in urban sociology and the sociology of education from Boston University now, was and is a political activist and community organizer who became a senior advisor to Flynn in those days.

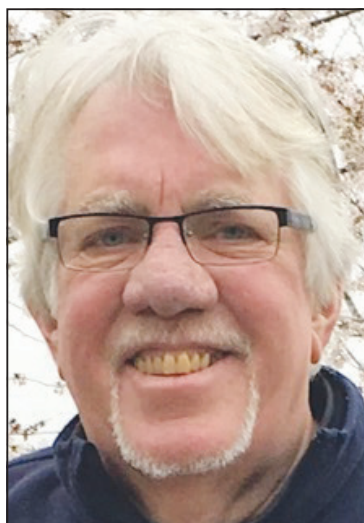
"Flynn helped establish enduring foundations in neighborhoods, racial equality, and principles of sharing growth," Gillis said in an interview early this month. "Ending racial violence was important to him," Gillis said. "On the cultural level, racial tranquility made everything possible."

Affordable housing was a strong component of Flynn's administration, Gillis reports. Flynn, who was a City Councilor before he became mayor, had all departments that dealt with housing come together regularly to make sure permitting was getting done. "Linkage was the brew that kept it all together," Gillis said.

Flynn's care and respect for neighborhood people of all different groups comes through clearly in the book. He hired many local activists and community organizers to work for him, and he listened to them. Peter Dreier, Lisa Chapnick, Jovita Fontanez and Gillis himself were some examples.

Because of their progressive, new ideas, they got called "Sandinistas" after the successful revolutionaries in Nicaragua in the late 1970s.

Flynn created Neighborhood Councils, which still exist today,



COURTESY PHOTO

Don Gillis, author of *The Battle for Boston: How Mayor Ray Flynn and Community Organizers Fought Racism and Downtown Power Brokers*.

to advise about City policies and actions in the neighborhoods. He appointed the original members. Now, most, including in JP, are chosen by neighborhood-wide

election.

Flynn and his administration created quite a few other important departments, programs and policies during his service as mayor from 1984 to 1993 that remain in Boston government today. Gillis describes them and their inceptions in the book.

They include the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services (MONS), Safe Neighborhoods, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League, equity restrictions on affordable housing purchases, and a Community Disorders Unit in the police department to deal with race-related crimes.

Flynn had a strong hand in furthering linkage and inclusionary zoning to also create affordable housing out of market rate development.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu praised Flynn on the book jacket. Five other politicians and scholars—including President Bill

Clinton and Bill de Blasio, former Mayor of New York City and author of the foreword—have praised *The Battle for Boston*.

"After taking office during a time of financial crisis and deep division, Mayor Flynn helped bring people together to solve problems and advance the common good across the city's neighborhoods. His administration made Boston better, fairer, and stronger," Clinton wrote.

"The Battle for Boston helps us understand the challenges in urban America today and the role of progressive leadership in city politics. It is a must-read for students of urban politics and lovers of cities. It proves that progressives can win and put their vision into action," de Blasio wrote.

Asked what motivated him to write the book, Gillis said, "I want people to learn why Boston came to be the way it is, how progressivism came from community organizers and a mayor working together.

"People expect to be listened to," he added. "The progressivism [of the Flynn administration] offered a new set of expectations, a new set of responsibilities. People have to understand how we got where we are and how to sustain the progress."

The Battle for Boston was released by Fordham University Press on May 6. Gillis is giving book talks in several neighborhoods this month: June 13, 6:30 p.m. Frugal Bookstore, 57 Warren St., Roxbury, in conversation with Mayor Ray Flynn. June 14, 2 p.m. Jamaica Plain Branch Library, 30 South St., Jamaica Plain, in conversation with City Councilor Ben Weber and Enid Eckstein. June 16, 6 p.m. Codman Square Branch Library, 690 Washington St., Dorchester, in conversation with Bill Walczak. June 17, 6 p.m. West End Museum, 150 Staniford St., Suite 7, Boston. For more information, visit battleforboston.com.

Sandra Storey is publisher emerita of the Jamaica Plain Gazette.

Before becoming a journalist, Storey was appointed to the first Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council in 1985 and was elected by the group to be the council chair.

