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Rouvalis Flowers & Gardens at 40 West Cedar St.

Rouvalis Flowers turns 40

Special to Times

Rouvalis Flowers on Beacon Hill is celebrating 40 years in business.

The business was started by the legendary Bill Rouvalis, known for extravagant floral designs in addition to being a grand personality in the Boston social scene, but current owners, Emily Montany and Sean Murphy, have become legendary themselves.

Rouvalis is known for high-quality

plants and flowers, show-stopping floral designs, and impeccable landscaping. The duo met at Boston Architectural College while studying landscape architecture and design. Sean had worked for Bill up until Bill's death and then took over the business along with his partner Emily. Emily grew up in rural Connecticut and attributes her love of nature to her upbringing. She began her career in garden center retail where she honed her floral and plant skills. Sean originally

hails from Western Massachusetts and had an early start with yard work and plantings. The design aspect intrigued him, which led him to enroll at Boston Architectural College in landscape design where he met Emily while working for Bill Rouvalis.

As the leader in all things floral, the iconic Beacon Hill shop on the corner of West Cedar and Pinckney is reminiscent of a flower shop

(ROUVALIS Pg. 9)

Stepping behind the camera with Mark Kiefer

By Dan Murphy

While Mark Kiefer is well known around the neighborhood as the current chair of the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission and the one-time leader of the Beacon Hill Civic Association, many readers might not realize that he is also an established filmmaker and screenwriter, with more than 50 shorts and his first feature now in development to his credit.

Kiefer, who has worked as an economics and management consultant for more than 25 years, specializing in the transportation, aerospace, and defense industries, made his first foray into filmmaking in around 1995 when he lent his younger brother, Jonathan, a hand in making a short while Jonathan was attending film school at Boston University.

Jonathan wrote and directed the 16mm short called "Claude" as Mark served as the producer and made sets for the film.

(A producer is "someone who



COURTESY OF MARK KIEFER

Beacon Hill filmmaker Mark Kiefer.

gets films made," said Kiefer, not unlike a real estate developer who sees an opportunity for a building on an empty lot and then hires an architect, gets the financial backing, and "puts it all together to make things happen.")

Kiefer attended Wesleyan University, also the alma mater of

(KIEFER Pg. 4)

Construction delays hamper progress on No. Wash. St. Bridge

Special to Times

The construction delays of the North Washington Street bridge replacement project have not gone unnoticed by those who were in attendance at the North End Waterfront Residents Association on Thursday night, with all attesting that the traffic gridlock around the project is getting worse.

That is what James O'Leary of MassDOT heard from North End residents last Thursday night -- and he basically agreed.

O'Leary noted that three years into the replacement of the old drawbridge, 60% of the steel has been erected. However, a total of 52 cracked welds recently were discovered which, if they were not to be repaired, could have resulted in a disaster.

Whether the fault lies in the design or in the fabrication is still being debated, but all work has been stopped on the bridge until the cracked welds are fixed. Some

of the cracks are wide enough that a dime could be inserted into the steel.

So the completed timeline has been moved to December, 2024, with the final landscaping completed in March, 2025.

The process of repairing the welds is being undertaken by construction workers who are in interior tubs and working out of sight.

"We have to get it right," O'Leary said.

By December of 2023, three lanes of the structure should be able to be shifted off the temporary bridge -- and yes, the temporary bridge does have a certain bounce to it, but it is safe and inspected on a yearly basis -- onto the permanent bridge.

After hearing O'Leary's update, residents still were upset about the traffic woes that they are blaming on the police details. While O'Leary said that that is out of his

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BHV talk by rare book specialist Ken Gloss

Special to Times

Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the internationally known Brattle Book Shop in Boston's Downtown Crossing section, will give an in-person and virtual presentation on Thursday, October 27, 5:30 pm at the Beacon Hill Village (BHV) at King's Chapel Parish House, 64 Beacon Street, Boston. Ken will discuss the value of old and rare books.

Ken, a rare book specialist and appraiser who is frequently seen on national TV, will talk in part about the history of his historic bookshop (www.brattlebookshop.com/about), which goes back to circa 1825. He is a second-generation owner. Ken will discuss growing up in the book business, show some of his favorite finds while enjoying "the thrill of the hunt," and



Rare book specialist Kenneth Gloss.

explain how he appraises books and manuscripts. He has many fascinating

anecdotes to share about private and institutional collecting as well as guidelines for building and maintaining a significant collection. There is also a Q&A session at the conclusion of his talk. Following the talk and question-and-answer session, Ken will give free verbal appraisals of books participants have on hand or will do so at his shop in Boston at a later scheduled date.

To contact the Beacon Hill Village about this event, please visit <https://www.beaconhillvillage.org>.

Yankee Magazine Editor's Choice Award for Best of New England, the Brattle Book Shop is one of America's oldest and largest antiquarian bookstores. 2022 is the 73rd year of Gloss family ownership. Kenneth Gloss succeeded

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EDITORIAL

EARLY VOTING STARTS THIS WEEKEND

We wish to remind our readers that early voting will get underway this weekend, October 22, at every city and town hall throughout the state. Early voting presents a wonderful opportunity to vote in-person for those who choose not to vote by mail or who wish to avoid the lines on Election Day (which is Tuesday, November 8).

During the early voting period, you can walk into any city or town clerk's office and vote during regular business hours, as well as during designated hours on the weekends of October 22-23 and 29-30. (The weekend hours will vary in each city and town.)

Two quick points: The deadline for registering to vote is Saturday, October 29, and early voting ends on Friday, November 4.

As the Nike slogan says, "Just do it!"

DON'T BE AN APATHETIC CITIZEN: THIS IS WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO VOTE

With the pre-election polls suggesting that there are no competitive races for the major elective offices in Massachusetts, there is a temptation to think that our vote won't matter.

However, we would urge all of our readers to consider this:

For the first time in quite a while (almost 100 years), the contrast between the candidates for our state-wide offices -- governor, secretary of state, and so forth -- are huge. We do not need to go into a lot of detail, other than to say that the Republicans for some of these offices are supporters of former President Donald Trump, and well, that's all we need to say.

And while the polls suggest that these candidates will lose by double-digit margins, if those who are not Trump voters take for granted the outcome of the election and do not turn out to vote, it is conceivable that those Trump-backed candidates could win.

