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Janey's Message to Supporters

Acting Boston Mayor Kim Janey sent this message to supporters after finishing 4th in the preliminary election.

Friend,
I want to thank my family, friends, supporters, campaign staff, and volunteers for all the work we

have done together over the past 6 months. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all the doors that were knocked, all the calls that were made, and all the early mornings and late nights spent working to make history here in Boston.

While the results from last night are not what we had hoped for, I am

so grateful for your support and for the work we did together to move Boston forward.

We have so much to be proud of. On the campaign side, we built a multi-racial, multicultural, and multi-generational coalition com-

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Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Saturday,
September 25

FROM CITY OF BOSTON WEBSITE

Household Hazardous Waste, Paper Shredding, Textiles, And Electronics Drop-off

Boston residents can safely dispose of hazardous waste, shred unwanted documents, get rid of textiles and clothing, and recycle

electronics for free, on Saturday, September 25, 2021

9:00AM - 2:00PM, Central DPW Facility, 400 Frontage Road, Boston, MA 02118

COVID-19 Update

Due to the public health emergency, there are certain restrictions in place for our hazardous waste dropoff events:

- You will need to stay in your car at all times during our dropoff events.

- To limit contact, we will not return containers back to you.

- All waste must be in the trunk of your car or in the bed of your truck.

- If your waste is inside your car when you arrive — instead of your trunk or the bed of your truck — you will be given the option to leave the line of cars, place your waste in the trunk or bed, and then come back through the line.

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Obituary

John P. "Jack" Campbell

1944-2021

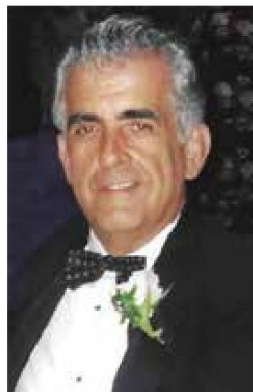
For the last 27 years Jack worked as the Manager of 5 Star Travel in Boston. Jack started in 1993 creating packages to the March in Washington for that year. Before this Jack was a City Clerk in City Hall and worked side-by-side with several Boston mayors who he helped get elected. Since 1994 he was affectionately associated with the Beantown Softball League (BSL) and the Boston Gay Basketball League (BGBL) having managed several Gay sports Teams, such as the 5 Star Generals, The Jackhammers, The Diablos and the

Shooting Stars.

In 2007 Jack was introduced into the Hall of Fame of the BSL. Jack was an advocate for Gay rights, having volunteered for many years at the popular BGRF Block parties on Chandler Street during Pride. Since the 1960's he was politically active and marched in Selma, Alabama with the revered and respected John Lewis.

"One of our Stars stopped shining on August 5" Paul Moreno, of 5 Star Travel, indicated at the Service last week.

He leaves behind his two sisters, Ellen and Patricia, and two brothers,



Stephen and Mark, and a very saddened 5 Star Family.

Plantando la bandera



Héctor Collazo and Jeanny López, front, with painters and friends. IBA's Juan Carlos Gonzalez, center. Photo by Michele Maniscalco

IBA, Vejigantes join forces to bring new mural to Villa Victoria

BY MICHELE D. MANISCALCO

Diners and passersby at Vejigantes, 57 W. Dedham St., are now greeted by a vibrant, new outdoor art, a vibrant mural with a Puerto Rican

flag motif in the archway adjacent to the restaurant's dining patio.

The mural is part of 78 pueblitos y una bandera, (78 towns and one flag) an ongoing project by Puerto Rico-based artist Héctor Collazo, who is

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Parks Fitness

Salsa With Metamovements

Participate in a free fitness class offered by one of our certified instructors. Our classes are sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, and the Boston Public Health Commission.

Learn a variety of dance styles through Salsa Suelta line dancing with MetaMovements.

No pre-registration needed. Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 6:00PM - 7:00PM

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The Newton Housing Authority is inviting applicants to apply to be included in a lottery to establish a waitlist for two, three and four bedroom affordable housing apartments located in various neighborhoods throughout the beautiful City of Newton, MA. The apartments feature desirable floor plans with quality finishes & design features plus easy access to local shopping, dining, recreational opportunities, and public transportation.

