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DEDICATION MASS FOR THE REOPENING OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH



PATRICK O'CONNOR PHOTOS

Cardinal Sean O'Malley presided at a dedication Mass on the occasion of the reopening of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 97 South Street, on Friday evening, June 28. An overflow crowd filled the church for the happy occasion. The renovation got underway in the winter of 2022 and features a new sanctuary, seating arrangement, extensive lighting and dark blue carpeting throughout.



JPA hears of Weber's amendments to budget

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

The Jamaica Pond Association (JPA) held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 1, via Zoom, with chair Kay Mathew presiding over the session.

Jordan Frias from District 6 Councillor Ben Weber's office was on hand and introduced the office's new chief of staff, Bonnie Delaune.

Frias informed the group that Councillor Weber made a number of amendments that were accepted by the full council for inclusion in the city's budget for the upcoming fiscal year, including an additional arborist for Jamaica Pond, free legal representation for tenants facing evictions, and rental vouchers for certain undocumented immigrants.

Caroline Peters, the Jamaica Plain liaison from Mayor Wu's

office, spoke briefly. She suggested that officials from city departments should be made aware of agenda items for future JPA meetings that pertain to their departments with the hope that the officials will be able to attend the meetings to make comments and answer questions.

JPA member Franklyn Saliimbene presented an update on the MBTA's plans to modernize the Green Line that will feature cars and platforms that will be fully-accessible. Saliimbene noted that the design of necessity will be extremely complicated, especially along Huntington Ave. and So. Huntington Ave. He said the project is expected to be completed in three-to-four years.

Kevin Moloney presented the report of the Zoning Committee.

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Open Streets Boston in Jamaica Plain July 21

Open Streets Boston is back for its third annual event, offering another chance to experience streets as public spaces.

On July 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jamaica Plain will be celebrating Open Street on Center Street. The street will be closed between Lamartine and South Street starting at 9 a.m. for this event.

Open Streets Boston events help people experience streets as public spaces where communities

thrive. City streets transform into vibrant, pedestrian-friendly boulevards where people can dream, play, and explore.

During these free, family-friendly events, Open Streets Boston will temporarily close major thoroughfares to car traffic. This opens them to people biking, walking, rolling, and connecting with neighbors and local businesses.

Visit www.boston.gov/openstreets for more details.

Wu announced a heat advisory for the City of Boston residents

Mayor Michelle Wu announced a heat advisory for the City of Boston beginning through Friday, July 12, due to the upcoming weather forecasts. High temperatures will reach into the high 80s, with the heat index expected to reach the 90s. The current City of Boston heat advisory threshold is 3 days or more of 90 degrees heat index, sustained for 2 or more hours per day.

“City staff are working to ensure Boston has an enjoyable and safe summer, and we’re asking residents to do their part to protect themselves from hot and humid weather,” said Mayor Michelle Wu. “While this is not a heat emergency, we are advising people to take the necessary precautions such as taking breaks when working outside, staying hydrated, and checking on each other in the heat.”

“The Office of Emergency Management is coordinating closely with the National Weather Service (NWS) and Boston Public Health Commission on the weather and its impacts to our constituents. We are in communication with our partners, particularly those that work directly with vulnerable popula-



The Frog Pond spray pool on the Boston Common reopened for another summer season. The spray pool is managed by the Skating Club of Boston, and its hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily through Labor Day. Visit <https://bostonfrogpond.com/frog-pond-carousel/> for more information.

tions, to ensure they have what they need and will be available to support any resource or coordination needs that may arise,” said Chief of Emergency Preparedness Adrian Jordan. “We want to remind residents that extreme heat can be dangerous. Sustained periods of high heat increases the risk of heatstroke and other heat-related illnesses, especially for children, older adults, and those with chronic health conditions.”

The City of Boston is taking critical immediate action to provide heat relief, including short-term, actionable steps toward relief during heat waves. The City of Boston has been engaging in a variety of projects to support extreme heat mitigation and improved health for residents. Anyone, regardless of their medical conditions, can feel the impacts of extreme heat. During a heat wave, Boston Emergency Medical Services typically experience

an 10-15% increase in calls to 9-1-1 for people of all ages.

Splash pads will be open at parks and playgrounds throughout the City. Several city pools are open for people to cool off and operating hours can be found at boston.gov/pools. Memberships to all City pools are free. Learn more about how to create a membership and register for a swim session at [Boston.gov/BCYF-registration](https://boston.gov/BCYF-registration). Because of a collaboration between Boston Public Schools, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the Public Facilities Department, and the Property Management Department, investments of City funding, and improved facilities assessment, the City is on track to have more pools open this year than in previous summers. The BCYF Mildred pool opens tomorrow and the BCYF Perkins pool opened just yesterday.

Boston Public Library locations are also available for residents to seek relief from the heat. Patrons are always welcome to participate in BPL’s summer programming for kids, teens, and adults.

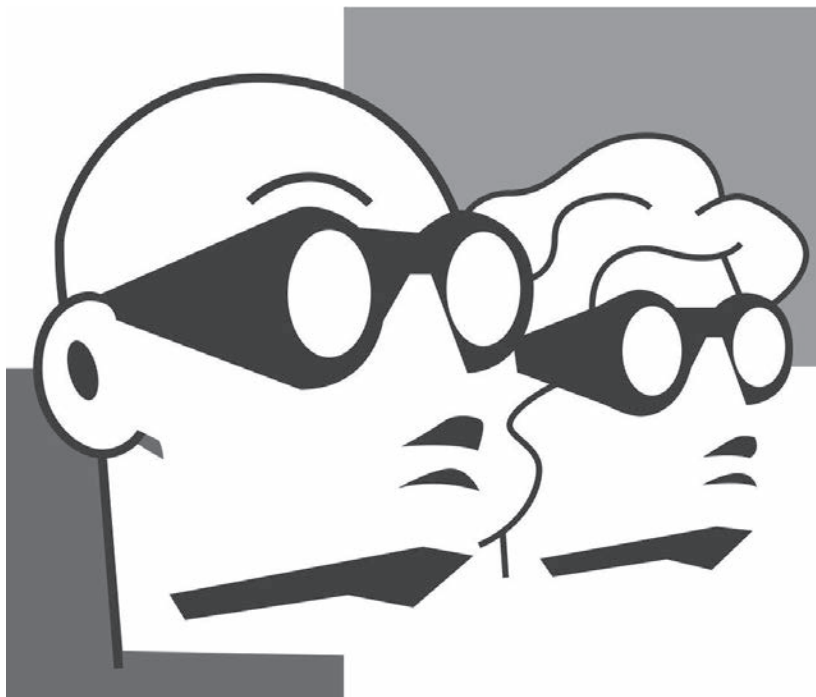
Information on heat safety tips can be found online at boston.gov/heat and by following @City-of-Boston on Twitter. Residents can sign up for AlertBoston, the City’s emergency notification system, to receive emergency alerts by phone, email, or text. Sign up online here. Residents are also encouraged to call 311 with any questions about available City services.