And even if they don't win, the election results could be a lot closer than if there had been a big turnout.

Conversely, we also urge supporters of Trump who may feel that their vote won't matter to turn out to vote to show how strong his support is in our state.

We are at a perilous time in the history of our country. Our democratic norms are under assault more than at any time since 1860.

Exercising our right to vote has never been more important. We urge everyone to register to vote, and then go out and vote, in the upcoming state election.

E PLURIBUS UNUM: DO WE STILL BELIEVE IN IT?

In 1782, the then-Congress of the United States approved the Latin phrase, "E pluribus unum," -- "Out of many, one" -- for the Great Seal of the United States. The phrase since that time has been attached to many of our country's official documents and appears on all of our coins.

The Founding Fathers placed great value on the profound meaning of those words, but today we take it for granted.

We are living amidst a perilous world. For the first time since World War II, we are facing threats from two enemies. In the 1940s, they were Germany and Japan; today, they are Russia and China.

Fortunately, we presently are by far the most powerful nation on earth, both militarily and economically.

But as strong as we may be outwardly, our nation has not been this divided internally since 1860 -- and we all know how that ended.

The lessons of history, from the ancient Roman Empire to the former Soviet Union, are clear: Great nations fail not because of outside forces, but from within.

Despite our superiority to our rivals, the same fate awaits us if we remain the proverbial house divided. Similar to 1860, a large portion of the country today would rather see us devolve into chaos than remain united.

Our foes cannot defeat us. But unless we recommit to the values expressed by e pluribus unum, our days of greatness are numbered.

GUEST OP-ED

Pay into Social Security now for later

Glenn Mollette

You won't get rich collecting Social Security, not even close. However, you don't want to mess it up either. The system was never intended to be your total retirement income but to many it's their only source of retirement income. You don't want to make it your only source of income for your senior years but you definitely want it in your income portfolio.

Social Security recipients will receive an 8.7% increase in their monthly income starting in January. The average increase will fall between \$150 to \$250 per month. This will buy you a tank of gasoline or a sack of groceries. The increase will help about 70 million retired Americans.

Inflation has devoured Americans' paychecks as groceries, fuel, rent and now interest rates have skyrocketed. By the time the January increase comes around you probably will have lost most of your increase to these and medical costs associated with Social Security.

Pay all you can into Social Security. Too many young adults buy into the rationale that Social Security

doesn't pay much or won't be around when they retire. On some level it will be around and you'll need it when you retire.

Business persons, farmers, hospitality people, clergy and others make a big mistake in finding ways to only show a small income when they file their taxes. This reduces the amount of taxes owed and lowers how much paid into Social Security. When retirement comes these people become very sad when they find out they will only receive a minimal amount of Social Security income.

One minister friend opted out of paying into Social Security because of religious objections.

When he was 70, he had almost zero retirement and worked up until his death. Another ministerial friend claimed very little salary and received very little in Social Security payments when he retired. He spent his last couple of years cleaning hotel rooms and working at Kentucky Fried Chicken trying to survive. A farmer acquaintance worked hard for many years but doesn't collect a penny in Social Security benefits. You have to pay into it to collect it so don't short-change yourself.

The average Social Security payment in 2022 is \$1,614. Many people who worked less years and paid less collect less than this amount. Some Americans who worked longer, earned more income and paid more into the system are collecting \$3,345 per month. Again, these numbers will increase in 2023 by 8.7%.

Sometimes people retire too early. A friend retired at 62 and received \$1100 per month in Social Security income. At that time, he would have collected several hundred more if he could have worked just three more years.

Pay into an Individual Retirement Account, 401k and anything else you can. You can't live big just on a Social Security check, but pay as much as possible into the system now because it will be helpful later.

Glenn Mollette is the publisher of Newburgh Press, Liberty Torch and various other publishing imprints; a national columnist -- American Issues and Common Sense opinions, analysis, stories and features appear each week in over 500 newspapers, websites and blogs across the United States.

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USS Constitution to go underway with former crew members for 225th anniversary

USS Constitution is scheduled to go underway for its 225th Anniversary on Friday, October 21, at 10 a.m.

Over 140 former crew members will join Old Ironsides' current crew to celebrate the ship's historic 225th milestone.

The underway will include a 21-gun salute viewable from Fort Independence on Castle Island at approximately 11:15 a.m. and an additional 17-gun salute as she passes U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston at approximately 12:15.

USS Constitution's cruise will be viewable from the Boston Harbor

walk, Castle Island, and Charlestown Navy Yard.

The 225th Anniversary Underway begins a year-long celebration of USS Constitution's 225th year around the sun.

Old Ironsides will open various contests throughout the next year until the ship's 226th birthday, Oct. 21, 2023.

The contests are scheduled to include essay writing, art, poetry, social media, and more.

Each contest will be posted on USS Constitution's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter) with details, and how

to enter.

The Museum invites the public to join the festivities at a Birthday Block Party on Saturday, October 22, from 11 am-3 pm.

Family-friendly activities and games will mark the day, including a USS Constitution-themed 9-hole miniature golf course.

Birthday party-goers can also participate in lawn games courtesy of USO New

England, activities run by fellow military branches, and music by the Navy Northeast Band.

The event is free for all ages and no registration is required. More

information is available at usscm.org.

USS Constitution is open to free public visitation Wednesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The USS Constitution Museum is open to the public every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

USS Constitution is the world's oldest commissioned warship afloat, and played a crucial role in the Barbary Wars and the War of 1812, actively defending sea lanes from 1797 to 1855.

The active-duty Sailors stationed aboard USS Constitution

provide free tours and offer public visitation as they support the ship's mission of promoting the Navy's history and maritime heritage and raising awareness of the importance of a sustained naval presence.

USS Constitution was undefeated in battle and destroyed or captured 33 opponents.

The ship earned the nickname of Old Ironsides during the War of 1812 when British cannonballs were seen bouncing off the ship's wooden hull.

\$26,000 scholarships for MA High School seniors

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation awards collegiate scholarships of up to \$26K to eight to ten students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts. As Henry David Thoreau Scholars, these select high school seniors may enroll in any college and university in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally related field.

