



## Driverless or Clueless

Wouldn't it be ironic, as well as tragic, for a driverless vehicle to cause a death on Seaport Boulevard in the heart of the Innovation District? There may be a future for this type transportation option. but regulators need to be vigorous in their oversight.

Boston has put its self-driving car testing program on hold after an autonomous Uber vehicle struck and killed a woman walking in Tempe, Arizona. "We put the program on hold for a couple of days here to see what's going on," Boston Mayor Marty

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# EDITORIAL

## Finally, It's Officially Spring...No, Really

Last Tuesday was a welcome day for most people who live and work in the Northeast. As we all know, it officially marked the first day of spring – 2018. (Of course, in Southie, we all know that the real first day of spring is when Sully's opens at Castle Island.)

and snow shoe hikers and even brings with it some of those much anticipated 'snow days' for the kids, most folks are of the mind that the cold weather lasts quite long enough thank you, and a little sun and warm temps would feel good right about now.

While it's true, winter in New England offers great recreational fun for skiers and snowboarders, snowmobilers

two more before those pleasant balmy breezes gives everyone the chance to thaw out, put away the winter coats and gloves and get outside to enjoy the outdoors without shivering. And that's nice.

And for those skiers who are saddened by the onset of warmer temperatures, remember, spring skiing can be pretty good and hey, there's always Tuckerman's Ravine well into May.

## Letter to the Editor

Letter to the Editor

Last Friday, March 16th, I was on my way home from grocery shopping while riding my scooter. At the corner of H and Fifth St., I hit an ice patch and the scooter tipped over on top of me. This happened on the sidewalk and I couldn't get up. When I looked up, the Mail Lady was first on the scene trying to help me. Two young guys stopped to help. They got me up and lifted the scooter up.

At the time I didn't think I had hurt myself and scooted home. I had some cuts and bruises when I got home. I tried to call the post office, it was after hours and nobody answered so I hung up. I wanted to let the postal supervisor know how the lady mail person showed that she was a kind and caring person and thank her very much. - Billy O'Neill Jr.

*"In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside of 24 hours" – Mark Twain*

### Driverless or Clueless?

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Walsh told reporters on Tuesday. "I think one of the things this tells us is, we have to really look at who's going to be regulating this industry. The airline industry has regulations. The transportation industry has regulations."

The city has partnered with nuTonomy, Optimus Ride and Aptiv for on-street testing of self-driving technology in the Seaport. nuTonomy has branched out to test throughout the South Boston Seaport, while the other two companies have been confined to the Raymond Flynn Marine Park.

Over a two-week trial in November, a select group of volunteers tested out nuTonomy's self-driving cars in Boston. The participants hailed a ride using the company's booking app. The trips they took looped around the Seaport District, starting at the company's Drydock Ave. office and moving onto Summer Street into downtown Boston and back along Congress Street. "Universally, people felt safe in the cars," according to a company official. "Some people felt that the cars were almost too safe, a little bit too cautious."

For nuTonomy, the pilot is a crucial step

in understanding how autonomous vehicles can be used for ride-hailing. The company has its sights set on launching a commercial self-driving car service in Singapore in 2018. The country is a key part of nuTonomy's strategy to launch the world's first robot taxi fleet. That's mainly because regulations are easier to navigate in Singapore, according to the company. nuTonomy, which originally spun out of MIT, was acquired by auto supplier Delphi Automotive. That company also acquired another self-driving software company, Ottomatika Inc., in 2015.

Toyota announced that it was halting tests of autonomous cars after the death. The Japanese car company said Wednesday that it would temporarily suspend testing of its "Chauffeur" autonomous driving system on US roads. "We feel the incident may have an emotional effect on our test drivers," said Toyota spokesman Brian Lyons. Toyota had been road-testing self-driving vehicles in Michigan and California, Lyons said. He added that the number of self-driving vehicles being tested by Toyota was "small" and didn't specify how long the suspension would last.

Toyota earlier this month said it planned to invest up to 300 billion yen (\$2.8 billion) with the goal of developing its self-driving car capabilities.