The Mayor issued the following heat safety tips:

- Children and pets should never be left alone in vehicles, even for short periods of time.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of fluids regardless of activity level. Avoid alcoholic beverages and liquids high in sugar or caffeine.
- Keep cool with frequent cool showers, shade, and air conditioning or fans.
- Limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours. Rest often in shady areas and be extra cautious from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., when the sun’s ultraviolet (UV) radiation is strongest.
- Know the signs of heat exhaustion. Heavy sweating, cool and clammy skin, dizziness, nausea, and muscle aches could all be signs of heat exhaustion. If symptoms persist, call 9-1-1 immediately. Do not delay care. Heat is the leading cause of weather-related deaths in the U.S. and can exacerbate underlying illnesses.
- Adults and children should use sunscreen containing an SPF-30 or higher and wear protective, loose-fitting clothing including long sleeve shirts and hats.
- If you have a child in your home, use child window guards in addition to screens on any open window on the second story or above. Falls are the leading cause of injury for children under the age of six.

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Public art installation recognizes legacy of slavery in Roxbury

At the Shirley-Eustis House in Roxbury, a new art installation placed on the publicly-accessible grounds recognizes five Africans enslaved by the family of Royal Governor William Shirley in the eighteenth century. Officially opened in a small ceremony several weeks ago, the installation, completed by Roxbury artist Sid-Marie Arroyo, includes five locally-sourced stones each engraved with the name of an enslaved person and painted with the image of a bird seen on the grounds of Shirley Place. Accompanying signs expand upon the person's name with information about their life and work, and include QR codes that visitors can scan to learn more about the history of enslavement at the Shirley-Eu-

stis House and in Boston. Nearly every aspect of the stones is intentional, from the choice of stone material, to the matching of bird species, to the placement of the stone on the property.

The timing of this press release coincides with the third annual proclamation of Quock Walker Day in Massachusetts on July 8, 2024. The day recognizes the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's 1783 decision to uphold the self-emancipation of a formerly enslaved man named Quock Walker, which also legally ended slavery in Massachusetts. Walker was also awarded damages in a civil case brought against his former enslaver for assault and battery. While slavery continued in the Commonwealth in

other forms after this date, the case was a landmark decision in the United States and was the first of many cases brought by self-emancipated former slaves against their former enslavers.

About the work's artist: Sid-Marie is an AfroLatina artist from Massachusetts. Born and raised in Boston, she began to develop an interest in painting after taking some elective art courses at UMass Boston, while attaining her bachelors degree in Africana studies, the study of the African Diaspora, back in 2010. Since then, she has enjoyed using paint to honor and celebrate notable figures of the diaspora of contemporary

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Heat

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- Secure all window air conditioner units according to the manufacturer's specifications.

- If you are heading to a beach, lake, or pool to beat the heat, swim where lifeguards are present. Always watch children near the water and make sure they're wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket.

- Please call or check on neighbors, especially older adults and people with disabilities.

- Please keep pets indoors, hydrated, and cool as asphalt and ground conditions are significantly hotter and unsafe during heat.

Helping Individuals Experiencing Homelessness:

- If you see individuals out in the heat who appear immobile or disoriented, please ask them if they need assistance and call 9-1-1 immediately.

- The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) operates emergency shelters at 112 Southampton St (men's shelter) and 794 Massachusetts Ave (women's shelter). These facilities are air conditioned and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Amnesty will be called at temperatures of 90 degrees or above, so those with non-violent restrictions can access shelter out of the heat.

- The City of Boston works closely with a network of shelter providers to ensure there is adequate shelter, food, water, and a

cool respite from the heat.

- Street outreach teams providing recovery services remain operating as normal during summertime weather. Outreach teams are providing water on outreach routes.

Playground Safety:

- Shoes should be worn outdoors, including playgrounds and turf athletic fields, as surfaces can become extremely hot and cause burns, even on splash pads and spray decks.

Outdoor Fires and Grilling:

- No outdoor fires are allowed in Boston, including fire pits, chimineas, and bonfires.

- Charcoal grills must be on the ground and away from buildings. Keep in mind the wind and never leave grills unattended. Dispose of the ash in a metal container once completely out.

- Propane tank grills are only allowed on first floor porches with steps to the ground. Do not place propane tank grills near air conditioners or up against a building. Make sure all connections are tight and never carry propane tanks into a home.

- Grills should always be used in a well-ventilated area.

The City of Boston's work is guided by the Heat Resilience Solutions for Boston framework to prepare for hotter summers and more intense heat events. The Heat Plan presents 26 strategies that will help build a more just, equitable, and resilient Boston. Visit boston.gov/heat regularly to learn more about the latest strategies for staying cool and to access the most up-to-date resources available.

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There was one matter, a licensing issue for a liquor license for a new coffee shop/wine bar at 767 Center St. in the former location of Espresso Yourself.

Maya Mukhopadhaya, the petitioner, said that the new estab-

lishment, Jadu, will be a coffee shop during the day and a wine bar in the evening that also will offer beer, cordials (liqueurs), and small-plate food items.

After the members asked some questions, they approved the application. The establishment still must go before the city Licensing Board to obtain the license. The anticipated opening of Jadu is set for September.

JPA member Michael Reiskind presented the reports regarding the most-recent meetings of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council and the Business and Professional Association.

As to the latter, he noted that District 6 Councillor Weber and Councillor at Large Henry Santana spoke at the June 19 meeting.

The next meeting of the JPA is set for Monday, September 9.



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Mount Pleasant Home hosts resident wedding

Mount Pleasant Home, a rest home in Jamaica Plain, hosted the wedding of current resident, Bill Worden and his long-time sweetheart of 35 years, Karen James. Karen resides in a higher level of care in Wrentham.

Staff at Karen's facility helped her pick out a dress, styled her hair, and made sure she arrived at Mount Pleasant Home in time for the nuptials.

Director of Community Life, Will Smalley, performed the ceremony in front of residents, staff, and invited guests. Kathy Seaman, Executive Director, served as Maid of Honor. Nearly 100 people looked on as Bill and Karen exchanged vows.

Many tears were shed, and hugs abounded during this magical day. Guests enjoyed catered hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and wedding cake, as people danced and gave well wishes to the couple.