The Henry David Thoreau Scholarships are up to \$26,000 four-year scholarships awarded to eight students graduating from public or private high schools in Massachusetts. High school seniors awarded the Henry David Thoreau Scholarships can enroll in any college and university in the world while they major or minor in an environmentally related field. Henry David Thoreau Scholars are encouraged to enroll in internships or study abroad to broaden their awareness and understanding of environmental issues.

Henry David Thoreau Scholars have studied a wide variety



Henry David Thoreau.

of environmentally related areas, including biology, epidemiology, oceanography, international affairs and environmental law, and upon completing their undergraduate degrees, they became members of the Henry David Thoreau Society. Thoreau Scholar alumni have published articles in the Henry David Thoreau Environmental Digest, initiated environmental projects on planetary health, and formed companies and

organizations including the animation company, Oxbow, satellite imagery startup CrowdAI, and the nonprofit energy organization Equitable Origin.

The Henry David Thoreau Foundation further assists its scholarship winners by identifying environmentally related internships, offering internship stipends, and providing networking opportunities. Upon graduation from college, Henry David Thoreau Scholars are inducted into the Henry David Thoreau Society. A sign of success of the Henry David Thoreau Foundation's mission to foster environmental leadership is the support past scholarship winners provide to present scholarship winners.

To learn more about the Henry David Thoreau Foundation and the Henry David Thoreau Scholarships, please visit thoreauscholar.org. An online application will be available on October 15. Students have until February 1, 2023, to apply.

GLOSS (from pg. 1)

his late father, George Gloss, a well-known figure both in Boston and national antiquarian circles. He had worked in the store since childhood and chose to go into the book business rather than pursue a doctorate in chemistry. He became the sole proprietor upon his father's death in 1985. "I found that books were in my blood and that I would never be really happy if I abandoned the business."

Among the many organizations in which Kenneth Gloss is a member are the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers, the New England Antiquarian Booksellers of America, the Massachusetts and Rhode Island Antiquarian Booksellers Association, the Committee for the Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair and the Boston Society. He also is a Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society as well as serving on the Board of Overseers of the USS Constitution Museum.

The Brattle Book Shop is proud to have been a contributor to the WGBH Annual Auction each year

that the station has held this fund drive. Ken has appeared on national and local TV numerous times over the years and has been a popular guest on WBZ Radio as well as other radio, TV, and cable stations numerous times. His bylined articles continue to appear in various antique journals and in print and online consumer publications. The Brattle Book Shop is also the recipient of several "Best of Boston" awards in the categories of Best Book Shop or Best Antiquarian Book Shop. In addition, it has been included in a list as one of North America's best bookstores.

For further information about this talk and more about book-collecting, appraisals, and future free and open talks, call the store toll-free at 800-447-9595, or visit their website, www.brattlebookshop.com. To learn of some of Ken's more fun and unique finds, listen to Brattlecast, his new podcast: <http://www.brattlebookshop.com/brattlecast> (also available on iTunes: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/brattlecast/id1295728623?mt=2>).

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BRIDGE (from pg. 1)

domain for the most part, District 1 City Councillor Gabriella Coletta said that she will bring up the matter with Mayor Wu to determine whether a better solution can be implemented.

She also added that North Washington Street is a Boston roadway and details must be undertaken by Boston Police, not the State Police.

The two-week update of the

project presented by Mass DOT officials is as follows:

Scheduled Work: Inspection and testing of tub girder welds; weld repairs.

Work Hours: Most work will be done during weekday daytime hours (6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Travel Tips: For everyone using the temporary bridge, please help share the space: walk to the right, walk bikes, and, if walking in a

large group, be mindful of motor vehicles coming from both directions,

Motorists should take care to pay attention to all signage and proceed carefully through the work zone. Police details, lane markings, temporary barriers, traffic cones, signage, and other traffic control tools will be implemented to create safe work zones.

The Tudor Wharf Walkway

(which is under the bridge next to the water in Paul Revere Park) will be intermittently closed for safety reasons during construction operations, with alternative access provided via the Water Street underpass.

The Boston Harborwalk under the bridge and the eastern/harbor-side bridge sidewalk will remain closed until it is rebuilt.

The contractor is coordinating

with the TD Garden and local police to provide awareness and manage traffic impacts during events. The following TD Garden events are scheduled during this look-ahead period:

CONCERT: Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m.,

BRUINS: Oct. 20 at 7:00 p.m., Oct. 22 at 1:00 p.m., Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Oct. 27 at 7:00 p.m.

CELTICS: Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m.

KIEFER (from pg. 1)

blockbuster filmmaker Michael Bay and Lin-Manuel Miranda, creator of the hit Broadway musical “Hamilton.” Lawrence Sher, the venerable Hollywood cinematographer whose credits include “Joker” and the “Hangover” trilogy, was also an economics major one year behind Kiefer at the small Middletown, Conn., liberal arts college. But unlike some of his fellow Wesleyan alum, Kiefer didn’t take a single film class during his undergraduate studies, despite having a lifelong fascination with moviemaking.

“I always loved movies - the storytelling aspect and also the mechanics of how they work and are produced,” said Kiefer. “At an early age, I was fascinated by the magic of storytelling and mechanics of movie making.”

The seed was planted as a child when Kiefer viewed a documentary on the making of the original “Star Wars,” which boasted the most advanced state-of-the-art special effects of its time.

Asked to name some of his favorite films, Kiefer puts “Amadeus” – a 1984 feature recounting the life of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, which won eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture – at the top of the list.

But Kiefer said the ‘80s teen coming-of-age comedies made by John Hughes also resonated deeply with him, especially 1985’s “The Breakfast Club,” which he first saw as a junior in high school.

Kiefer’s other favorite filmmakers include Paul Greengrass, the British director, producer, and

screenwriter behind several of the Jason Bourne action films; and Tony Gilroy, the American director of 2007’s “Michael Clayton,” among others.

“I like psychological thrillers,” he said. “Ultimately, the stories I’m most interested in are character-driven, where the heroes are just ordinary people.”

Although Kiefer had enjoyed working on “Claude” with his younger brother, he stepped away from filmmaking for more than 15 years until his involvement with an indie sitcom pilot called “M.V. Blues” in 2011.