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4	2-bedroom	30% of HH Income (Max w/ Subsidy \$1,943)	up to 60% AMI
3	2-bedroom	\$2,174*	up to 80% AMI
1	3-bedroom	\$1,745*	up to 50% AMI
2	3-bedroom	\$2,236*	up to 60% AMI
5	3-bedroom	\$2,416*	up to 80% AMI
2	3-bedroom	30% of HH Income (Max w/ Subsidy \$2,236)	up to 80% AMI
1	4-bedroom	\$2,610*	up to 80% AMI

*NOTE: Gross Rents are subject to change and may also be adjusted for units with tenant-paid utilities. Minimum Income Requirements Apply Unless You Have a Voucher—Mobile Voucher Holders Encouraged to Apply.

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Household Size	50% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI
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Janey

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mitted to making Boston a more just – a more equitable place to live for every single resident.

And at City Hall – as the first woman and first Black Mayor of Boston – we not only made history – we made a difference. Crime is down, people are staying in their homes due to our housing agenda, our children are safely back in school, and Boston is one of the most vaccinated big cities in America.

There is so much more we have done together in these few months that we can be proud of – that helped people of our city in their time of greatest need and set Boston on a path to an equitable reopening, recovery, and renewal.

While I remain in office, I am committed to continuing to lead Boston through these challenges – to continue to get shots in arms, keep our kids safe in school, keep our streets safe, and keep our residents housed.

I want to congratulate Michelle Wu and Annissa Essaibi-George on their victories and I wish them both luck in the final election. I take comfort knowing that all of the little girls who were inspired by my leadership, will also see themselves reflected in the next mayor. I am committed to ensuring a smooth transition so that SHE will be able to hit the ground running.

Thank you again for being on this journey with me.

With love and gratitude,
Kim

Waste Dropoff

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• Pedestrians and cyclists are welcome to attend. We just ask that you check in with City staff upon entering the property.

• Important
• We only take waste from Boston residents. You need to show us proof of your residency. We will not take any waste from businesses.

• Latex and acrylic paint are NOT haz-

ardous. Just let the paint dry out in the can and put it out on your trash day.

• We offer paper shredding at all of our events. We will shred up to 10 copy paper size boxes or containers of your personal documents.

• We accept all clothing and textiles, including pants, coats, hats, and suits. As long as it's dry and not moldy, we want it. But, there are certain items that we can't accept.

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Virtual Community Meeting

Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee

Monday, October 4

6:00 PM - 7:45 PM

Zoom Link: bit.ly/October2021RSMPOC

Toll Free: (833) 568 - 8864

Meeting ID: 160 512 3481

Event Description

The Roxbury Strategic Master Plan Oversight Committee was developed to oversee projects that fall under the Roxbury Strategic Master Plan. The committee meets monthly to discuss development and planning in Nubian Square.

Vote on Crescent Developer Designation Oct. 4th.

All meetings are held on zoom and open to the public. For more information, on how to join, Engage, and Take Action, please visit the website.

Upcoming meetings/Próximas reuniones/Dat pwochen rankont yo se:

- Oct./Octubre/Oktòb 4 (Vote on Crescent Developer/ Votar sobre el desarrollador de Crescent Parcel/ Vote sou pwomotè Crescent Pasèl)
- Nov./Noviembre/Novanm 1

For interpretation services, contact the planner listed below one week before each meeting.

Para los servicios de interpretación, comuníquese con el planificador que se indica a continuación una semana antes de cada reunión.

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Life is What Happens

BY JUDAH LEBLANG

One of my late father's favorite expressions (credited to John Lennon, though my Dad didn't know it), was "Life is what happens while you're making other plans." As I start this new year, 5782 on the Jewish calendar, I'm reminded of how I usually have an agenda for my daily life, a series of assumptions or unspoken demands, which goes something like this: "Life should bring me what I want, preferably today, while helping me avoid fear, discomfort, illness and the loss of loved ones."

Naturally, what I often get is exactly what I don't want. Maturity (a destination I believe I should have reached in my 60s but have not) would mean accepting, working with, and possibly transcending the various events and life circumstances I didn't order from the catalog.

On Monday morning, I endured a long rush-hour drive on a trip from Medford to Beverly, bumper-to-bumper along Rt 128. I had detailed direction from my contact at the library, and arrived early, only to find that access to the library parking lot was blocked by a construction crew; the road was closed.