PHOTOS COURTESY STEVE WAYNEN
Bill Worden, Karen James, Will Smalley, and Kathy Seaman.

Lucy Holliday, Social Worker, who has worked at Mount Pleasant Home for 44 years, said she believes this may be the first wedding in its 123-year history. She said, "There was such great excitement and enthusiasm for this special event. We were thrilled to be able to make this happen for Bill and Karen."



Bill Worden and Karen James.

SUMMER OUTDOOR CONCERT



Please join the Wenham Street Cinema on Saturday, July 13 from 5 to 8pm for the only concert of the season! Thanks to a city of Boston block party grant, there will be pizza, ice cream, and chalk for kids... and tons of fun! Light of Day Records has produced a wonderful lineup of local musicians - check out the description below or at this Facebook event page. Hope to see you all on Saturday! We are back for another year of Live from Wenham St. Cinema! Our 4th season at WSC in Jamaica Plain kicks off Saturday, July 13th with live sets from Evan Greer, Sleeping Turtle and Flight or Visibility — show is 5pm-8pm, all ages, byob and features a \$1 vinyl popup - hosted by Chris Antonowich and generously sponsored by Sazama Real Estate. Shown in the photograph above are a picture of the event last year.

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LOCAL STUDENT IN THE NEWS

ZEITOUNI GRADUATES FROM VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

Layla Zeitouni of Jamaica Plain has earned the Master of Library and Information Science from Valdosta State University.

More than 1,000 students completed their degree requirements at VSU during Spring Semester 2024 and graduated during the university's 237th commencement weekend.

Established in 1906, Valdosta State University is a premier comprehensive university that offers both the extensive academic, cultural, and social opportunities of a major university and the small classes and close,

personal attention of smaller institutions. VSU boasts nearly 200 academic programs leading to associate, bachelor, master, specialist, and doctoral degrees as well as options to add a certification, minor, endorsement, or certificate to that degree.

RESIDENTS RECEIVE DEGREES FROM CLARK UNIVERSITY

Clark University awarded 1,376 degrees (503 bachelor's, 847 master's, 26 doctoral degrees) to the Class of 2024 and conferred four honorary degrees during the University's 120th Commencement exercises on

Monday, May 20. The graduates included 653 international students representing 39 countries.

Following is a list of area residents who received degrees:

Sam M. Lapowsky, from Jamaica Plain, Mass. 02130, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts. Lapowsky graduated with highest honors in Economics.

Adam Crellin-Sazama, from Jamaica Plain, Mass. 02130, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts.

MOHAMED EARNS SPOT ON EMMANUEL COLLEGE SPRING 2024 DEAN'S LIST

Emmanuel College in Boston has named Razan Mohamed of Boston to the Dean's List for the Spring 2024 Semester. To earn a spot on the Dean's List, Emmanuel students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for a 16-credit semester.

Emmanuel College-a Catho-

lic, coeducational, residential, liberal arts and sciences college in Boston-has been educating critical thinkers, ethical decision makers and community leaders since 1919. Situated in Boston's Fenway neighborhood within the Longwood Medical and Academic Area, Emmanuel's 17-acre campus is home to nearly 2,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

MOORE OF BOSTON GRADUATES FROM RIT

Becky Moore of Jamaica Plain graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with an MS in professional studies.

Nearly 4,500 degrees were conferred in the 2023-2024 academic year at all of RIT's campuses. RIT's academic convocation celebration was held in May and featured remarks by Patricia "Pattie" Moore, a distinguished designer and trailblazing alumna of the class of 1974.

Rochester Institute of Technology is home to leading creators,

entrepreneurs, innovators, and researchers. Founded in 1829, RIT enrolls more than 20,500 students in 200 career-oriented and professional programs, making it among the largest private universities in the U.S.

LOCAL RESIDENTS GRADUATE FROM HAMILTON COLLEGE

The following local residents received Bachelor of Arts degrees from Hamilton College on Sunday, May 19, in a Commencement ceremony concluding the college's 212th year:

Summer Meade of Jamaica Plain (02130). A neuroscience and theatre major, Meade graduated with departmental honors in theatre.

Lily Rizzoli of Jamaica Plain (02130). Rizzoli majored in literature.

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO HAMILTON COLLEGE SPRING 2024 DEAN'S LIST

The following local residents were named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the spring 2024 semester:

Summer Meade of Jamaica Plain. Meade, a May graduate, majored in neuroscience and theatre at Hamilton.

Lily Rizzoli of Jamaica Plain. Rizzoli, a May graduate, majored in literature at Hamilton.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester and earned an average GPA of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

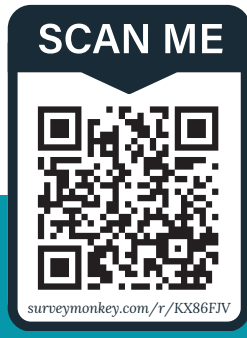
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J.P. Licks introduces new Coconut Curry and Thai Iced Tea Ice cream flavors



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J.P. Licks, Boston's favorite ice cream shop, is thrilled to announce two new bold, exciting flavors – Coconut Curry Ice Cream and Thai Iced Tea Ice Cream – that will be available in all 17 store locations starting on Wednesday, July 3, 2024. Coconut Curry Ice Cream blends the richness of coconut and traditional curry spices of turmeric, cinnamon, coriander with a kick of ginger and the all-new Thai Iced Tea Ice Cream is a creamy blend of

traditional black tea mixed with creamy condensed milk, hints of cloves, fennel, cinnamon, and ginger.

“When we think of bold new flavors we always enjoy experimenting with rich flavors and spices,” says J.P. Licks founder and owner Vincent Petryk. “Our two newest flavors certainly complement each other well, one packing a bit of the punch and the other having a creamy and decadent texture that will surely leave our customers coming back for another scoop.”

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 up to 453 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, most recently Best of Boston 2021 from Boston Magazine. J.P. Licks has received over 300 “Best of” awards over the last 40 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.”

Visit www.jplicks.com for more information.

Public Art

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African American and AfroLatino culture. She's installed a number of murals at youth centers across the city, often collaborating with local community members to complete the installations.

Her approach to the memorial stones at Shirley Place centered on birds, a universal symbol of freedom and transcendence. She considered the use of birds that would've been present during the time of the formerly enslaved people on the property set to the backdrop of vibrant, blended color.