Described by its creators as a buddy comedy that combines elements of two classic TV sitcoms, “Seinfeld” with “Gilligan’s Island,” “M.V. Blues” followed the lives of three successful men looking to escape the doldrums of middle-aged life by writing the next hit Hollywood movie. A chance encounter they have with a big movie producer then has them seeing stars while also testing the true nature of their friendship.

The 35-minute pilot was filmed on location in Martha’s Vineyard. It was written and acted by a dentist on the island, Sandy Nadelstein, and his brother, Brad, along with Sandy’s old college friend, Fred Hessler, while Kiefer served as producer and production designer.

“M.V. Blues” was considered for broadcast by both CBS and the USA Network, but both networks ultimately passed on it, as, Kiefer said, is the fate of most pilots.

“There are only so many slots [the networks] have, so they have a

particular strategy for the content they produce so it has to be just the right thing at the right time,” said Kiefer

Since “M.V. Blues,” Kiefer had gone on to write and produce around 50 comedy sketches and short films. His works have screened at the Nantucket Film Festival, Martha’s Vineyard Film Festival, Woods Hole Film Festival, Boston International Kids Film Festival, Lone Star Film Festival, New York City Independent Film Festival, Atlanta Comedy Film Festival, Memphis Comedy Festival, Baltimore Comedy Festival, and the Palm Springs International Comedy Festival, among other festivals.

Prior to “Pacific Coast,” Kiefer had also penned three other feature-length screenplays: a period drama set in 1930s Germany; a thriller set in modern day New York; and a buddy comedy about Native American heritage set on Nantucket.

Kiefer even produced a humorous ad spot for New Salem Cider - a Western Massachusetts manufacturer of artisanal hard ciders that is fronted by Kiefer’s longtime friend and Beacon Hill native, William Grote.

Filmmaking has also provided Kiefer with a new medium to explore another area of personal interest for him: history and historic preservation.

“I have a longtime interest in historic preservation, and I’ve been able to combine these two worlds by making a couple of period comedy short-films in the past,” said Kiefer.

One of his period short films, “Or the Whale,” a fictitious account surrounding the full title of Herman Melville’s classic novel “Moby Dick,” won the 2022 Audience Award Winner in Nantucket Shorts Festival.

Kiefer now serves as chair of the Beacon Hill Architectural Commission. He joined the BHAC in April, although he had previously served on the commission for about seven years around a decade

ago. In between his two stints with the Architectural Commission, Kiefer served as president of the Beacon Hill Civic Association from 2014-16 and subsequently as its board chair from 2016-18.

In September, Kiefer spent two weeks in California, filming for his first full-length feature film, “Pacific Coast,” which is expected to have a running time of around 90 minutes.

“We were mostly in and around San Francisco,” said Kiefer. “Then we spent a couple of days in Los Angeles. It was a rather intense couple of weeks.”

Upon his return, Kiefer and the film crew shot more footage over a weekend in New Hampshire before spending five more days shooting in Boston.

In all, Kiefer spent 20 days shooting the film in three different states, one of which was on the other side of the country from his Boston base.

“I’ve got a couple of short scenes left to do, but for all intents and purposes, principal photography is finished,” said Kiefer, who worked on “Pacific Coast” with a small group of actors, several of whom had previously appeared in his short films.

Kiefer will then move onto post-production work, which he describes as “the most intensive and time intensive” aspect of the filmmaking process.”

“A feature film can take up to nine months to edit,” he said. “A lot of work is required to make a finished film – sound design, visual effects, color grading – all the work that goes into making a film look and sound as good as it can be.”

Kiefer hopes to wrap up “Pacific Coast” by the end of ‘22 so it can be viewed next year at festivals, as well as at a special screening for his friends and family.

“It’s a great joy to see [my work] on the big screen in front of a live audience,” he said.

For Kiefer, “Pacific Coast” will be the capstone of all his filmmaking work over the past decade.

“It was the culmination of a lot of that work, writing and developing characters,” he said. “It took three years to get the script in sufficient shape to shoot. The casting process was done mostly remotely, and there were a lot more moving parts than on a short film.”

Kiefer, who said he shot some shorts in a single day, added: “Making short films was great preparation. Making a feature is the same process as making short films; it’s just for more days. Shorts are like shooting one scene in a feature film. A feature is just cobbling together a bunch of scenes.”

“Pacific Coast” is also a departure from his three earlier full-length screenplays, which, he said, are all “of the scale that they would require a lot of outside resources to produce.”

This time, however, Kiefer said, “I wrote this specifically to be able to produce it myself.”

While Kiefer said he has learned about screenwriting process from watching some of his favorite films multiple times to dissect them, as well as by reading scripts “to understand how storytelling works,” he has gleaned most of his knowledge via firsthand experience.

“Mostly, I’ve learned by doing,” said Kiefer, who added he has also benefitted by participating in writing workshops offered at the Woods Hole Film Festival.

“Like any artistic endeavor, we learn best by doing it,” he said. “Writing is certainly no exception, and the more you read, the better you write.”

Looking ahead to his next film project, Kiefer sets the same benchmark he always has for himself – to top his most recent achievement.

“My goal and ambition has always been to use each opportunity to get another opportunity and hopefully, to make the next opportunity a little bigger and better. I want to keep making films, and I hope they get bigger and better,” said Kiefer.

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Mayor Wu joins other officials in release of Common Master Plan

Mayor Michelle Wu joined Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, the city's Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space; Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods; and Liz Vizza, president of the Friends of the Public Garden, to announce the release of the Boston Common Master Plan on Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Parkman Bandstand on the Common.

Recommendations outlined in the plan include a comprehensive redesign of the Boston Common Frog Pond, including the Tadpole Playground; expanding the Visitor's Center; adding an accessible entrance at Shaw 54th Memorial; pedestrian improvements at the Charles Street entrance from the Public Garden; renovation of the heavily used Mayor's Walk path-

way; piloting restrooms in several locations; and better activation of the Boylston Street plaza and entrance.

The announcement kicked off a 45-day public comment period for the Common Master Plan, which ends on Nov. 30.

Visit bostoncommonmasterplan.com for more information.



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Mayor Michelle Wu speaks, flanked by Rev. Mariama White-Hammond, the city's Chief of Environment, Energy; Liz Vizza, president of the Friends of the Public Garden; and Boston Parks Commissioner Ryan Woods.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 12 - 8 P.M.