The car that killed a 49-year-old woman in Arizona late Sunday night was in autonomous mode and a 44-year-old operator was behind the wheel of the vehicle, according to ABC15 Arizona, which reported the woman struck was walking outside of a crosswalk. "It's a tragedy what happened yesterday," Walsh said, adding: "You also learn from terrible accidents like that."

nuTonomy has been "very responsive," said the Mayor.

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## *A Tale of 2 Different Parade Crowds*

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By most accounts, it was a good parade this year. Credit for a job well done goes out to the parade organizers, the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council for a job well done. They work hard to make everything go off with precision. There were plenty of floats, a lot of good marching bands, a few Rock bands, the ever-popular Bagpipe and Drum groups were plentiful and the biggest favorite of all of the kids – there were horses and fire trucks. And like all great parades, the military presence in the line of march was large, impressive and by the super response and the cheers the troops always get, very much appreciated. They make us proud.

There were differing opinions about the crowds of spectators that braved the cold, blustery weather to travel to our community to help us celebrate. I guess it mattered where you watched the parade from, because the behavior of many of them left a lot to be desired. In a lot of locations along the shortened route, there were the traditional families with happy smiling kids loving every minute of the loud and colorful procession passing in front of them. Dressed in their festive green, they seemed like they would rather be here than anywhere else on this festive holiday. Local teens with visiting friends were for the most part well behaved and respectful of their surroundings. College age revelers were here ‘en masse’ and taking it all in, while having a great time, many of whom, especially those here for the first time were amazed at the intensity and energy with which so many people were partying together. These are the groups that were clearly in the majority and made up one of the 2 crowd classifications.

But then, as always, there was the other segment that always seems to find their way into our neighborhood each year at this time. These are the ones who feel it’s a requirement to arrive here just about legless, puking and believing it’s their right to use our streets and people’s back yards as their bathrooms. Some come here to get into brawls and, more often than not, wind up on the losing end. They act here like they would never even consider acting in their own home towns and often spoil the day for everyone they come into contact with. It’s this particular segment of the parade crowd that is not welcome here, but like the flu, they come back every year. To those people, if there are any of them that can read, how about next year you just stay the hell home? That would make for a perfect celebration.

President Trump, in New Hampshire on Monday to discuss the raging drug crisis in that state and across the entire country laid out his plan for dealing with it. A few of his suggestions touched a nerve with reporters and ‘progressive’ activists. Among his controversial courses of actions is to eliminate so called Sanctuary cities and increase security on the Southern border; including the building of the wall. An unprotected border allows the cartels to flood the country with their poison and the sanctuary cities create a safe haven for those who do, and everyone knows it. But what seemed to be the most controversial point of all is when the President suggested the death penalty for drug dealers in some situations. And personally speaking, I have no problem with that one at all.

If a dealer sells deadly drugs to kids or adults and those drugs result in death for those who take them, well, isn’t that akin to murder? And if the

threat of the death penalty looms over the heads of these dealers and discourages some of them from continuing, which could result in saving innocent lives, wouldn’t it be worth it? There probably isn’t one person reading this column today who doesn’t know of someone who has become addicted and even died from the poison these dealers are filling American cities and towns with. Since nothing else seems to be discouraging the dealers, drastic measures might help cause them to consider career changes. With all the death and heartache drug dealers have

caused for so many families, they deserve no sympathy in my opinion. President Trump is right. Those addicted should be able to get the treatment they need but the dealers, well, in certain cases they should get what they deserve.

I’ll close this week with a recent quote by the great Doctor Ben Carson who said the following: “America is a unique country and we don’t have to be like everywhere else. People who want to come here need to conform to us. We don’t need to conform to them”.