About the Shirley-Eustis

House: The Shirley-Eustis House is a National Historic Landmark located at 33 Shirley St. in Roxbury, Massachusetts. The 1747 house, preserved at Shirley Place, is one of only four colonial governors' mansions remaining in the United States. It was also owned by a Massachusetts governor of the early Federal era, whose lasting aesthetic marks on the house reflect its nineteenth century story. The Shirley-Eustis House Association preserves the site to explore the early history of our nation and the community of Roxbury. More information about guided tours, events and programs can be found on our website: www.shirleyeustis-house.org.

Three injured in Centre Street shooting

STAFF REPORT

Police are continuing to investigate a shooting on Centre Street in Jamaica Plain early in the morning of July 5.

Officers responded to the shooting near the Jackson Square MBTA station just before 1:30 a.m., where they found three people suffering from non-life threatening injuries.

The investigation is ongoing, and no arrests have been made

at this time.

The shooting near the Jackson Square station was one of several violent incidents throughout the city during the night of July 4 into the early morning hours of the next day.

Police are continuing to investigate a shooting on Blue Hill Avenue in Dorchester, as well as a fatal shooting on Shawmut Avenue in Roxbury.

“We didn't declare victory during the dip in shootings

and homicides in Boston and we won't declare defeat during a spike,” said Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden. “What we will do is focus ever harder on what works: smart policing, effective prosecutions and deep community involvement. After the violence we saw on Friday we need community involvement more than ever. I urge anyone with information about these incidents to contact police.”



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The Fall season is 8 weeks long, every week we hold one 45 minute practice for each team, with available sessions on Wednesdays at 4pm, Saturday at 9, 10am and Sunday at 10am.

Volunteer Activity leaders (aka “coaches”) are needed to support every team - no experience needed! See our website for more details or contact us directly at: contact@jpchildrensoccer.org

Para niños 3.5-6.5. El registro en línea ya está abierto en <https://bit.ly/jpcsoccer>

El registro de la temporada regular finaliza el 30 de Agosto de 2024

La temporada de otoño se extiende desde el Miércoles el 11 de Septiembre hasta el Domingo 10 de Noviembre 2024. La inscripción cuesta \$25.00 — hay descuentos disponibles.

La temporada de otoño tiene una duración de 8 semanas, cada semana realizamos una práctica de 45 minutos para cada equipo, con sesiones disponibles los Miércoles a las 4 p.m., los Sábados a las 9, 10 a.m., o los Domingos a las 10 a.m.

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ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM HONORED



PATRICK O'CONNOR PHOTO

In appreciation for winning the school's first ever Division 5 State Title championship in baseball, the English High School baseball team was honored at Fenway Park prior to the Red Sox-San Diego Padres game on June 28, and headcoach Christian Ortiz threw out a ceremonial first pitch. The team captured the state title with a 7-1 win over Georgetown on Sunday, June 16, at Polar Park in Worcester, and ended the season with a record of 25-2.

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Gazette Pet of the Week

by Sarah Carroll



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Commonwealth Shakespeare Company announces cast for Shakespeare's 'The Winter's Tale'

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company (CSC) and Steven Maler, Founding Artistic Director, are pleased to announce the cast of this summer's production of Shakespeare's moving epic, *The Winter's Tale*, on the Boston Common, directed by Associate Artistic Director Bryn Boice.

Performances begin on Tuesday, July 16 and run through Sunday, August 4 at the Parkman Bandstand. The production is presented in partnership with the City of Boston, Mayor Michelle Wu, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Ryan Woods, and Boston Chief of Arts and Culture, Kara Elliott-Ortega.

King Leontes of Sicilia falsely accuses his wife, Hermione, of infidelity with his best friend, the King of Bohemia. Inflamed by jealousy and convinced that he is right, Leontes banishes his newborn daughter Perdita as his wife dies of heartbreak. Perdita grows up in Bohemia under the care of a shepherd. Sixteen years pass before old wounds can heal, betrayals can be forgotten, and new alliances formed. Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* is a captivating parable of betrayals, renewed hope, and the transformative power of time.

The principal cast members include an all-star group of New England-area talent including: Nael Nacer (*Macbeth*, *The Tempest* at CSC, *A Prayer for the French Republic* at the Huntington and Broadway) as Leontes; Marianna Bassham (*Macbeth*, *Othello*, *Twelfth Night* at CSC, *People Places and Things* at Speakeasy Stage) as Hermione; Omar Robinson (*Macbeth* at CSC, *King Hedley II* at Actors Shakespeare Project) as Polixenes, King of Bohemia); Paula Plum (multi-Elliott Norton Award-winner, founding member of Actors' Shakespeare Project) as Paulina/Time; Tony Estrella (*Cymbeline* at CSC, *A Prayer for the French Republic* at The Huntington, Artistic Director at Gamm Theatre) as Camillo; Richard Snee (*The Taming of the Shrew* at CSC, *The Minutes* at Umbrella Stage) as The Shepherd; Robert Walsh (*Coriolanus*, *Macbeth*, *Henry V* at CSC, founding member of Actors Shakespeare Project) as Antigonus; Ryan Winkles (*Universe Rushing Apart: Blue Kettle and Here We Go* at CSC, *Joy and*



Commonwealth Shakespeare Company's production of "The Winter's Tale" begins July 16.

Pandemic at the Huntington, "Boston Strangler") as Autolycus; Joshua Olumide (*A Raisin in the Sun* at New Rep, the Oscar-winning film "American Fiction") as Florizel; and Nettie Chickering (*Much Ado about Nothing* for CSC) as Emilia.

The cast also includes the CSC2 company with Clara Hevia as Perdita, Cleveland Nicoll as Clown, John Blair as First Lord, Bella Grace Harris as Gaoler/Bohemian Servant, Ednilson Tavares as Second Lord, Ryan Richard Doyle as Cleomenes, Dyce Stephens as Dion, Chloe Boyan as First Lady/Dorcas, Rilyn Gardner as Second Lady/Mopsa,

and Anne Borzner as Doctor/First Gentleman, with youth artist Eviva Rose (*Macbeth* for CSC) as Mamillius.

Scenic design is by James J. Fenton, Costume Design by Rachel Padula-Shufelt, Lighting Design by Max Grano de Oro, Music Composed by Mackenzie Adamik, and Sound Design by David Remedios, with Movement and Choreography by Victoria Awkward.

