

Flaherty puts up a fight in last MassVOTE forum

Stretch run has officially begun with debate season over

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Shouting supporters of Mayor Thomas Menino and his city councilor opponent Michael Flaherty gave confused tourists a taste of Boston city politics Tuesday night, Oct. 27, when Faneuil Hall hosted MassVOTE's final mayoral forum before the Nov. 3 municipal election.

The candidates faced questions from voters about housing,

crime, charter schools, under-represented minorities in city government, mandatory drug and alcohol testing for public safety workers, and how they would keep Boston-based jobs available for city residents.

With only a week left before Bostonians head to the polls, Flaherty went on the attack. He continued to hammer Menino for his aide Michael Kineavy's public record violations, saying that under his administration, Kineavy would have been fired, and revealing 13,000 e-mails online were not enough.

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Pathways to Wellness celebrates 20 years of helping patients 'live again'

Celebration honors work of higher-ups in 'revolutionizing holistic health care'

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When Caryn Layne Loman began to talk about her fourteen-month-old grandson, her eyes lit up and a smile immediately appeared on her face. Just before he was born, Loman fell and broke her tailbone. Without the treatment she received at Pathways to Wellness, Loman says she wouldn't be able to watch her grandson, let alone hold him.

"That never would have happened without Pathways," said Loman, who has been a patient for over ten years.

Loman is just one of thousands of patients who depend on Path-

ways to Wellness, a nonprofit, holistic therapies clinic that provides affordable acupuncture, shiatsu and Chinese herbs. On Wednesday night, Oct. 21, Pathways celebrated its 20th anniversary with a cocktail event entitled "Celebrating Pathways to Wellness, 20 Years of Revolutionizing Holistic Health Care."

The night honored Matt Fishman, Vice President for Community Health, Partners Health Care, and Tristram Blake, the retired executive director of the South End Community Health Center (SEHC), for the vital role they each played in the history of Pathways to Wellness. The event, which was hosted at the SEHC on Washington Street, featured a silent auction, a small buffet and bar, and a number of speeches

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Ben, a mailman, and Ginger, a chicken, greeted Chloe, a punk rocker, on Saturday, Oct. 24, at a Halloween Dog Costume Party co-hosted by Sweet Dog Walking and Pops Restaurant, 560 Tremont Street. The event featured canine cocktails and cuisine prepared by chef Felino Samson and a silent auction comprised of locally donated items, all benefiting the Animal Rescue League of Boston. Photo: Melissa Ostrow

Turner, Henriquez stick to the issues at RoxVOTE District 7 forum

Candidates agree district has work to do

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Incumbent District 7 City Councilor Chuck Turner and his challenger, Carlos "Tony" Henriquez, a Roxbury community organizer, discussed their ideas for addressing residents' issues with the MBTA, the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), and communication during a RoxVOTE-sponsored candidates' forum at Roxbury's Hibernian Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

The candidates described similar stances on several issues, such as their opposition to Boston University's Level 4 BioLab

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Incumbent District 7 City Councilor Chuck Turner (right) debated challenger Carlos Henriquez (far left) at Roxbury's Hibernian Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Photo: Ashley Rigazio

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praising both honorees, as well as Pathways Director Kristen Porter.

"The bottom line is, we look and feel fabulous," said Porter to laughter and applause. She spoke of the change she has seen Pathways face, and how much there is to be done in the future.

"We're delighted to have been a part of this," said Fishman after receiving his award. Speaking about all of the work Pathways has done for the community, he said, "I'm glad to have played just a small role in supporting that work."

Fishman, who has been with the organization since 1994, has led efforts to collaborate with community-focused organizations to make progress with public health problems ranging from racial and socio-economic issues to substance and domestic abuse.

"It was alliance at first sight," said Porter of her work with Blake, who retired four months ago after serving for 38 years. In 2007, Blake helped form an alliance between Pathways to Wellness and the SECHC.

Blake spoke of the future potential of Pathways, comparing the organization to the Phoenix and the bald Eagle.

"Together, we can reach for the moon," he said.

"Nobody in this room deserves more credit for getting us here than Kristen Porter," said Devan Dewey, President of the Board of Directors for Pathways to Wellness.



Kristen Porter presented Tristram Blake with a plaque commemorating his nearly four decades of work at the South End Community Health Center and efforts in bringing Pathways to Wellness to the center on Wednesday, Oct. 21. Photo: Courtesy of South End Community Health Center/Pathways to Wellness

Porter, who has been with Pathways since she was 19 years old, has dedicated her life to improving Pathways in addition to developing more than 15 holistic clinics throughout Massachusetts.

During the evening, Dewey read a proclamation from Mayor Thomas Menino officially declaring Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2009 "Kristen Porter Day."