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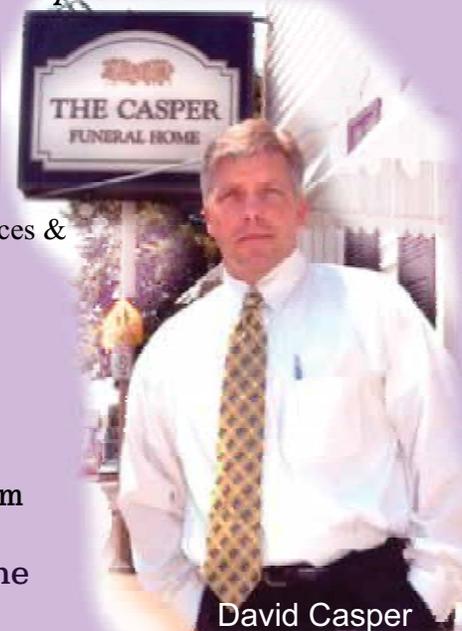
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## Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

### ***With ‘REAL’ driver licenses rolling out, you’ll now need more documentation for renewals – and expect long lines***

The state officially adopts the new “REAL” driver’s license in Massachusetts, starting Monday, and it’s going to require motorists to provide much more documentation to prove their citizenship and legal status in the country, reports SHNS’s Andy Metzger (pay wall) and MassLive’s Jim Kinney. Over the next few years, the extra in-person procedures could lead to longer waits at RMV offices to renew licenses, state officials acknowledge.

Blame the feds for the switchover to ‘REAL’ licenses: “Starting Oct. 1, 2020, regular Massachusetts driver’s licenses will no longer suffice for people trying to fly domestically, enter federal buildings or access nuclear facilities.”

### ***RMV going dark for a few days***

As it prepares to roll out the new REAL IDs next week, the Registry of Motor Vehicles is also effectively shutting down starting Thursday at 7 p.m. through Monday morning, meaning people won’t be able to do online transactions, etc., reports Bruce Mohl at CommonWealth magazine. RMV is installing new software both for its general use and to comply with the new fed ID law. Motor vehicle inspections will also be suspended during the three days, according to other published reports.

### ***Time for the feds to throw in the extortion-case towel?***

Has a federal judge just wrecked the federal City Hall corruption case or has he merely called federal prosecutors’ bluff? We’ll soon see. From O’Ryan Johnson at the Herald: “The feds were dealt a blow in their case against City Hall yesterday when the judge refused

to alter jury instructions which prosecutors claim, ‘will preclude the government from proving its case.’ ... Earlier this month, prosecutors told federal Judge Leo T. Sorokin that the jury instructions must change for their case to succeed. Yesterday, Sorokin declined to change the instructions.”

### ***Is no-bid pizza contract a slice of larger problem at BPS?***

The Boston Public Schools says that a half-million-dollar contract to deliver pizza to students every Friday — via a pizza chain with a politically active owner— without competitive bidding was an oversight. But records and the recent, scathing audit of the district’s finances suggest it may be part of a larger problem, Isaiah Thompson reports at WBGH.

### ***House advances bill that would tax and regulate Airbnb and other***

### ***short-term rentals***

The House yesterday advanced legislation that would tax and regulate short-term rental operations like those offered by Airbnb, reports MassLive’s Shira Schoenberg and SHNS’s Katie Lannan. After winning initial approval yesterday, the House is expected to approve the legislation tomorrow. Airbnb is not happy, calling the House plan “onerous and overly burdensome” on those renting out their homes. Both Gov. Charlie Baker and the Senate have their own Airbnb tax-and-regulation bills and lawmakers are hoping final agreed-upon legislation can be passed this spring.

### ***Inmate suicides spike in Massachusetts***

From Chris Burrell and Jennifer McKim of the New England Center for Investigative Reporting, writing at WGBH: “Fourteen inmates died by  
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## SHERIFF STEVEN W. TOMPKINS ENDORSES NICK COLLINS FOR SENATE

### ***Sheriff cites Collins’ work on recovery, criminal justice reform***

Suffolk County Sheriff Steven W. Tompkins has endorsed state Rep. Nick Collins in the race for the First Suffolk District senate seat.

“For the past eight years, while serving as the State Representative of the 4th Suffolk District, Nick Collins has been passionately committed to providing his constituents with access to quality education, housing that is truly affordable, fair wages and good jobs,” said Sheriff Tompkins.