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JP RESIDENTS RECEIVE CONFIRMATION AT ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



The Most Rev. Cristiano G. Barbosa visited St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Saturday, May 24 to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 4 p.m. Mass. The church was filled for the happy occasion.

LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

JADEN MITCHELL RECOGNIZED AT 2025 STUDENT LIFE AWARDS

Jaden Mitchell, a member of Stonehill College's Class of 2025 from Jamaica Plain was recently honored at the institution's Student Life Awards, held Sunday, April 27, 2025. This program

celebrates campus community members for their outstanding contributions to the betterment of Stonehill.

Stonehill College, a Catholic institution of higher learning, was founded by the Congregation of Holy Cross in 1948. Located on the beautiful 384-acre campus and former estate of Frederick Lothrop Ames in North Easton,

Massachusetts, it is a community of scholarship and faith, anchored by a belief in the inherent dignity of each person.

Through more than 100 academic programs in the liberal arts, sciences, business and pre-professional field, Stonehill College provides an education of the highest caliber that fosters critical thinking, free inquiry and the interchange of ideas for over 2,500 students.

Stonehill College educates the whole person so that each Stonehill graduate thinks, acts and leads with courage toward the creation of a more just and compassionate world.

MITCHELL GRADUATES FROM STONEHILL COLLEGE

Jaden Mitchell of Jamaica Plain, was one of 614 students to process at Stonehill College's 74th Commencement, held on Sunday, May 18, 2025.

During the ceremony, former Red Sox announcer Joe Castiglione gave the keynote address. He also received an honorary Doctor of Human Letters degree alongside Elizabeth (Fox) Hayden '76, a member of Stonehill's Board of Trustees.

Visit Stonehill College's website for full coverage of the ceremony.

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Forest Hills Community History Night and Potluck

~ Sat. June 28th 5-7pm - 23 Wenham St. ~

Please join us for an evening of community oral history! A group of our most veteran neighbors will share their memories of Forest Hills, take questions, and pass down neighborhood lore.

This event is a partnership between the JP Historical Society and Wenham Street Cinema. Please bring food or drink to share. Contact matt.shuman@gmail.com for more info. Free and open to all.

LOCAL STUDENTS IN THE NEWS

SNHU ANNOUNCES SPRING 2025 DEAN'S LIST

It is with great pleasure that Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) congratulates the following students on being named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List. The spring terms run from January to May.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

- Shawnte Lymon
- Issam Heredia-Bitar
- Zainielys Santiago
- Daina Estime
- Andrew Herd
- Benjamin Doerges
- Grant Manley
- Nicole Coletta

PRESTON NAMED TO UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND DEAN'S LIST

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce that Daniel Preston of Jamaica Plain has been named to its Spring 2025 Dean's List.

To be included on the Dean's

List, full-time students must have completed 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable during a semester and achieved at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part-time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 or more credits for letter grades which are GPA applicable earning at least a 3.30 quality point average.

Students named to the Dean's List represent nearly all of Rhode Island's cities and towns, all six New England states, New York and New Jersey, and many other states and countries.

LOCAL RESIDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

The following Jamaica Plain residents were recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the spring 2025 semester:

- Conor Downey
- Haley Englert

In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester.

William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

LOCAL RESIDENT NAMED TO WILLIAM & MARY DEAN'S LIST

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MACDONALD NAMED TO ASSUMPTION UNIVERSITY'S SPRING 2025 DEAN'S LIST

Assumption University has announced that Mary Macdonald, of Jamaica Plain, Class of 2025, has been named to the University's Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. Students named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 for a five-class, 15-credit semester to be included on the prestigious list, which is announced at the completion of the fall and spring semesters.

"Earning the right to be named to the Assumption University's Dean's List is an extraordinary accomplishment and we congratulate those students who demonstrated exemplary academic excellence this semester," said Assumption University President Greg Weiner, Ph.D. "These students have demonstrated a deep commitment to the pursuit of truth in the company of friends that lies at the heart of the Catholic liberal education Assumption provides."

AIDAN CARROLL GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE OF THE HOLY CROSS

Aidan Carroll of Jamaica Plain received a bachelor of arts degree Magna Cum Laude from College of the Holy Cross.