Director Bryn Boice is an award-winning director, educator, actor, and producer, as well as CSC's Associate Artistic Director and Director of Education & Training. For CSC

Bryn helmed *Universe Rushing Apart: Blue Kettle & Here We Go* – two Caryl Churchill one-acts – which garnered her the Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Director, Large Theatre. Other recent Boston-area credits include: *The Sound Inside* and *The Children* (both Elliot Norton nominated for Outstanding Production, Speakeasy Stage); *The Book of Will*, *Into the Breeches!* (Elliot Norton nom. for Direction and Production, Hub Theatre Company); *Tall Tales* from Blackburn Tavern, *Gloria* (Gloucester Stage); *The Half-Life of Marie Curie* (The Nora Company); *Admissions* (The Gamm Theatre); *Last Night at*

Bowl-Mor Lanes (Greater Boston Stage Company); an all-female production of *Julius Caesar* for Actors' Shakespeare Project; and a number of Apprentice Repertory Company and Stage2 productions for CSC. New York, regional and other Boston credits as an actor and/or director include work with Asolo Repertory Company, Boston Playwrights' Theatre, Anthem Theatre Company, Okoboji Theatre, InProximity Theatre, Theatre Row, Martha's Vineyard PAC, Monomoy Theatre, Caroline's on Broadway, and Manhattan Theatre Club. Before turning

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Healey proclaims 'Hurricane Preparedness Week' in Massachusetts

Governor Maura Healey signed a proclamation declaring the week of July 7 to July 13, 2024, as "Hurricane Preparedness Week," to emphasize the importance of planning and preparing for hurricanes and other tropical systems, which most often impact Massachusetts during the months of August and September.

During the week-long initiative, the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) will focus on hurricane preparedness messaging and offer informational resources to individuals and municipalities on what can be done before, during, and after a tropical system impacts Massachusetts to protect life and property.

"During Hurricane Preparedness Week, I urge all residents to take stock of their emergency supplies and to plan and prepare ahead of peak hurricane season," said Governor Healey. "Near-record warm ocean temperatures are expected to fuel more frequent and intense tropical storms, meaning there may be increased likelihood for us in Massachusetts to experience a hurricane."

Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 to November 30 each year. This year, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Ad-

ministration (NOAA) forecasters at the Climate Prediction Center anticipate an above-normal 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season with 17 to 25 named storms.

"While areas along the coast are more likely to sustain damage from hurricane hazards such as high winds and storm surge, we know from experience that tropical storms can impact areas across the state, both on the coast and inland," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll.

"If you live or work within an evacuation zone, now is the time to plan where you would go and how you would get there if a tropical system were to impact Massachusetts," said Public Safety and Security Secretary Terrence Reidy. "Our state and local emergency management agencies regularly plan and train to respond to hurricanes and other severe weather hazards, and I encourage all residents and visitors in Massachusetts to do the same."

In advance of peak hurricane season, MEMA developed and published online hurricane safety tips and resources and distributed a multilingual hurricane preparedness toolkit to Emergency Management Directors throughout the Commonwealth to reach all individuals, including underserved and vul-

nerable populations. MEMA has also partnered with MassDOT and several regional transit authorities to place hurricane preparedness messaging on digital billboards and buses. MEMA continues to address hurricane preparedness, response, and recovery efforts through numerous coordination meetings, trainings and exercises, including annual training for local officials on Hurvac – an online tool that assists emergency managers with evacuation timing, decision, and technical support.

"We were fortunate last September when Hurricane Lee tracked offshore as it approached Massachusetts, but this once again highlighted the need for us to be prepared," said MEMA Director Dawn Brantley. "Every household should have an emergency kit and a plan inclusive of all members' needs and abilities."

How residents and visitors can prepare:

Know Your Evacuation Zone – Visit www.mass.gov/knowyourzone to learn if you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone. If you live in an area that may flood and may need assistance evacuating, plan with family, neighbors, and friends who may be able to assist, and contact your local public safety officials

to make them aware of your needs.

Make an Emergency Plan – A plan should address how your family would communicate, evacuate, and shelter in place if needed. Be sure to account for the needs of all your family members, including seniors, children, individuals with disabilities, and pets: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/make-a-family-emergency-plan>. If you receive medical treatment or home health care services, work with your medical provider to determine how to maintain care and service if you are unable to leave your home or have to evacuate.

Build an Emergency Kit – Build an emergency kit that will sustain your household for three to five days without power. For tips on what to include, visit <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/build-an-emergency-kit>

Stay Informed – Every family should have multiple methods for receiving emergency alerts and is encouraged to reach out to

their local officials for preparedness and emergency information specific to their community, including available local emergency notification systems. The Commonwealth's 2-1-1 hotline is available 24x7 for non-emergency assistance and is available with translation in more than 150 languages and can be accessed via video relay services. To learn more about additional ways to receive alerts and information, including the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts, NOAA Weather Radio, and social and traditional news media, visit: www.mass.gov/info-details/be-informed-and-receive-emergency-alerts

MEMA will share preparedness and safety information throughout hurricane season. For more information, including interactive evacuation zone maps, multi-lingual social media toolkits and flyers, preparedness tips, videos, and more, visit MEMA's Hurricane Season Preparedness webpage.

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CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION
Docket No.
SU24P1291EA
Estate of:
Timothy Kitchens, Jr.
Date of Death
10/05/2017

To all interested persons:
A Petition for Late and
Limited Formal Testacy and/
Appointment has been
filed by Timothy Kitchens, III
of Brockton 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:
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Brockton MA be appointed as
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said estate to serve Without
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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 10, 2024
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7/12/24
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live orchestral music to audiences of all ages. With a diverse lineup that highlights community, inclusivity, and accessibility, these free concerts promise to be a source of delight and inspiration for all who attend. Landmarks Orchestra invites everyone to join us for an unforgettable summer filled

with beautiful music and shared moments of connection.

Music Director Christopher Wilkins says, "It's always a happy occasion to have the orchestra back together again. There's nothing like making music on a beautiful summer evening along the banks of the Charles. Our special

aim is to connect with people of all backgrounds, Bostonians from a variety of cultural traditions."

Board Chair Emmett G. Price III adds, "We are tremendously grateful and excited for this substantial commitment from our long-standing partner, Free For All Concert Fund, in bringing exceptional LIVE music to Boston's historic Hatch Shell. Free for All has signaled our value and our importance to the arts and culture fabric of Greater Boston and we are hopeful that others will join the cause and aid us in accomplishing our courageous and timely mission."

Regarding the Free for All Concert Fund's major grant to Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Rev. Dr. Ray Hammond, Chair of the Free for All Concert Fund board, said "Free for All is proud to support the great work of Boston Landmarks Orchestra as it continues to advance the legacy of our mutual founder, the late Maestro Charles Ansbacher. This two-year grant of up to \$1.275M allows Landmarks to pursue our shared mission of bringing great music to all the people of Boston for free. We look forward to another memorable summer of beautiful music on the Esplanade."

For the full season of performances, program notes, and more, visit landmarksorchestra.org.