I always allow extra time and so I found a nearby city lot, parked for 75 cents, and walked over to the library, where I did my show (masked) for 15 Seniors. Though I am not a morning person, I got energized performing

for the group, who were together (also masked) for the first time since March of 2020.

The show went reasonably well, considering I hadn't done a live performance in 18 months. All in all, I was feeling pretty good, until I stopped into the local bookstore to see if they would carry my book. For some reason, my memoir wasn't listed in the supplier's database, which meant they (or any other bookstore or library) couldn't order my memoir.

Given that promoting a book during Covid is a herculean task and my sales have been minimal-to-nonexistent, I was disappointed, bummed out, and frustrated with my publisher.

Back in my car, I typed out a diplomatic but forceful email, asking why the book was no longer available. As I prepared to press send, my car still parked in the city lot, I felt my Kia sedan shake, and heard a voice call out "Sorry!" I got out, walked around to the passenger side and saw that a middle-aged woman had accidentally slammed her rear door into my car, leaving a two-inch long indentation in the Kia's formerly pristine exterior. "We're on a hill," she explained, and then apologized several more times.

She offered to give me some money, but in that moment, I just wanted to retreat, to start over and to pretend the whole thing hadn't happened. I left the lot, after declining her offer, and stopped at a gas station, since

I was running on empty.

The pump wasn't working; the attendant came out and explained that the power was out. Then the navigation screen blacked out, and suddenly my Monday morning went from bad to worse.

But once I got home, I managed to calm down and to start to put things in perspective. I got an email from my publisher, explaining that he had made a few changes in my manuscript, which I had requested, and the book would be back online by the next day.

The navigation screen on my Kia magically rebooted and came back to life, and I managed to find an open gas station before my tank was bone dry.

The next morning, I drove over to my auto body shop, where the owner looked at my car. The dent was superficial and almost (but not quite) invisible in the right light. In the wrong light, my Kia is no longer pristine, but that's the price of living in Boston, and a car—even one I love dearly—is just a car.

At 64, I still sweat the small stuff. But maybe the slow accumulation of wisdom, life experience and practice mean that I can sweat those small things a little less. After all, I have no time to waste.

Judah Leblang is a writer, teacher and storyteller in Boston. His memoir, Echoes of Jerry, is available at judahleblang.com and on Amazon.

Guest Opinion

Open the tower

BY KEVIN SOWYRDA

Not every issue in the Boston Mayor's race has reached front burner status. One of them is the closure of a beautiful public park, located quite literally 790 feet above the city, where the views were meant to be enjoyed by everyone.

The John Hancock Tower, rechristened 200 Clarendon Street, was an architectural wonder when she opened her doors in 1976. Despite a myriad of construction problems, including thousands of Thermopane windows that had to be replaced (Purdue University did not get an 'A' for all those wind tunnel tests), the architect Henry N. Cobb was heralded for creating the Hub's tallest building. The New York Times architect critic Paul Goldberger wrote that despite the building initially being "an object of mockery more than of admiration" the edifice, warts and all, eventually became "justly celebrated as one of the great American skyscrapers of the 1970's."

And what better way to admire the greatness, her odd parallelogram shapes notwithstanding, than from the very top, the old Hancock Observatory. Considered a must stop for any vacationer's itinerary, and for any school outing, the Hancock's iconic sixtieth floor became an alluring destination, albeit intimidating for the acrophobia challenged.

From this precious vista I would peer down into a seemingly infinitesimal Fenway Park and my imagination would run past every base. No matter what day or what weather, the Charles looked pristine, the Common could not have been greener and Boston's colloquial charm was superbly enhanced at 790 feet. To appreciate the beauty of Boston you need this falcon's perspective; unless your wings have been clipped.

On September 11, 2001, like similar venues nationwide, the observatory was closed. No one had any reason to believe that it was permanent.

Twenty years later, 200 Clarendon's sister observatories have long since reopened, some with inspiring enhancements. When I visited the top deck of the Willis Tower (formerly the Sears Tower) last year I discovered the wondrous glass balcony, added post 9-11, which extends out about four feet from the tower's 103rd floor; letting you know what walking on air really feels like.

But the real estate moguls at 200 Clarendon (Boston Properties) have kept the doors locked for more than 20 years.

Boston's public park in the sky has transitioned from public access, to elegant, costly function space to commercial rental. Vacationer's, students and dreamers like me may not apply.

