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# Electrical fire halts service on Green Line

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Large sections of the Green Line were shut down for 2 1/2 hours last night because of a smoky fire that broke out in two electrical vaults inside Kenmore Station.

Boston firefighters responded at 6 p.m. While T officials said some residual delays persisted, full service resumed at 8:30 p.m.

When firefighters arrived, they found smoldering electrical wires and a small fire in an electrical room, or vault, said Boston Fire spokesman Steve MacDonald.

Firefighters cleared the scene at 7:19 p.m., MacDonald said, adding that the damage appeared limited to electrical wires.

No injuries were reported.

Power was initially shut down as a safety precaution for firefighters, halting subway service for parts of the B, C, and D lines.

Melissa Chin, 25, was among the riders diverted to buses.

“There were MBTA workers directing us and telling us where to go,” she said.

Chin said she experienced only a slight delay overall on her return route to her home in Allston.


Lydia Rivera, a T spokeswoman, called the incident a “power issue” and said the transit agency will investigate the cause and assess damage this week.

“We were fortunate that it’s Sunday, with a little lighter ridership than on weekdays,” she said.

Shuttle buses ran between Kenmore Station and the Babcock Street stop on the Green Line’s B branch yesterday as part of planned track improvements, the T said.

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## Mayor Thomas Menino criticizes redistricting plan that would split Chinatown between two districts

Mayor Thomas M. Menino yesterday panned a city redistricting plan that would divide Chinatown and remove two precincts from District Two, calling some features of the proposal “gerrymandering at its best.” The new map was proposed by Councilor Bill Linehan of South Boston, who barely squeaked to reelection in District Two this month over a challenger from Chinatown, Suzanne Lee. The election was so close that on Wednesday, Linehan faced a recount that confirmed he had prevailed, beating Lee by fewer than 100

votes.

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## **A Boston Thanksgiving: Turkey with a twist**

That idyllic Norman Rockwell painting of a turkey descending from the matriarch's arms, onto a table surrounded by eager, happy relatives? It's not for everybody. On Thanksgiving Day, the quiet streets of Boston provided sporadic sightings of people marking the all-American holiday in less-than-predictable fashion. Fitness buffs flocked to the Boston Common. Boston firefighters had their turkey delivered by the staff of the InterContinental Hotel. And Mayor Thomas M. Menino, at a homeless shelter Thanksgiving feast, briefly broke into song.

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## **Occupy Boston protesters travel to Plymouth to mark National Day of Mourning with Native Americans**

More than two dozen Occupy Boston protesters traveled from their encampment in Boston's financial district to join the National Day of Mourning here, lending their support to a Native American demonstration held each Thanksgiving. The organizers of the event recognized the Occupy members, telling them Native Americans are part of the same struggle. "When a hand is reached out in friendship like that, we want to support in-kind," said Mahtowin Monroe, an organizer with the United American Indians of New England.

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## **Brian McGrory: Stranded Canadians find down-home friendliness in South Boston**

Sometimes, the best police work does not involve crime. Just ask Mireille Harnois, who found herself in Boston by accident, and then found kindness in the most unusual places.

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## Paper-making returns to Maine towns

Clouds that shrouded mighty Mount Katahdin on a still November morning gradually lifted above its mile-high summit as the day wore on, just as a pale of gloom is giving way to a glow of optimism in two northern Maine towns below. Paper-making, for generations the lifeblood and soul of Millinocket and East Millinocket, is back, and a closely related new industry knocks on the door. And mill workers and those who draw a living from one of Maine's traditional industries say they finally have something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

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## Globe Santa hears plea to help two children who lost their mom

For for some children in need of Globe Santa's help, they've already endured perhaps the ultimate loss - the death of a parent. And such is the case for a 4 year-old girl and her 2 year-old brother, whose aunt wrote to Globe Santa on their behalf as they prepare for the first Christmas without their mother.

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## Woman killed in Freetown car accident

A 22-year-old Fall River woman died in a fatal crash on Route 24 north in Freetown early this morning, State Police said.

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## Dorothy Weiss, 98, believed to be Stow's oldest woman, dies in house fire

Stow is grieving after a 98-year-old believed to be the town's oldest woman died Wednesday in a fire that consumed part of the home she shared with her son. The woman was identified by friends and neighbors as Dorothy Weiss. They described the retired teacher from Ohio as a sharp-minded town institution who took great pride in signing her letters, "Stow's oldest woman." The fire, which heavily damaged but did not

destroy the home, is still being investigated.

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## Father of woman slain in Mattapan mentions ‘suspicions’ in daughter’s murder

The father of the woman found dead inside her Mattapan apartment Monday with a power chord wrapped around her neck said in a recent interview that there are “suspicions” about who killed his daughter, though he did not elaborate. Ruben Camilo, a radio personality and a prominent government official in the Dominican Republic, is the father of Rosanna Mirielle Camilo, whose lifeless body was found by her 16-year-old daughter on Monday when the girl returned home from school. Police found no sign of forced entry into the apartment, fueling speculation that Rosanna Camilo may have known her killer.

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## Fight begins over city council redistricting

Bill Linehan kept his District 2 seat in a recount over challenger Suzanne Lee. But critics say his new redistricting plan, which would divide Chinatown, has been drawn to benefit him.

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## Former Fernald residents celebrate being free

Richard, Curtis, Joe, and Albert lived desolate lives in the Fernald School for decades before Vince O’Connell came along, got them out, and showed them how to be in the world.

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## Swift inquiry into mother’s killing urged

The consul general of the Dominican Republic urged Boston police to investigate the killing of a Mattapan mother whose father is a prominent government official in the Caribbean nation.

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## 2 held in case tied to officer's shooting

Two teenagers were charged yesterday in connection with an attempted jewelry robbery that led to the shooting of a Woburn patrolman.

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## Butterfly's epic journey comes to light

University of Massachusetts scientists have sequenced the genome of monarch butterflies, insects that fly on gossamer wings from the eastern US to mountains in Mexico.

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## New movies bring parents, kids together

Making films with cross-generational appeal is nothing new. But what may be different now is the number and quality of family films that appeal as much to parents as to kids.

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