

## Hub teacher's body is found after 8 days

No decision on murder charge

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PEMBROKE – The emotional eight-day search for a 27-year-old Boston teacher who disappeared July 11 after her car broke down near the Cape Cod Canal ended yesterday when the body of Melissa Gosule was found in a makeshift grave near the Chafin Reservoir.

The body was discovered by volunteer searchers in an area just off a dirt road near Plymouth Street, close to the Halifax line, police said. The body had been under dirt and vegetation but heavy rain yesterday had removed some of the covering.

"It was obviously an attempt to hide the body," Plymouth County District Attorney Michael Sullivan said last night at a news conference.

Sullivan said the body has not been positively identified as Gosule but evidence at the scene suggests "there is no reason to believe it's anyone but Melissa."

Michael Gentile, 31, of Falmouth, a stranger to Gosule who allegedly gave her a ride on the night she disappeared, has been charged with kidnapping her. Sullivan said prosecutors will determine within 24 to 48 hours whether to charge him with murder.

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State Police divers began their job as part of search and recovery efforts yesterday in waters 2 miles south of Gay Head.

## Plane fell fast, probe finds

### JFK search yields no breakthroughs

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John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane dived toward the ocean far faster than previously thought, plummeting at a deadly rate that must have caused a locomotive-like roar of wind in the cockpit, investigators and aeronautics authorities said yesterday.

Also yesterday, Federal Aviation Administration officials confirmed they were alerted that Kennedy's plane had not arrived as expected at Martha's Vineyard Airport more than four hours before a call from a Kennedy family friend triggered the search. They said they had taken no action because the earlier call failed to raise "warning flags."

Yesterday's search efforts ended with no new sign of the plane or the bodies of Kennedy, his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, or her sister Lauren Bessette. Massachusetts State Police divers reached a single potential "target" off Martha's Vineyard that turned out to be a rock shaped like a plane's fuselage. A sophisticated Navy ship built for underwater search and retrieval operations was scheduled to join the effort today, and at least nine other target sites had been identified.

At the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, where John and Carolyn Bessette Kennedy were headed for the wedding of his cousin, Rory Kennedy, an American flag was lowered to half-staff. Also yesterday, the victims' families released their first public statements on the tragedy.

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### Early alert to FAA was given no heed

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An employee of Martha's Vineyard Airport alerted federal aviation officials that John F. Kennedy Jr.'s plane was unaccounted for nearly four hours before a phone call from a Kennedy family friend early Saturday morning triggered a massive air and sea search.

The first phone call – which cited Kennedy by name – prompted no action by the Federal Aviation Administration. It was made at 10:05 p.m. Friday, only 25 minutes after Kennedy's plane was lost on radar and presumably crashed into the ocean.

"Actually, Kennedy Jr.'s on board. He's, uh, they wanna know, uh, where he is," Adam Budd told an unidentified FAA employee at the Bridgeport Automated Flight Service Station.

Until the plane is found, there is no way to say if an earlier search would have made a difference in the survival. FAA, Page A10

## Hanson investigator says deal improper; Easton seeks answers

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HANSON – An investigation by Hanson's town attorney has concluded that town administrator Joseph F. Nugent improperly acquired town-owned land for \$200 that he subsequently tried to sell for almost \$80,000, and that the town should reclaim the lake-side property.

In the town of Easton, meanwhile, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen yesterday demanded an investigation of questionable circumstances under which the son of a fellow board member, Frederick W. Clark, won a lottery to buy a home for \$100,000 below market value in a town-sponsored program.

Easton's chairman, Jeffrey Tufts, reacting to yesterday's Boston Globe Spotlight report concerning Clark and his son, said he wants the board to ask the state Ethics Commission to investigate the lottery used in allocating 14 homes intended for families of moderate means.

"The problem is, one bad apple makes the rest of us in local government all look bad," Tufts said. Selectman Clark did not return a telephone call. Yesterday, state housing officials announced they, too, would investigate the lottery.

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## WGBH list-swaps tied to financial pressures

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WASHINGTON – When Boston's WGBH-TV last week admitted swapping donor lists with the Democratic Party, the controversy that erupted seemed driven entirely by Capitol Hill.

Republicans, long suspicious of a liberal bias in public broadcasting, threatened to slash funding. Democrats leaped to the defense, insisting the practice was legal, accusing Republicans of using any excuse to cut off public broadcasting.

But as the dust has begun to settle, and as both parties have been implicated to some degree in list-swapping, it has become clear the ordeal is not just about Washington politics. It is a window into the identity crisis of public broadcasting: how to be a public station and a successful commercial venture at the same time.

Ever since the Public Broadcasting Service came under attack in 1995 – with Republican House Speaker Newt Gingrich promising to "zero out" its federal money – public broadcasters have been encouraged to finance themselves, WGBH, Page A6



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John F. Kennedy Jr.'s cousins Douglas (left) and Maxwell Kennedy, their wives and their mother, Ethel Kennedy (center), walked along the Hyannis Port dock yesterday after sailing.

## 'Unspeakable grief and sadness'

The following is a statement released in Hyannis Port last night by Senator Edward M. Kennedy:

We are filled with unspeakable grief and sadness by the loss of John and Carolyn, and of Lauren Bessette. John was a shining light in all our lives, and in the lives of the nation and the world that first came to know him as a little boy.

He was a devoted husband to Carolyn, a loving brother to Caroline, an amazing uncle to her children, a close and dear friend to his cousins, and a beloved nephew to my sisters and me. He was the adored son of two proud parents whom he now joins with God. We loved

him deeply, and his loss leaves an enormous void in all our lives.

John had many gifts and gave us great joy, most especially when he brought his wonderful bride Carolyn into our lives. They had their own special brand of magic that touched everyone who knew and loved them. We are thankful for her life and for their lives together.

We loved Carolyn and share in the grief of the Bessette and Freeman families at the tragic loss of both Carolyn and Lauren. Carolyn and Lauren were exceptional and accomplished young women who reflected the extraordinary qualities of their family. The Bessette and Freeman families will

always be in our thoughts and prayers.

At this most difficult time, we rely on our faith in God. We are more grateful than we can ever say for the support of our family, our friends, and so many of our fellow Americans who opened their hearts to John.

We also thank in a very special way the men and women who have worked so well and long and hard in these past days to find John, Carolyn and Lauren. We will never forget the dedication, the professionalism and the sensitivity they have shown.

We pray that John, Carolyn and Lauren will find eternal rest, and that God's perpetual light will shine on them.

## 'The embodiment of . . . passion for life'

The following is from a statement issued yesterday by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Freeman and William J. Bessette, the parents of Lauren Bessette and Carolyn Bessette Kennedy.

Each of these three young people – Lauren Bessette, Caro-

lyn Bessette Kennedy and John F. Kennedy Jr. – was the embodiment of love, accomplishment and passion for life.

John and Carolyn were true soul mates and we hope to honor them in death in the simple manner in which they chose to live their lives. We take solace

in the thought that together they will comfort Lauren for eternity. We are especially appreciative of the privacy and support provided us by our friends and family and community. Nothing in life is preparation for the loss of a child.

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