Carroll is among 733 bachelor of arts degree recipients Holy Cross celebrated at its 179th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 23 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Dr. Linda LeMura, president of Le Moyne College and the first female layperson to be named president

of a Jesuit institution of higher education in the United States delivered this year's address to the Class of 2025 and received an honorary degree.

In her remarks, LeMura emphasized that the goal of a Jesuit-and specifically a Holy Cross-education is to unite two identities: the dreamer and the doer, following the example of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

"Graduates, my wish for you-today, and every day-is that you will hold tight to your skills and to your dreams," said LeMura. "Treasure them both. Your dreams will inspire your work, and your work will inspire your dreams. Never let go of the whimsical, poetical, visionary dreamer that lives in each and every one of you."

In addition to LeMura, Holy Cross also awarded an honorary degree to Sister Barbara Rogers, RSCJ, a longtime leader of the Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart.

YOVAHNY ALEXANDER GOMEZ NAMED TO CLARKSON UNIVERSITY'S DEAN'S LIST

Yovahny Alexander Gomez of Jamaica Plain, a sophomore majoring in business analytics, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester at Clarkson University.

Dean's List students must achieve a minimum 3.25 grade-point average and also carry at least 14 credit hours. Clarkson University is a proven leader in technological education, research, innovation and sustainable economic development. With its main campus in Potsdam, N.Y., and additional graduate program and research facilities in the Capital Region and Hudson Valley, Clarkson

faculty have a direct impact on more than 7,800 students annually through nationally recognized undergraduate and graduate STEM designated degrees in engineering, business, science and health professions; executive education, industry-relevant credentials and K-12 STEM programs. Alumni earn salaries among the top 2% in the nation: one in five already leads in the c-suite. To learn more go to www.clarkson.edu.

MARTIN GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Clayton Martin, of Jamaica Plain, graduated with a Master Of Science In Computer Science from The University of Texas at Austin in spring 2025.

Martin was one of nearly 9,500 students who received an undergraduate, master's or doctoral degree.

UT Austin celebrated its 142nd graduating class during Commencement ceremonies on May 10. Taylor Sheridan, the creative force behind television blockbusters such as "Yellowstone" and "Landman," was the featured Commencement speaker.

APONTE NAMED TO LASELL UNIVERSITY SPRING 2025 DEAN'S LIST

Leslie Aponte, a Lasell University student from Jamaica Plain was named to the Dean's List for their academic performance in the Spring 2025 semester.

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The guide features free activities throughout Boston's parks, including concerts, movies, fitness classes, sports centers, watercolor painting workshops, and fun children's activities.



Highlights include:

- Summer Fitness Series
- The opening celebration at the Boston Common Frog Pond spray pool on June 24
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Massport awards annual STEM Scholarships

Two outstanding local high school students receive awards

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) today announced the recipients of the annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Scholarships. The 2025 awards were presented to two outstanding students: Susana Alvares Ruiz of Jamaica Plain and Alexander Lee of East Boston, both recognized for their exceptional academic achievements, community service, and commitment to STEM fields.

“We are excited to award these two Massport STEM Scholarships,” said Massport CEO Rich Davey. “Everything we do here at Massport involves STEM. There



One of the 2025 Massport STEM Scholarship Winners, Alexander Lee.

are countless career paths in the tech and science industries for students to explore, and so many



One of the 2025 Massport STEM Scholarship winners, Susana Alvares Ruiz.

opportunities here in Massachusetts. We wish Alexander and Susana the best of luck at school,

and hope these scholarships encourage even more students to take a serious look at the STEM disciplines when planning their career paths.”

Alexander is a recent graduate of Boston Latin School and will soon attend Carnegie Mellon University to study Electrical and Computer Engineering. Alexander was a member of Northeastern University’s Young Scholar Program while in High School and presented at the 2024 MIT Undergraduate Research Technology Conference. He also self-taught himself circuit design.

Susana is a graduate of The John D. O’Byrant School of Mathematics and Science and will be attending Wentworth Institute to study Architecture. She participated in Wentworth’s Summer FAB program, contributing to a full-scale, community-centered design project in Charlestown, and joined the

ACE Mentor Program to gain professional experience in architecture, construction, and engineering.

Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school students who have a minimum 3.0 grade point average, have shown an interest in pursuing a degree that could be utilized in the transportation industry, have done community service, accepted to an accredited college or university and have submitted essays describing their career interests and community service involvement. To date, the program has awarded approximately \$110,000 in scholarships to 50 students from or attending school in Boston, Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere, Worcester, Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln.

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2	3	1117-1120	\$2,150	\$64,500	50%	1	-
7	0	435-440	\$1,737	\$52,110	60%	2	-
9	1	600-610	\$1,861	\$55,830	60%	1	-
33	2	840-902	\$2,233	\$66,990	60%	3	1
3	3	1117-1120	\$2,580	\$77,400	60%	1	-
6	0	435	\$1,950	\$58,500	80%	-	-
8	1	610	\$2,250	\$67,500	80%	-	-
9	2	902	\$2,699	\$80,970	80%	-	-
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2	\$66,200	\$79,440	\$105,950	\$128,750
3	\$74,450	\$89,340	\$119,150	\$144,850
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5	\$89,350	\$107,220	\$143,000	\$173,800
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Applications are available during the application period for 60 days, from April 29, 2025 - June 29, 2025

To fill out an application online, please visit bit.ly/BOSHousingLottery and select “RENTAL: 2 and 6 Lamartine”

To download a multilingual printable application please visit <https://bit.ly/LamartinePDFApps>

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Applications are available in person on the following days, dates, and times in the following place(s)

Day	Date	Time	Location
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Wednesday	May 7, 2025	3PM - 7PM	Amory Street Apartments, 125 Amory St. Boston, MA 02119
Saturday	May 17, 2025	10AM - 2PM	Amory Street Apartments, 125 Amory St. Boston, MA 02119
Saturday	Jun 7, 2025	10AM - 2PM	Jamaica Plain Public Library, 30 South St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130
Thursday	Jun 12, 2025	3PM - 7PM	Amory Street Apartments, 125 Amory St. Boston, MA 02119

We will hold informational meetings on **Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 4:00 PM, Amory Street Apartments, 125 Amory St. Boston, MA 02119**,
Join virtually, too, through the following link: <https://tcbinc-org.zoom.us/j/88168272558>
and **Saturday, June 7, 2025, 10:00 AM, Jamaica Plain Public Library, 30 South St. Jamaica Plain, MA 02130**, Join virtually, too, through
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DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted online or postmarked no later than **June 29, 2025**
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A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION FOR GERRY WRIGHT AT LORING GREENOUGH HOUSE

PHOTOS BY DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN

Community Service Care hosted a special celebration honoring Gerry Wright, a trailblazer in community-based care and social services, who celebrated his 90th birthday. The event took

place at the Loring Greenough House in Jamaica Plain.

The celebration recognized Wright's decades-long dedication to grassroots, community-rooted care. As the founder of multiple local and statewide initiatives, Wright has been instrumental in

building alternatives to institutionalization and supported generations of leaders in the community-based care movement.

In addition to marking this personal milestone, the evening supported the ongoing mission of Community Service Care. Wright recently stepped down from his longtime role as CEO and now serves as Community Liaison—continuing his commitment to direct service and advocacy.

"Gerry has always been about people over programs," said Alison Yoos of Community Service Care. "He pioneered community-based group homes when that was a radical idea. His work has helped shape the entire landscape of human services in Massachusetts—and beyond."



Party guests look through photo albums and scrapbooks of Gerry and his family.

For those unable to attend, messages and video greetings are being collected to create a special birthday tribute for Gerry Wright. Community members

can share their stories and well-wishes via the event website: www.givebutter.com/CelebrateCommunity



Carol Bell, George Wardle, and James Michel are longtime friends of Gerry from the Unitarian First Church in JP.



Dennis and Lyra O'Brien with Alex Gamota (center).



Cheryl Jean, and Carol Miranda.



Gerry Wright greets friends congratulating him on his 90th birthday.