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The Institute of Contemporary Art Boston

25 Harbor Shore Drive, Boston, MA 02210

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 11 A.M. - 7 P.M.

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1179 River Street, Hyde Park, MA 02136

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St. George Orthodox Church of Boston

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The Institute of Contemporary Art Boston

25 Harbor Shore Drive, Boston, MA 02210

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Tuesday, October 25 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, October 27 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Friday, October 28 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WEEK 2 | OCTOBER 31 - NOVEMBER 4

Monday, October 31 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1 | 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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23RD ANNUAL STORYBOOK BALL WITH MASS GENERAL

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More than 450 people came together on October 1, 2022, to celebrate Mass General for Children’s (MGfC) 23rd annual Storybook Ball at Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts, raising more than \$1.2 million for pediatric care and research at the renowned hospital.

The energy in the room was palpable as co-chairs Fiona and James Benenson III and Rachel and Bill Motley welcomed guests in black-tie to celebrate the great work of MGfC and enjoy an elegant dinner, carnival games and speaking program.

With a whimsical jungle of bright oranges and fuchsias, tropical prints and imaginative letter play, event partner Rafanelli Events transformed the MFA into Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, the bestselling children’s story about letters climbing up a coconut tree, falling down and being comforted by their parents and other adults.

The theme was inspired by the extraordinary care and expertise of the MGfC Newborn Medicine team, which was the focus of this year’s gala.

The evening’s featured patient story brought two-year-old Carter and his family to join Allan M.



TJ Douglas and Douglass Williams.



Susan Boney and Ashley Harmon.



Walter and Sarah Donovan.



Will Curry, MD.

Goldstein, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief, on stage to reflect on their inspiring MGfC journey.

WCVB Channel 5 anchor Erika Tarantal led the guests through a lively auction, and Ronald E. Kleinman, MD, was honored for his years of service as Physician-in-Chief with a few standing ovations.

It was announced that Joanne Wolfe, MD, MPH, will join the MGH as chief of the Department of Pediatrics and physician-in-chief of MGfC in January.

The spectacular evening rounded out with desserts by-the-bite, tours through the Obama portrait gallery, and dancing led by DJ Chris Roxx.



Allan Goldstein, MD with the Mulkerrin family who told of their Mass General for Children journey.



Seth Bloom, MD, Akwi Asombang, MD, Brad O'Donnell, Jessica Haberer, MD, Amir Mohareb, MD, Anita Matthews, MD.



Martha Kleinman, Anna Sapone, MD and Alessio Fasano, MD.

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Co-Chairs James and Fiona Benenson and Rachel and Bill Motley.



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Marne Mahoney, Rachel and Allan Goldstein, MD, and Bryan Rafanelli.



Ashley Jacobs, Patty Ribakoff and Bruce Jacobs.



Dan Doody, MD and Joanne Wolfe, MD.



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BEACON HILL WOMEN'S FORUM HOLDS TALK ON EVERYONE DESERVES A FAMILY

Photos & Story by Marianne Salza

A few years ago, a social situation, like the Beacon Hill Women's Forum (BHWF) cocktail hour, would have been difficult for guest speaker, Julia Karol, host of podcast, *Stork'd*, and chief operating officer of investment firm, Watermill Group. Whenever people would ask her if she had any children, a piece of her heart broke because she had to respond with "no;" but during the October 13 meeting at the Hampshire House, Karol enjoyed the warm and friendly atmosphere, as she delved into conversations.

"We all have families and feel this complication in our family lives," said Karol, now the mother of 14-month-old Xander. *Stork'd* showcases that transformation.

Karol began her presentation, "Everyone Deserves a Family – Celebrating All Families and All Paths to Building a Family," by asking BHWF members what family means to them. This is the question that she poses on each episode of her podcast. Listeners responded with acceptance, unconditional love, feeling whole, safe, complicated, chosen, and comfort.

The South End resident explained her journey from devastation to clarity and fulfillment as a mother of a baby boy. In her mid-30s, Karol was focused on her career running a private equity firm that buys manufacturing companies, like steel and lumber distribution. The relationship she had with a Beacon Hill man ended. It was a difficult time for Karol, as she had been certain they were going to marry and start a family.

"I was blindsided," admitted Karol. "In hindsight, the relationship was never right. It wasn't the relationship I was holding on to, it was a time horizon, and the expectations of what a family should look like. The emotional crisis I had was losing the vision of what I thought I was supposed to have."

Karol returned to her parents' home, where she rarely left the couch and was often on the floor in tears. She began a deep, spiritual exploration of herself.

"The more I closed my eyes and



Founder Lisa Macalaster, Bernice Leijnen, and Julia Karol, guest speaker.



Eleanor Dillon, Co-Programs Director Melanie Bertani, Julia Karol, guest speaker, and her friend, Tricia Stone.

thought about my vision, the more it was about having a kid, and not necessarily about finding a partner," Karol explained.

Plan B of raising a child on her own became Plan A; and it was exciting. Karol realized that she preferred having a "munchkin" over a soulmate. She started having richer conversations with people about family life as she cautiously explored her options of becoming a mother, which led to the formation of her podcast.

"These stories need to be shared, not just for me," declared Karol. "We talk about every kind of IVF (in vitro fertilization) journey. We talk about loss: losing partners and pregnancies. We talk about solo parenting journeys. These are uni-



Susie Shafer and Co-President Wendy Oleksiak.

versal themes."

Karol recognized that her story was not unusual; and that her idea of what a family should be was an image imposed on her by someone else. She was raised to believe a specific ideal of what a family should look like.



Meredith Bernstein, Mary Beth Kelley, Kelly M. Rottenbucher, and Shannon Reilly Hanna.



Amy Tannenbaum, Meredith Bernstein, Co-President Shaili Gupta, and Janine Jay.



Cheryl Lynch, Julie Morse, and Membership Director Lisa Purcell.

"I chose to take that message into my heart, and I had to reconcile with that," said Karol. "Every story has a moment of, 'Wait, who am I? What is an acceptable choice, and what is not?' Some things, we don't have control over."

While Karol adjusted to losing the future she thought she was supposed to have, she became fascinated with how every story she learned about shared feelings of shame, loneliness, and the sense of not belonging.