Community Block Party
Wednesday, July 17, 5:30pm ET | Hatch Shell

<https://www.landmarksorchestra.org/events/current-season/block-party-hatch/>

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Gershwin & Williams: American Icons
Wednesday, July 24, 7pm ET | Hatch Shell

<https://www.landmarksorchestra.org/events/current-season/gershwin-williams/>

Our 2024 Esplanade season begins with a spotlight on two of America's most beloved composers: George Gershwin and John Williams. From the timely Olympic Fanfare to themes from Jaws, E.T.—and a little Star Wars as an encore—the program also includes Jessie Montgomery's Freedom Songs, based on spirituals, and the vibrant Second Symphony by Boston composer Randall Thompson. Come at 6:30 for a special prelude concert by students of the Four Strings Academy.

Boston Landmarks Orchestra, Christopher Wilkins, conductor
Joelle Lamarre, soprano

George Gershwin Girl Crazy Overture

Jessie Montgomery Freedom Songs
Randall Thompson Symphony No. 2

John Williams
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We will hold two general informational meetings and two artist information meetings as listed below:

| Information Session | Date & Time | In-Person Address | Join Virtually |
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| General Applicant | Saturday, July 13, 2024 12:00PM - 1:00PM | Nubian Square Library 149 Dudley Street, Roxbury, MA 02119 | Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84249798168 or https://bit.ly/BrookleyFlats |
| | Thursday, July 25, 2024 6:00PM - 7:00PM | Julia Martin House 90 Bickford Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 | |
| Artist Applicant | Monday, July 8, 2024 6:00PM - 7:00PM | Not Applicable, Virtual Only | Zoom Dial-In #: 1-309-205-3325 Meeting ID: 842 4979 8168 |
| | Wednesday, July 24, 2024 6:00PM - 7:00PM | | |

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

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| Wednesday | July 17, 2024 | 10:00AM - 2:00PM | Jamaica Plain Branch Library 30 South St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 |
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| Tuesday | July 30, 2024 | 10:00AM - 2:00PM | Jamaica Plain Branch Library 30 South St, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 |

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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate by Petition of Petitioner Brian J. Harkins and Edythe B. Harkins of Jamaica Plain, MA. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative

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

be obtained from the Petitioner. 7/12/24 JP

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate And Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617)788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU24P1335EA Estate of: Theresa Caporale Date of Death

05/13/1988 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Robert Kiely of Cambridge, 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: Robert Kiely of Cambridge, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in unsupervised administration. 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: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/30/2024. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty days (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: June 25, 2024 Stephanie L. Everett, Esq., Register of Probate 07/12/24 JP

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EDITORIAL

Hurricane Beryl: A harbinger of things to come?

By now we've all become aware of Hurricane Beryl, which left a trail of death and destruction in its wake during the past week stretching from the Southern Caribbean to Texas as it set records for the strongest-ever hurricane -- a Category 5 -- this early in the season.

Beryl grew -- and maintained -- its ferocity thanks to the warmest-ever sea surface temperatures for June in the Atlantic. Warm ocean waters are the jet fuel for hurricanes and in the case of Beryl, provided the key ingredient for Beryl's rapid intensification and re-intensification as it traveled over thousands of miles of ocean.

Hurricane forecasters in April issued a forecast for an extremely active hurricane season and Beryl's record-setting run appears to be only a prelude to what may be in store for those of us who live along the coast in the coming months.

As we have noted in the past, there is no escape anywhere in the world from the effects of climate change. We can only hope that our little corner of the globe will luck out for another year and we'll escape the wrath of the worst that Mother Nature can throw at us.

Ready to turn on, tune in, drop out

As newspaper people, by necessity we're political junkies, whether at the local, state, or federal levels.

When it comes to national news, we try to read as much as we can from reputable news sources to learn as much as we can about the issues and the candidates.

So it's always been a bit of a surprise when we see polls indicating that public interest in the upcoming election is at an all-time low.

We realize that this is a result of many factors, chief among them that we have two candidates for president who are old enough to be the great-grandfathers of the youngest voters and that neither candidate provides inspiration to any of us. In addition, with their surrogates and spokespersons feeding us the same banal "spin" night after night, trying to convince us not to believe what we see and hear with our own eyes and ears, we all just want to tune out the mind-numbing noise.

We want the truth, but all we get is something far short from both sides.

We were listening to the Classic Rock station on our Sirius Radio the other day and the haunting sound of "For What It's Worth" by Buffalo Springfield came on. The song was written in the mid-'60s, but it's as timely today as it was then with lyrics perfectly capturing today's political climate:

There's battle lines being drawn
 Nobody's right if everybody's wrong
 Singing songs and they carrying signs
 Mostly say, "Hooray for our side"

In the wake of the fiasco of the first presidential debate, even we are ready to throw in the towel -- we give up.

Or, to put it another way, in the famous words of advice espoused by Timothy Leary (the Harvard professor-turned-guru of psychedelic drugs) at the same time that For What It's Worth was playing on the airwaves, it just might be time to, "Turn on, tune in, drop out."

OP-ED

Medicare Savings Program, Property Tax Workoff and City Savings for Older Adults

BY BOSTON MAYOR MICHELLE WU

I'm excited to let you know about two important programs that help our older residents save more money:

The first is the Medicare Savings Program (MSP)—which now offers more savings to more residents. Thanks to changes that went into effect earlier this year, assets are no longer counted against your eligibility for this program, eliminating a major barrier for access. And, on top of that, the amount of money you could save on Medicare-related costs like premiums, copays, and prescriptions has increased as well—from \$2,500 a year to \$3,000.

The second program I want to tell you about is Age Strong's Property Tax Workoff Program (PTWOP). The PTWOP invites Boston homeowners age 60 and older to volunteer with the City

in order to work money off of their property taxes. PTWOP volunteers have the freedom to determine their own schedules and provide support to various City departments from the Boston Public Library and our senior centers, to the Disabilities Commission or the Office of Veterans Services. This year—thanks to advocacy from AgeStrong and our partners in community—older adults can now earn \$2,000 off their property taxes—up from \$1,500. Examples of past PTWOP projects include helping children with school work at the Leahy Holloran Community Center, directing traffic at the annual Boston Americans with Disabilities Act event, and assisting with the distribution of free air-conditioning units to Boston families.

Applications for PTWOP are now open. For more information, call Age Strong at 617-635-4366 or visit

<https://www.boston.gov/departments/age-strong-commission/senior-property-tax-work>.