Gerry's wife Thalia Wright (2nd from right) and daughter Emily McCann (3rd from right) with Gina Rheault, Hank Werlin, Connie Barbour, and Carol McCann.



Gerry Wright listens as family, friends, and colleagues speak about their lives with him.



Gerry Wright with Michael Joseph.



Community Service Care CEO Alison Yoos took over the position when Gerry Wright stepped down from the role. Don't worry, Gerry Wright will continue to be deeply involved in the organization and its work in the community.



Academy of the Pacific Rim student Thamel Thomas talked about how the South Street Youth Center helped him develop and grow.



Gerry Wright speaks to everyone thanking them for their birthday love.

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Gerry's son Matt Wright address the crowd.



Community Service Care Board Chair Crystal Jones recounts her experiences meeting Gerry when she arrived in Boston for college and working with him.



Gerry Wright with Stephen Baird.



Gerry's daughter Emily McCann thanked everyone for coming to celebrate her father's birthday.



Gerry's wife Thalia Wright, Carol Miranda, and Alison Yoos.



Colleen Torrann and Tommy Shenefield.



Many friends of Gerry Wright came out to celebrate his 90th birthday with him.

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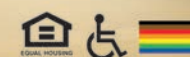
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EDITORIAL

Our healthcare system is on the critical list

Anyone who has been to a hospital emergency room lately has seen firsthand the health care crisis that we are facing in this country.

ERs routinely are filled beyond capacity, with patients lying on their hospital beds in corridors while they wait for a room to open up -- sometimes for days.

And during the respiratory illness season, when seniors and young children flood the ERs, our overcrowded hospitals resemble something out of a developing country, rather than what is supposedly the most advanced healthcare system in the world.

The statistics tell a bleak tale: The U.S. has less than three hospital beds per 1,000 residents, while the European Union has more than five and Japan almost 13. On average, 75% of America's hospital beds are occupied on any given day, 11 points higher than in 2019.

In Boston's hospitals, the daily occupancy rate reportedly is 86%. According to some experts, the system becomes overloaded when the occupancy rate reaches 85%.

We grew up in a time (the 1960s-70s) when just about every city and town in Massachusetts had its own hospital, institutions that were the pride of their communities. But starting in the 1970s, thanks to a combination of declining reimbursement rates from state and federal governments and surging costs for modern-day equipment (such as MRI machines) and treatment, community hospitals one-by-one began to disappear, leaving us in our present predicament of too few hospitals serving too many people. Another looming crisis in our healthcare system is a shortage of doctors. It is estimated that there are 1,010,892 active physicians in the U.S., of whom 851,282 are direct patient care physicians. (Physicians who do research or are administrators represent the difference between the two numbers.)

Anyone whose primary care doctor recently has retired knows how difficult it is today to find a new doctor. But this shortfall is only going to get worse over the next decade. By 2037, the United States is expected to face a shortage of 187,130 physicians, including 87,150 primary care physicians.

It is estimated that there already are 75 million Americans who live in areas where it is difficult to get access to primary care -- and the ratio of primary care providers is projected to decline to 76.8 per 100,000 people by 2037, from 81.6 per 100,000 in 2022.

To make matters worse, the present -- and future -- shortfalls in hospital beds and doctors do not take into account the effects of the policies in Washington that are threatening to cut back on Medicaid eligibility, to reduce Medicare reimbursements even further, to limit the loan programs available to medical school students, and to restrict (if not prevent) foreign-born doctors from coming into this country.

In short, all of the ingredients are in place to create the Perfect Storm for a healthcare crisis in our nation.

There must be zero tolerance for violent protests

We completely understand the anger and frustration on the part of many Americans with the manner in which members of immigrant communities are being arrested and deported not only without any semblance of due process of law, but also in a deliberately cruel and inhumane manner.

But the urge to respond with acts of lawlessness, including throwing rocks and dangerous objects at police officers and other law enforcement personnel, burning vehicles in the street, smashing windows of businesses, and defacing property, is not the answer.

The First Amendment of the Constitution guarantees the right "of the people peaceably to assemble" -- and we would emphasize the word "peaceably."

However, the protests that we have seen the past few days in Los Angeles have not been peaceful. They are creating a dangerous situation for everybody concerned -- and it is inevitable that if the protesters escalate their actions, the outcome will be a tragedy.