"There is something wrong with our culture that we make everyone feel isolated and ashamed for their choices or circumstances," said Karol.

Stork'd explores topics such as infertility, miscarriages, same sex parents/marriages, adoption, and the ethics and legality of sperm donor conception. Karol discusses the struggles and traumas of those

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Wu announces reopening of Youth Development Fund applications

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Office of Human Services (OHS) announce applications are now open for the 2023 Youth Development Fund (YDF) fall grant. The YDF is a yearly competitive grant aimed at supporting non-profit organizations that work with Boston youth and young adults ages 10-25. A total of \$1,500,000 will be awarded to Boston nonprofit organizations providing positive violence intervention, prevention, and response services throughout the city. Applications are now open and responses are due Saturday, Oct 28th at 4:00 p.m.

"Developing and protecting our youth by creating an engaging community is one of the most

important responsibilities we have as a City," said Mayor Michelle Wu. "We are grateful to all of the non-profit organizations delivering violence prevention services in our neighborhoods, and look forward to providing continued support in building this community."

"We are excited to be able to continue to support many of our non-profit partners in the work of building community and providing high-quality, safe and engaging activities for youth and young adults in Boston," said Jose Massó, Chief of Human Services. "This robust network of programs meets youth where they are and is a key part of our violence prevention strategy."

This fund aims to increase the number and variety of youth development programs intentionally contributing to metrics that prevent youth and young adult violence in Boston neighborhoods. The Youth Development Fund will prioritize the following types of organizations:

- Boston-based nonprofits in neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by gun or youth violence
- Youth-serving entities with an intentional focus on outreach and engagement of high-risk/proven-risk youth and young adults or other specified underserved youth population
- Organizations using the positive youth development frame-

work and/ or meaningful youth engagement practices

There will also be a concentration on supporting activities that implement prevention strategies intended to shape individual behaviors as well as relationship, community, and societal factors that influence the risk for violence. Examples of evidence-based youth violence prevention strategies include but are not limited to:

- Strengthening youth and young adults' developmental skills
- Connecting youth to caring

adults and a safe space when not in school

- Creating protective community environments
- Intervening to lessen harms and prevent future risk

Last year's YDF funds were allocated to 55 community-based organizations across Boston that, together, served youth and young adults in all neighborhoods of the city. In total, 6,334 youth were served and 85 percent of those served are youth of color.

BHWF (from pg. 8)

adopted or conceived through sperm, embryo, or egg donations.

"There are major changes and advocates in the donor conception world," revealed Karol, who is appalled that it is possible to have 200 half siblings; and is aware that her son will most likely have between 10-30 brothers and sisters. "It's horrific in some ways what this industry is doing to the people it creates, because they're

left without a sense of identity and medical history."

Karol suggested how to determine what one wants from family life, and to consider how one's perception is influenced by how he or she has been taught to believe. Be aware of available options. Work through medical, legal, or emotional issues, and know your trade-offs. Consider self-care while envisioning one's family, she

added.

"Sometimes the person I think I am going to relate to the least, I end up learning the most from," Karol said. "Everyone deserves a family any way we want."

Listen to Julia Karol on Stork'd on Spotify and YouTube. Stork'd can also be found on Facebook and Instagram.

Overnight weekday closures of the Callahan Tunnel next week

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) is announcing it will be implementing temporary overnight closures of the Callahan Tunnel (Route 1A northbound) in Boston. The closures will take place on Monday, October 24, and on Tuesday October 25, during overnight hours between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following morning. The closures are necessary to allow crews and contractors to safely and effectively deliver and install new pumps and equipment for the Callahan Tunnel vent buildings.

Appropriate signage, law enforcement details, and advance message boards will be in place to guide drivers traveling to Logan Airport and East Boston. Motorists should follow detour signs through the Ted Williams Tunnel.

MassDOT encourages drivers to seek alternate routes, reduce

speed, and use caution while approaching and traveling through the area.

These operations are weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

For more information on traffic conditions, travelers are encouraged to:

- Dial 511 before heading out onto the roadways and select a route to hear real-time conditions.
- Visit www.mass511.com, a website that provides real-time traffic and incident advisory information, access to traffic cameras, and allows users to subscribe to text and email alerts for traffic conditions.
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ROUVALIS (from pg. 1)

one would find on the left bank of Paris. The window displays and awning lure the most casual passersby to wander in and experience the beauty of nature. The knowledgeable and welcoming staff is adept at making suggestions for an arrangement or advising on plant care. The flower cooler is a conversation piece as well since it was originally the meat locker of the butcher that used to be at this location many decades ago.

Don't let the small space fool you. They are bigger than they appear. With a design studio and landscaping warehouse in Charlestown, Rouvalis is more than just a little flower shop around the corner. They can assist with container gardens for your front door or

balcony. They are known for their roof top gardens, as well as for interior courtyard designs. Rouvalis is known for both their residential and commercial landscaping besides the flowers, arrangements, bouquets, plants and accessories.

Walking through the Beacon Hill neighborhood, you will also notice the many beautiful window boxes that are also Rouvalis designed. They employ a landscaping team, which is spearheaded by Sean and creates the most beautiful displays in the area. Emily leads the floral design team and has successfully graced many hotel lobbies, events, weddings and private homes with her work and the work of her team.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDUP

STATE HOUSE SCIENCE FAIR SET FOR OCT. 20

The Museum of Science presents the State House Science Fair on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the State House.

Museum educators will be on hand for the event, bringing their STEM expertise to this science fair. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in experiments, try out exhibit components, and explore additional hand-on activities. Light refreshments will also be served.

The public is invited to this event, and no R.S.V.P. is necessary to attend.

UPCOMING HILL HOUSE OFFERINGS

Hill House will hold its annual Fall FUNdraiser on Friday, Oct. 21, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Alibi in the Liberty Hotel at 215 Charles St.

This year's event theme is "Breaking Free," which combines the history of the Liberty Hotel, once the site of the Charles Street Jail, with a Wild West sensibility, and guests are encouraged to wear their most festive Western-themed attire for the occasion. It will include Blackjack and Roulette, as well as prizes and country music. Guests can also expect an adults-only night out with an open bar offering specialty cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, with all event proceeds going to support your

"backyard in the city."