There are also a number of other savings available to Boston residents age 60 or older. Age Strong's trained advocates can help you find out if you're eligible for savings on transportation, food resources, fuel assistance, water and sewer discounts, and health insurance. Call to schedule an appointment with an advocate at 617-635-4366 or ask an Age Strong advocate the next time you see one at one of our in-person events in your neighborhood.

Our goal is to make Boston a home for everyone—and that means creating every opportunity for our residents of all ages to thrive in our community.

I hope these programs help save you money and make Boston a better home for you and your loved ones.

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OBITUARIES

Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez Rodríguez Rico

She leaves a huge legacy of her work for justice in the Jamaica Plain community and the world

Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez Rodríguez Rico has died. She was born on June 12, 1952 to the late Emiliana Alvarado and Antonio Rodríguez Torres. She had 14 siblings: José Rodríguez, Ricardo Rodríguez Pérez, Jaime L. Rodríguez Pérez, Oscar Rodríguez Pérez, Keren Rodríguez Pérez, Rolando Rodríguez Pérez, Nelson E. Nieves, Norbert L. Nieves, Nury N. Nieves (deceased); Norma Nieves, Nelly A. Nieves, Nancy Nieves, Miguel Pérez and José Pérez (deceased). She was the mother of Nancy Rodríguez and an 'adopted mother' to the Fernandez family children and many others. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews.

At the age of 18 Betsaida moved to Boston, MA for more opportunities. Her first jobs included cutting fabric at a clothing factory in Chinatown and doing secretarial work in the Boston area. When she was in her thirties, she started her career in community service and community organizing in Jamaica Plain. She first worked at City Life/Vida Urbana as a community organizer, helping to produce the bilingual newspaper *CommUnity News/Noticias de la Comunidad*, and teaching first-time home buying classes to hundreds of Spanish-speaking community members.

Then, at Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation (JPNDC), she worked as a community organizer, advocating for the preservation and new

development of affordable housing options in Jamaica Plain. Her work was instrumental in building two cooperative housing communities. She then worked as a family advocate at ABCD/JP Head Start working to ensure that families were full partners in their children's development and learning. While working, she also earned a bachelor's degree in Human Services from Cambridge College.

For her last job, she worked as the first coordinator of the Jamaica Plain chapter of Match-Up, focusing on connecting elder community members with volunteers. She was particularly successful with outreach to the Latino community through programs such as the medical escort program that provided bilingual volunteers to accompany elders with limited English to medical appointments.

Betsaida also served on many community organizations including the Community Advisory Board at the Southern Jamaica Plain Community Health Center for 20 years. She was an elected member of the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Council. Most recently, she was active with the Friends of Blessed Sacrament, an advocacy group for affordable housing in Jamaica Plain.

In 2010, the affordable housing building developed by JPNDCC at the former Blessed Sacrament Church site was named the Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez Cooperative in honor of her many years of

work and advocacy. She found many more ways to work for the causes she supported – peace, women's rights, racial justice, gender rights and more. She was a proud Boricua and focused her education and organizing efforts on the Latino community. She has left us a huge legacy of her work for justice in the Jamaica Plain community and the world.

Betsaida was a long-time gardener at the Southwest Corridor Community Farm and for more than four decades shared her experience, knowledge and love of growing food with her fellow gardeners. She also enjoyed reading, writing poetry, cooking, making jewelry, and listening to the music of Celia Cruz, Hector Lavoe and El Gran Combo. Her travels took her to Cuba, Louisiana, Florida, New York, Washington, DC and back home to visit family in Puerto Rico. She also loved spending time with her many friends of all ages from JP and beyond.

The visiting hours were held at Mann and Rodgers, 44 Perkins Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130 on Sunday, July 7th. Live stream will be available (<https://www.mannandrodgers.com>). The funeral service was on Monday, July 8, at the same location. Live stream was available (<https://www.mannandrodgers.com>). Interment was at New Calvary Cemetery in Roslindale. Help us Pay Tribute to Doña Betsaida Gutiérrez <https://gofund.me/6318adfb>.

Barbara Ramos

Of North Carolina, formerly of Jamaica Plain

Barbara Ramos, 77, passed away peacefully at home in the early morning hours on June 20, 2024. She was born in Boston to the late Robert and Thelma Smith. In addition to her parents, Mrs. Ramos was also predeceased by her sister, Lilian, brother, Robert Jr., and her first husband James Matera.

She attended Boston Public Schools before receiving her diploma from Girls' Latin High School. She was employed for more than a year at N.E. Bell Telephone Co. as an operator, then worked for I.C.S.C. in Boston and worked with her mother making jewelry displays and for 30 years, she was an associate at T.J. Maxx in Norwood, Mass., and Durham, N.C. Her hobbies included needlepoint, candlewicking, collecting seashells, dollhouses, making miniature furniture, cooking, baking and reading books (her favorites were Stephen King).

Mrs. Ramos is survived by her husband of nearly 41 years, Paul D. Ramos, her sister, Beverly O'Hara and her husband, Neil, her daughters: Melissa Doerr and her husband, David, Meredith Renduchintala and her husband, Madhu, grandchildren: Celine, James, Erin and Alexa along with several nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the doctors at Duke Cancer Center (Dr. Marc Crawford, Dr. Eziafa Oduah, surgeons: Dr. Betty Tong, Dr. Peter Fecci, radiologist Dr. Trey Mullikin, Dr. Jenny Van Kirk), Catherine Sellers, M.S.N., R.N., Jennifer Cornejo, M.S.N., R.N., palliative care director, Elizabeth Fricklas, Tara Hermann, P.A.-C., the nurses in the E.R., the nurses of the 8th Floor of Duke Central Tower, the nurses of the 9th Floor of Duke North, Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Nurse Susan, C.N.A. Mary Johnson and other C.N.A.s, the Physical Ther-



apy staff (Dan, Scott, Terisa, Devine, Heather, Emily, Kris, and speech therapist Phyllis) -- and the nucleus of all of this was Dr. Kombiz Klein and P.A. Chelsea Johnson.

The family would also like to thank Right Time Healthcare (Nancy O'Kella, C.N.A. Kia, and C.N.A. Quiana), Duke Hospice (Joanna, case manager Nurse Hailey, Nurse Robin, Nurse Jennifer, Nurse Cheryl, Angela, Schira, Rev. Terry Pike, receptionist Felicia, C.N.A. Junetia, and C.N.A. Angelina), and Immaculate Conception Church (Father Hugh Macsherry, O.F.M., Father Gonzalo Torres, O.F.M., Marge Burton, church coordinator).

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 12 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Matthew Catholic Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a memorial donation be made to Duke Cancer Center, 20 Duke Medicine Circle, Durham, N.C. 27710

(<https://www.dukecancerinstitute.org/give-duke-cancer-institute>).