Although originally founded in 1989 to provide free acupuncture to those who had HIV/AIDS, Pathways opened its doors to anybody seeking holistic health care in 2000. In 2006, Pathways began a new partnership with SECHC

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Week in Pictures



The first Boston CROP Hunger Walk kicked off in the South End on Saturday, Oct. 24, with walkers ignoring driving rain to walk six miles through the South End, Roxbury, and Jamaica Plain to raise money for three Metro Boston hunger-fighting agencies, the Food Pantry at Pilgrim Trinitarian Congregational Church in Uphams Corner, The Food Project, based in Dorchester, and Community Servings in Jamaica Plain, as well as hunger projects around the world. Mayor Thomas Menino also proclaimed the day “CROP Hunger Walk Day” in Boston. The walk started at Union United Methodist Church on Columbus Avenue (left), and stopped along the way at the Boston Islamic Cultural Center and mosque at Roxbury Crossing (right), Resurrection Lutheran Church on Warren Street in Roxbury, the historic Charles Street AME Church Church in Roxbury, and St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church on Walnut Street in Roxbury. Students, faculty and staff from Boston University also joined the walk, as did at-large city council candidate Felix Arroyo. Photos: Sean McQuarrie/Boston University

ABCD’s (Action for Boston Community Development) South End NSC (SNAP) has nominated South End community activist Dr. Gerald Hass for honors at the 35th Annual Community Awards Dinner on Friday, Oct. 30, at the Marriot Boston Copley Place. The dinner celebrates the efforts of individuals who have worked to address the plight of Boston’s underprivileged communities through voluntary leadership and service. South End activist Mel King was honored last year.

SNAP is recognizing Dr. Hass for his 40 years of work in the South End community. He co-founded the South End Community Health Center (SECHC), which opened its doors in 1969 as a pediatric clinic for low-income residents of the neighborhood. Today, the SECHC is a full service, community-owned institution, serving over 13,000 patients annually. Dr. Hass currently serves as Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School after stepping down in June as Physician in Chief Emeritus at the SECHC.



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assassination of JFK, the arrival of the Beatles and the Vietnam War—seem self-serving or glib. Along the way, there are fond remembrances of Ringo Starr (her favorite Beatle) and western film star Roy Rogers. Smoothly interacting with the audience, she calls on theatergoers to fill in the words “Gideon’s Bible” as she sings the Beatles hit “Rocky Raccoon.” A sonorous rendition of “Let It Be” ends with an impressively high, extended delivery of the final title word. Another highlight is a brief tribute to Carole King and her multi-hit album “Tapestries,” including a warm version of the enormous hit “You’ve Got a Friend.”

McGovern never loses sight of the more serious themes and elements that have affected her

life and art. Here her father figures prominently. Praising his army air corps heroism during World War II, she provides a beautifully understated rendition of “The White Cliffs of Dover.” Later, she frankly describes “a wall between my father and me” over the Vietnam War. Happily, they later agreed to disagree about it. With regard to her career, there are telling passages about her exploitation by her manipulative early agent/husband and difficulties collecting royalties.

While the narrative sometimes sounds overly schematic about the various decades, her consummate musicianship—along with longtime piano accompanist Jeff Harris—trumps any soft stretches in the writing.

Look for a snappy “Feelin’ Groovy” (Simon and Garfunkel), a smartly reflective “And When I Die” (Laura Nyro), and a breezy “Sweet Dreams” (Eurythmics).

For those who are wondering, she does include “The Morning After” with a delivery as fresh as her approach to life and career. A standout highpoint is McGovern’s heart-wrenching delivery of the irony-rich Stephen Schwartz song “Life Goes On” during a touching stretch recalling such AIDS victims as entertainer/composer Peter Allen and actor Larry Kert, which features footage of the AIDS Quilt (credit to Maya Ciarrocchi’s evocative projection design).

At one point in “A Long and Winding Road,” the indomitable talent invokes the view that life has “Infinite Joys.” The same instantly will be said of McGovern and her limitless musical repertoire.

“A Long and Winding Road,” presented by Huntington Theatre Company, Calderwood Pavilion, Boston Center for the Arts, runs through Nov. 15.

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and moved its practice to Washington Street. Today, the practice gives 12,000 treatments to 3,000 patients throughout Massachusetts, making it one of the largest public health holistic therapies clinics in the world.

The anniversary event, which hosted about two hundred attendees, ranging from patients and volunteers to the board of directors, helped the organization raise more than \$70,000 for its cause.

Beth Sommers, an acupunc-

turist who has worked at Pathways for 13 years, has seen the changes Pathways has made over the last decade and is proud to show off the beautiful facility it now calls its own. She defines the clinic as “community based”—a place where patients can be comfortable and cared for.

Loman trusts the clinicians at Pathways without hesitation and loves her time at the clinic, where she comes twice a week for acupuncture treatments.

“It’s such a love relationship,” she said, smiling. “They helped me live again.”

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