Those who are partaking in the protests should keep in mind the words of Winston Churchill during the height of WWII when England was facing a threat to its very existence:

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The Bridge Project expands to Boston, bringing groundbreaking support to moms and babies

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The Bridge Project -- the nation's largest unconditional cash program focused exclusively on providing support to low-income mothers and their babies -- is expanding to include the City of Boston.

With this launch, The Bridge Project extends its proven model to expectant and new moms in the Boston area. Participants will receive unconditional cash assistance from pregnancy through the first 1,000 days of their baby's life—a crucial period with lasting effects on a child's development. The support includes a one-time prenatal stipend of \$1,125, followed by monthly payments of \$750 for the first 15 months, and \$375 for the final 21 months. These payments can be used on whatever a baby needs, offering families the flexibility, stability, and dignity to meet their needs.

In partnerships with leaders

in philanthropy, the nonprofit has already secured over \$5 million in private contributions to support the Bridge Boston launch. Bridge Boston will accept program participant applications in partnership with nonprofit partners across the area.

"We are so encouraged by the response among local policy-makers, philanthropists, and nonprofit leaders. Supporters are excited about the potential for unconditional cash to provide flexible support for families dealing with Boston's high cost of living, particularly housing costs," said Holly Fogle, founder of The Bridge Project. "We believe that if you trust moms and provide them with consistent, no-strings-attached financial support, they will make the best decisions for their babies. This is about breathing room, stability, and the long-term well-being of children and families. For these new

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Bridge Project

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“moms, being entrusted with decision-making fuels cycle-breaking behaviors and beliefs.”

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu said, “As the mom of a baby girl, the work of The Bridge Project has particular meaning for me. Those early years are crucial for a child’s development and we are delighted to welcome the energy and impact of The Bridge Project to Boston.”

“We’re so excited to see The Bridge Project launching here in Boston,” said Alison Carter Marlow, Executive Director of Jeremiah Program Boston. “As neighbors, coaches and advocates who walk alongside families every day, we understand

just how much a little financial breathing room can mean—especially during pregnancy. Whether it’s helping moms get to their checkups, buy fresh groceries or make sure their baby has a safe place to sleep, direct cash support can make a real difference. We’re delighted to partner with The Bridge Project to uplift our communities and help Boston families thrive.”

Since launching in 2021, The Bridge Project has supported over 2,000 mothers across six states: New York, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia. Now in Boston, the organization will work closely with local partners to ensure its support complements the city’s existing efforts to combat child poverty and support early childhood development.

Historically, the City of Boston has been home to some of the largest income inequality gaps in New England. Research from the program and other guaranteed income pilots shows that unconditional cash leads to better outcomes in maternal health, infant development, housing stability, and workforce participation. Unconditional cash support enables immediate and long-term benefits. On average, our moms:

- Saw a 242% increase in savings in the first 6 months.
- 80% are working full or part time within 18 months.
- 90% reported improved mental health or stress levels after just one payment.

To learn more about The Bridge Project or explore partnership opportunities in Boston, visit bridgeproject.org.

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To all interested persons: A Petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Jon M. Kingsdale of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before:

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To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Zena E. Shnayder of Jamaica Plain, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Zena E. Shnayder of Jamaica Plain, MA be appointed as Personal

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. C. 190B, ss5-304

Docket No. SU25P1128GD Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 In the matter of: Howard Payne Of: Jamaica Plain, MA RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Correction of Jamaica Plain, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Howard Payne is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of

06/20/2025. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person’s right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: May 23, 2025 Stephanie L. Everett Register of Probate 06/13/25 JP

DO YOU NEED TO PLACE A LEGAL NOTICE?

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Boarding Pets

BY PENNY & ED CHERUBINO

This week, we'll cover two aspects of pet boarding. First, planning for a safe and happy experience for you and your pet when you board them at an established kennel, or as some are called, a pet hotel. Second, the alternatives to boarding. These include engaging a pet and house sitter for the time you are away or leaving your pet with a trusted friend or family member.