Tickets for the Fall FUNdraiser are \$300 each, with sponsorship opportunities starting at \$1,000.

Also, Hill House is also bringing back its annual Hill-O-Ween Party for local families and children on Monday, Oct. 31, from 2:30 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Street Firehouse. This event will feature crafts, games, snacks, and a Halloween-themed tableau perfect for a family picture, along with prizes for best costume, best family costume, and most crafty costume, respectively.

Games will include a fortune teller, pumpkin chucking, and a Hole-o-ween in one gold game where participants put the ball into a pumpkin, while "paint a pumpkin" will be among the craft offerings.

The Hill-O-Ween Party is free and open to the community.

Visit hillhouseboston.org for more information on both events.

FALL-O-WEEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL RETURNS OCT. 21 TO THE COMMON

Mayor Michelle Wu and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department host the second annual Fall-o-Ween Children's Festival on the Boston Common Parade Ground at the corner of Beacon and Charles Streets on Friday, Oct. 21, from 5 to 8 p.m.

A "monster mash" of activities will include music, giveaways, arts

and crafts, rides on the trackless train, pop-up mural activity from the Mayor's Mural Crew, a stilt walker, fresh water from the Boston Water and Sewer Commission Water Truck, and field games, individual, and group play facilitated by Knucklebones.

For more information, visit boston.gov/falloween. To stay up to date with news, events, and design and construction work in Boston parks, sign up for the email list at bit.ly/Get-Parks-Emails and follow our social channels @bostonparks-dept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

VIRTUAL MEETING ON DRAFT OBJECTIVES FOR LIBRARY REDEVELOPMENT SET FOR OCT. 26

The city will hold a virtual meeting on draft development objectives for the proposed redevelopment West End Branch Library, which would include an affordable-housing component, on Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The meeting will focus on development objectives being drafted by the city that reflect public input spanning multiple meetings. These objectives will form the basis of a forthcoming Request for Proposals to solicit development proposals for the site. Review the draft development objectives here: <https://bit.ly/WestEndObjectives>.

LIVINGSTONE'S UPCOMING OFFICE HOURS

Rep. Jay Livingstone will hold office hours on Wednesday, Oct 26, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the West End Branch Library at 151 Cambridge St.; on Wednesday, Nov. 2, from 10-11 a.m. at Cobblestone a Beacon Hill Eatery at 30 Charles St.; and on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 9-10 a.m. at Newsfeed Cafe inside the Copley Branch of the Boston Public Library at 700 Boylston St.

"I am looking forward to being in the community with you to update you on the work I've been doing throughout the district and in the State House, and to hear your feedback, ideas, and suggestions on both local neighborhood issues and statewide policy priorities," wrote Rep. Livingstone.

Email Cassidy.Trabilcy@mahouse.gov with any questions or concerns.

WINE WITH YOUR LOCAL AUTHORS AT CRUSH BOUTIQUE

Stop in for some wine and shopping, and to meet your local Beacon Hill authors Karen Winn, Julie Carrick Dalton, and Jennifer Blecher on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Crush Boutique, located at 138 Charles St.

Books will be available for purchase, supplied by the new Beacon Hill Books & Café. Come support local businesses and authors.

HALLOWEEN AT THE MYRTLE STREET PLAYGROUND

Working in tandem with Hill House's Halloween celebration at the Mt. Vernon Street Firehouse, the Friends of the Myrtle Street Playground is offering Little Groove on Monday, Oct. 31, at 11 a.m. at the playground, as well as the Mickey and Minnie Dance Party at 4 p.m. at the playground.

Costumes are encouraged for attendees.

BOOK-SIGNING EVENT ELIN HILDERBRAND COMING NOV. 16 TO BLACKSTONES

Blackstones welcomes Elin Hilderbrand for a book-signing event for her latest book, "Endless Summer," on Wednesday, Nov. 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 40 Charles St.

Due to Hilderbrand's popularity, Blackstones is asking guests to pre-register for their time slots online at blackstonesboston.com, or by coming into the store, to ensure that all interested parties have the opportunity to meet her, purchase a book, and be featured in her social media photos. (All guests must wear "navy.")

Copies of "Endless Summer" can also be ordered from the Blackstones website, with an option for curbside pickup.

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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. SU22P0689EA
Estate of: Christine Barbro Wennersten
Date of Death: 02/18/2022
To all interested persons:
A Petition for S/A - Formal

Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Ulrika Wennersten of 263 62 Viken, Sweden SO, requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: Ulrika Wennersten of 263 62 Viken, SO be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Sureties 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 11/03/2022. This is NOT a hearing date, but

a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty 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: October 14, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate

10/20/22
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LEGAL NOTICE

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, §5-304

Docket No. SU22P2281GD
Suffolk Probate And Family Court
24 New Chardon St.
Boston, MA 02114
In the matter of: Patricia Kissane
Of: Boston, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person
To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Massachusetts General Hospital of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Patricia Kissane is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Shelly Oakes of Braintree, MA (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 11/08/2022. 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 to file 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: October 11, 2022
Felix D. Arroyo,
Register of Probate

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VETERANS PARADE TO BE A CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Boston's Office of Veterans Services, in partnership with American Legion District 7 Suffolk County, will host the 2022 Veterans Parade on Saturday, November 5. The 'Celebration of Service' themed-march will start at Noon in Copley Square. The West Point and Navy Band Northeast's Marching Bands along with the Wentworth Institute of Technology's Office of Military Connected

Services are among the many units participating. This year's theme showcases Veteran's Day as a celebration, as well as a time to pause and reflect on the accomplishments of the armed forces.