Advocates for re-opening have spoken of a written agreement signed by the original owners, John Hancock Insurance, promising a permanently opened observatory. But since no one seems to be able to find this Magna Carta of Boston real estate agreements, the tower chieftains have forsaken public access since 2001. When once asked about the agreement, backed up by a document no one can produce, the late Mayor Tom Menino confirmed to WBZ the historical chatter of a contract. "That's a rumor that's been out there 15 years, I haven't seen the document, and somebody, if they have the document, let me see it."

I've spent years advocating for the re-opening of the observatory and periodically looking for any paper trail; and I've concluded that success would require Indiana Jones. But I've had innumerable sources at the Boston Redevelopment Authority—since reincarnated into the Boston Planning and Development Agency—tell me that there was in fact a clear cut understanding between then Mayor Kevin White and John Hancock that the vistas of the top floor were to be treated as public access.

Document in hand or not, I'm suggesting the next mayor communicate the following to 200 Clarendon upon taking office in

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Bandera

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painting Puerto Rican flag murals in 78 towns in Puerto Rico, Miami and Villa Victoria, and is hoping to bring his works of Boricua pride to more cities in the mainland US.

IBA's arts program under the direction of Juan Carlos Gonzalez. Painting started on Wednesday, September 15 and was finished on the afternoon of September 16. The finished mural covers the interior of the archway and the exterior to the right, where a rope swing hangs in the arch.

According to Gonzalez, the city permit did not allow painting of the front of the arch facing W. Dedham Street, which remains

white. On September 16 starting at 6:30 PM, IBA, Vejigantes and over 100 guests fêted the completion of the mural with a joyous block party at Vejigantes and across the street at Plaza Betances, where Eric German and his band entertained with dance music in a variety of traditional Puerto Rican genres. Guests included state representative and Puerto Rico native Dr. Jon Santiago (9th Suffolk).

Upon arriving on a morning flight to Boston, Collazo wasted no time in getting started on the painting with assistance from his girlfriend, blogger Jeanny López, and two young men. One of the men, William, moved from Puerto Rico to Southbridge eight years ago, and drove to Boston to volunteer as a painter after seeing Collazo's Instagram post

about the project.

"I follow Héctor on Instagram. I like him because he is doing a lot of flags around the island." When William saw on Instagram that Collazo was coming to Boston, he wanted to participate in the mural. "It was a dream come true. It was a very nice day painting with Héctor. He was really nice to me. This is very special."

Gonzalez explained the special meaning the flag holds for himself and for other transplants from Puerto Rico who often are unable to go home to the island at holidays and special occasions.

"Especially around the holidays, [Puerto Ricans] who live in Boston get really nostalgic and passionate about wanting to be with family and be in the festivities in Puerto Rico. By our

doing this, our community comes together and the youth see the passion for the flag or Puerto Rico. This is a way for us to bring all of this together and for artists to display their art. It benefits not only the neighborhood, but people who come from New York, Providence and elsewhere. I am super proud and excited about this."

Calderón-Rosado expressed her pride in being able to bring the unifying symbol of the flag to the community in the mural. "The flag really means a lot to Puerto Ricans...After a terrible year and a half, coming together as a community to celebrate this mural project is amazing. I'm excited!"



(Top Left) BA CEO Vanessa Calderón-Rosado, right/ (Top Right) Eric German and his band. (Bottom Left) State representative Dr. Jon Santiago and IBA CEO Vanessa Calderón-Rosado under the finished arch. (Bottom Right) Héctor Collazo, left and assistant paint the mural. All photos by Michele Maniscalco

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November.

First, a place as special and inspiring as the tower's sixtieth floor should be just as open to a field trip from Samuel W. Mason School in Roxbury as it is to the current tenants who drive in from Wellesley and Weston.

Second, Boston Properties should be told what they

should know. A revamped observatory, with all the bells and whistles, will be a tourist destination rife with eager patrons at the precise moment in time when commercial property owners are short on tenants and cash.

A newly opened observatory at 200 Clarendon may not be the most important goal for the next mayor. But for all the kids out there, and the kids at heart, getting back to that park in the sky will be a nice way to start a new year.

CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L.c. 190B, §5-304		Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court	
In the matter of: Magistil Duneant Of: Boston, MA		Docket No. SU21P1775GD RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person	
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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.			
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