Begin with Your Pet

What option would be a good fit for your pet? Several factors influence this decision, including age, health, exercise requirements, and personality. Does your dog get along with other dogs? Does your cat interact with humans other than family? What specific tasks would the care provider have to perform? Some animals may need medications multiple times a day. Others could need intravenous fluids for kidney disease.

Investigate the Facilities

We are firm believers in recommendations from other pet guardians who show the same standards of care that you have. Even then, we would check on how that specific kennel would work for our dog, who is anxious and an escape artist.

The Animal Rescue League of Boston offers a "Board Safely Checklist" on the website www.arlboston.org. It leads you, step-by-step, from "See it for Yourself" to "Get it in Writing. The Whole Dog Journal has its own checklist that takes a different approach, asking questions like

Is the facility staffed at all times? How do they handle health emergencies? Is drinking water always available to your pet?

Once you have one or two places in mind, recheck your referrals by asking as many pet people as you can about specific places. Should you come across someone who used to leave their animal there but switched to another place, ask why.

Stay at a Home Options

A pet sitter is one option if you prefer to allow your pet to stay in your home or theirs. Begin with the service providers you already trust. Your dog-walker may be willing to board your dog.

Ask your veterinarian. Some clinics provide boarding services, and some vet techs make extra income by pet sitting. This may be a good option if you have a dog or cat who has a medical issue, must be monitored and medicated, or is frail. Groomers or the staff at your grooming facility may be another source of pet sitters.

A few people in every neighborhood make a little extra income by caring for pets. If you ask neighbors for recommendations, you may find a gem in your area. Some dog breeders will board dogs in their line.

A dog lover who hasn't found a way to have a dog in their life might jump at the opportunity to enjoy your pup. A friend who shares a home with roommates may be pleased to move into your place for a weekend or longer in exchange for pet sitting.

Family, friends and neighbors might be willing to host your dog or provide care for your cat as a part of a reciprocal agreement.

Finally, do a test run if it is a new adventure for your pet or a new person. Let the dog or cat experience the boarding option you choose for a day or two before you embark on a longer trip.

It's better to make any necessary changes while you're nearby than when you are hundreds of miles away on your own adventure.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Email Pen-py@BostonZest.com with your request.

JP'S JULIA MARTIN HOUSE CELEBRATES OLDER AMERICANS MONTH



In celebration of Older Americans Month, residents of Julia Martin House in Jamaica Plain welcomed Mayor Michelle Wu to their community on May 8. Everyone enjoyed complimentary lunch and cake, and learned more about Age Strong's programming and services. Pictured here are (left to right): Juana Castillo (property manager for Peabody Properties), Mayor Wu (with daughter Mira), Jose Hiciano (resident services manager for Peabody Properties), and Ana Sierra-Rivera (senior portfolio manager for Peabody Properties).

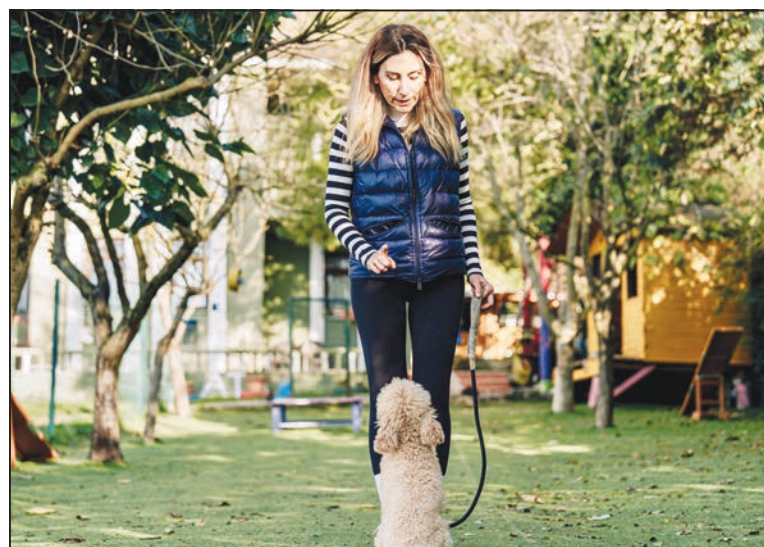


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