Says Commissioner of Veterans Services Robert Santiago, "I'm so excited about this parade. This parade is the kick-off to Veterans Month here in Boston and throughout Massachusetts, and we love being a part of it. We have a lot of amazing units signed up and look forward to seeing everyone lining the streets of Boston as we

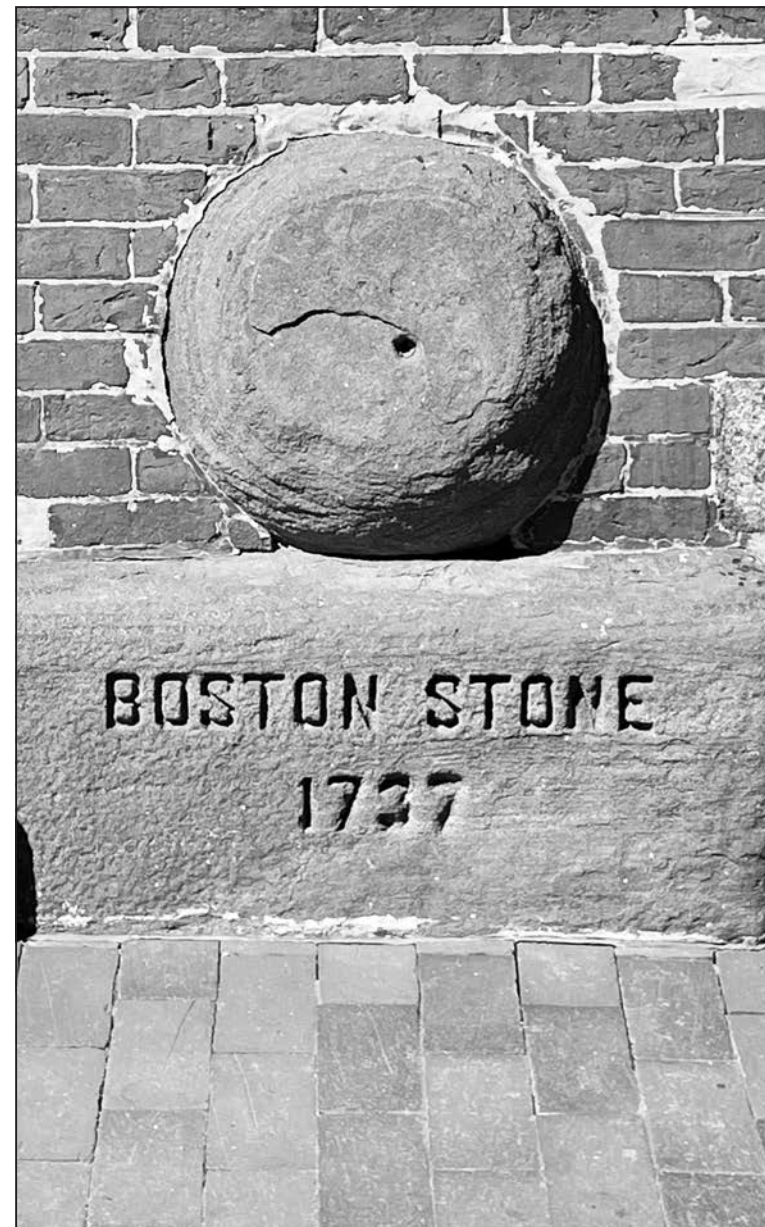
celebrate and honor our veterans and service members on November 5th."

Those who wish to view the parade should begin gathering on Boylston and Tremont streets around 11:30 AM. The parade is expected to last until roughly 2PM and will end at Boston Common where guests are encouraged to gather and continue the celebration. For organizations interested in participating in the parade, contact Bryan Bishop at bryan.bishop@boston.gov.

Attention to Detail

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THIS WEEK'S ANSWER



The date 1727 in the last clue is on The Boston Stone in front of 10 Marshall Street. It is generally thought to have originated as a millstone that was inserted into the foundation of this building in 1836. No records have been found to prove the legend that it was once the geographic center of Boston used for measurements.

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THIS WEEK'S CLUE



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Grooming guidance

By Penny & Ed Cherubino

Part of our job as companion animal guardians is ensuring our animals receive their necessary grooming. We joke about spa days when our Westie has a grooming appointment, and we love seeing her looking her best. However, grooming is also about the animal's comfort and health.

Grooming Can Be Scary

In an interview with Psychology Today, Stephanie Zikmann, author of "The Magic of Holistic Grooming," explained why grooming is difficult for some dogs.

"Anywhere hair grows has to be carefully groomed, which means that for most breeds, every inch of a dog's body is handled, often against their will." She added, "The grooming environment is also noisy, smelly, and full of potential stressors, which, if not first carefully introduced and desensitized to, will cause the dog's senses to overload, increasing stress and anxiety in the envi-

ronment."

You are responsible for training and desensitizing your animals to accept all the touches and tools needed to provide the care and maintenance to keep them safe, healthy, and happy. Do your best to spot and lessen the stress around grooming, whether that is daily tooth brushing or a visit to a groomer for a bath and haircut.

Step-by-Step

The trip to the groomer or the vet can be less stressful if that ride or walk happens more often, and if many of those times, your dog just receives a smile, a pat, and a treat.

The same is true for touches by human hands. Gently touch every part of your dog often throughout its life. Then when clipping a toenail or cleaning an ear is uncomfortable, the dog will have experienced so many kind touches that they understand that every contact does not hurt.

Home Grooming

When you are grooming at

home, take steps that allow your dog or cat to feel safe, secure, and less stressed while you work. Use a non-slip mat instead of a slippery surface to bring the pet to an easy working level. Consider offering a lick mat with a favorite treat like peanut butter or cheese to distract a stressed pup.

Daily tooth brushing will help protect not only a dog or cat's dental health but also their entire system. Dental problems can spread bacteria throughout an animal's organs and lead to chronic and acute illnesses. Moreover, this can save money you might spend on veterinary dental procedures.

Like many double-coated terriers, our Poppy tends to weave her downy undercoat into mats. But, if we regularly attend to the areas that snarl the most, we don't have to resort to mat breakers or cutting out the snarls with scissors.

Shorten your work when your animal starts to show signs of stress. For example, Ed checks our dog's dew claws every week since Poppy has not had a lot of patience



Every positive grooming experience helps to train and desensitize your dog. (Photo by Ayla Verschueren)

with long sessions of filing those down.

Side Benefits to Grooming

Grooming activities can bring you and your dog or cat closer and help you bond. If you can make it a gentle, pleasant experience, it might relax both of you. Methodically brushing and combing a pet will improve its coat. Grooming is also a way to find lumps, bumps,

and other abnormalities. Make short grooming sessions a part of your daily interaction with your dog or cat rather than an hour-long chore you both dread. And, end each task with praise and perhaps a tiny treat!

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