The family is being assisted by Clements Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., Durham.

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CITY PAWS

Pain alerts

BY PENNY & ED CHERUBINO

Part of our job as pet guardians is to tune into the signals that might mean our furry family member is in pain. Animals have evolved to hide pain since it would show weakness to other animals. Therefore, we must react to the slightest changes in a dog or cat's behavior.

Signs of Pain with Movement

Most of us react quickly if our dog is limping, having trouble climbing stairs, or jumping up on the sofa. These can signal an injury, infection, arthritis, or something stuck in a paw. Your first reaction should be a gentle check of the feet, looking for any sign of a cut, broken nail, soreness, or infection. You might also gently massage the muscles in the area while watching for any sign or sound of pain.

Body Signals

Your pet may try to hide its pain from you, but its body may give it away with drooling, trembling, shaking, or twitching. Some animals will change their body stance, tilt their heads, or have one ear down if hurting.

You can also do a quick home exam of body temperature, pulse rate, and respiration per minute

to help you decide if a quick trip to an emergency vet, making an appointment, or watching and waiting a few days is the best response.

Behavioral Pain Signals

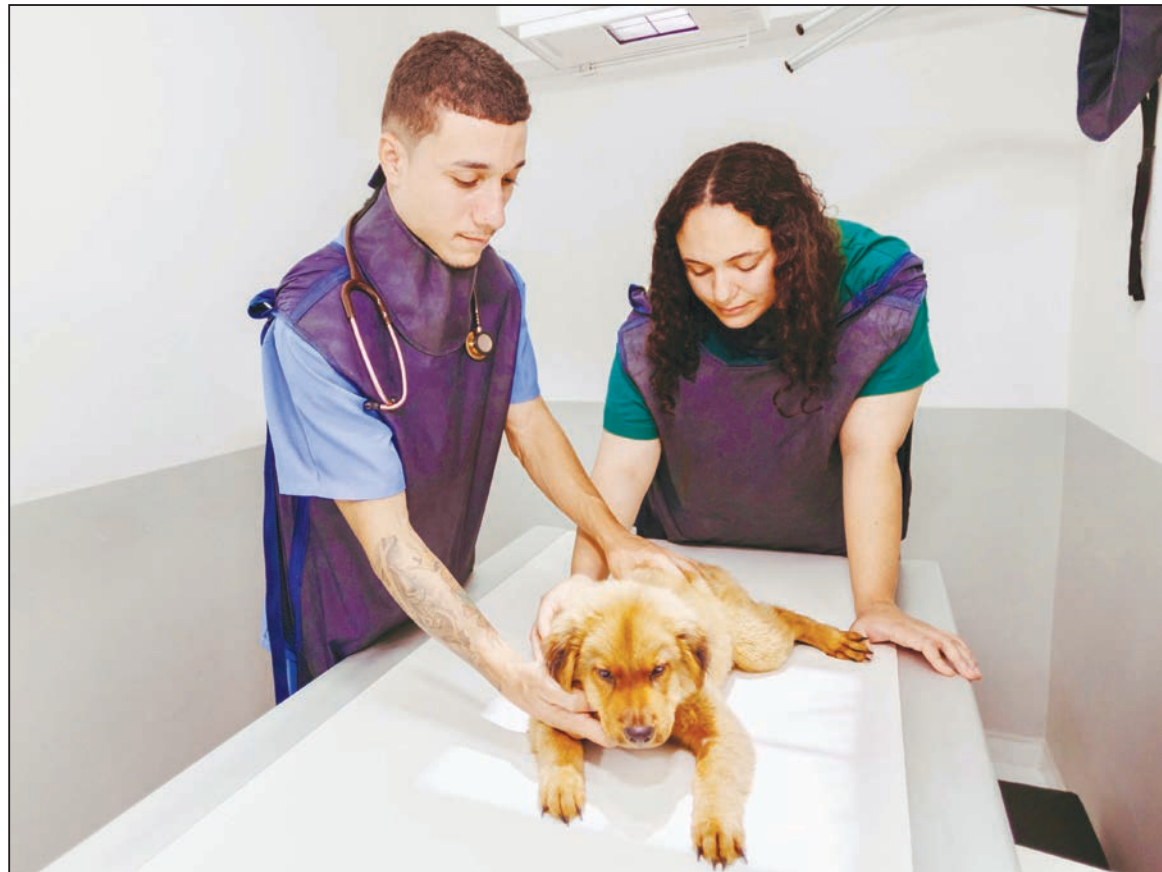
An animal in pain can be grumpy, just as you can be if you're in pain. Aggression can be a sign of pain. If that's the case, you should know how to use a muzzle or make one before you handle your dog or cat.

Whimpering or growling can be audible symptoms of pain. Restlessness may mean the animal can't find a way to be comfortable. Cats are more apt to hide when in pain.

Any break in house training or appetite needs investigation to learn if there is a medical cause. Unexplained weight gain or weight loss is essential to note and gives you a reason to weigh your pet on a regular schedule.

Decreased self-grooming can be an essential change to note in cats. On the other hand, licking or increased grooming of a specific spot calls for examination.

Another body signal is a decrease in activity. If your dog is sleeping more, reluctant to walk with you, or not interested in playing, you should watch for additional alerts.



To confirm the source of the pain, a visit to the veterinarian for an X-ray or other test may be needed.

Specific Alerts

A change in appetite might mean a dental problem that makes eating hurt. If you brush your dog's teeth, note any changes or sore spots that might need veterinary care.

Both dental and ear issues can cause dogs to rub their faces to relieve the pain. With ear infections, they might shake their head more than usual. However, if it is an excruciating ear infection, they might not be able to

shake at all.

You Know Your Pet Best!

There is nothing wrong with following your sense that something is off, even when you can't point to a specific item.

It's important to note that some pain, such as arthritis, doesn't always make its presence known in a dramatic way. It can start small and gradually increase over time, making long-term observation and care

crucial for our pets' well-being.

Our tip for this may be right in your hand. Set a reminder to take routine videos of your pet walking, climbing stairs, or playing. Not only will these give you and your veterinarian comparisons, but they will also provide lovely memories of your pet at various life stages.

Do you have a question or topic for City Paws? Send an email to Penny@BostonZest.com with your request.

Shakespeare

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full-time to CSC, she taught at Salem State University, where her wide-ranging experience allowed her to teach Voice for Performance, Applied Stage Movement, Public Speaking, Directing, Acting III (Early Realism), Dramatic Theory & Criticism, and Dialects, among others. MFA in Directing, Bos-

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