“Representative Collins has also worked to expand addiction recovery services and criminal

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Rep. Nick Collins, candidate for State Senate on April 3, was joined at the recent opening of his Mattapan headquarters by leaders of Boston and the Mattapan neighborhood. Endorsing Nick are Sheriff Steve Tompkins, former Rep. Royal Bolling Jr., former Sen. Bill Owens, former BPD Deputy Supt. Bill Celester and Councilor at Large Annissa Essiabi George, co-chair of Nick’s campaign. Also pictured is Nick’s Dad, former Rep. Jim Collins, who served in the Legislature with both Sen. Owens and Rep. Bolling.

# The 16th Annual Taste of South Boston

*will be held at the Seaport Hotel on Sunday evening, April 8, 2018*



samples of the latest brews from Harpoon Brewery. Attendees will enjoy live jazz music provided by Lucky's Lounge while bidding on outstanding silent auction items and partaking in exciting raffles.

The South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (South Boston NDC) will hold its 16th Annual Taste of South Boston on Sunday April 8, 2018, from 6 -9 p.m. at the Seaport Hotel. This event has become one of the city's premier food events. For an entrance fee of only \$55 in advance (\$65 at the door), attendees can sample unlimited culinary specialties from 30 of South Boston's top restaurants, tastes of a great selection of wines from Al's Liquors and

This year's event boasts an outstanding selection of restaurants from the traditional South Boston neighborhood, the South Boston Waterfront and the Fort Point areas including newcomers: Fat Baby, Kings, Lola42, Mastro's Ocean Club, Publico, The Broadway, The Smoke Shop, and The Punk & Poet. Returning again this year are perennial favorites including: American Provisions, Blue Dragon, Capo, Cranberry Café, Coppersmith, LTK - Legal Test Kitchen, La Casa de Pedro, Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant, Loco Taqueria

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justice reform, including the elimination of mandatory minimums for non-violent first-time drug offenders. As the Sheriff of Suffolk County, I am keenly aware of the powerful role that each of these play in not only the public health and safety of our communities, but in our efforts to stem the tide of incarceration and reduce recidivism. It is for these reasons that I am proudly supporting his efforts to represent the State Senate's First Suffolk District."

Sheriff Tompkins has worked for the Suffolk Sheriff's department

since 2002. He was first appointed sheriff in 2013 and was elected in 2014. Collins has worked with the sheriff on a variety of initiatives over the past several years, including criminal justice reform, job training, reentry and recidivism reduction efforts.

"I'm grateful for the support of Sheriff Tompkins," Collins said. "He's a consummate professional who has helped make Boston's neighborhoods safer by improving inmate education, increasing mental health and addiction treatment and creating a model reentry program to help inmates find pathways to success upon release."

and Oyster Bar, Lucky's Lounge, Local 149, Miam Miam Macaronerie, The No Name Restaurant, Roza Lyons, Sweet Tooth, Tony C's, and Worden Hall.

The Taste of South Boston is the annual fundraiser for South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation (South Boston NDC). South Boston NDC is a recognized 501c(3) non profit organization that has successfully developed over 200 units of affordable housing in the community. In 2016, SBNDP completed Patriot Homes, 24 affordable apartments for Veterans. In 2018, SBNDP began construction on 16 affordable transit-oriented workforce apartments at 206 West Broadway, designed to address the housing needs of local employees, including those in the

nearby hospitality industry.

Proceeds from the evening's event support the South Boston NDC's mission to provide affordable housing for working people, families, elderly and veterans in the community. South Boston NDC also provides support to the South Boston Street Festival, the annual Christmas and Spring Stroll's, Southie Trees and the South Boston Farmers' Market. Support of this event will help SBNDP to continue to provide affordable housing and economic opportunities in the neighborhood.

Tickets can be purchased online at: [www.tasteofsouthboston.com](http://www.tasteofsouthboston.com) or at the office of South Boston NDC located at 273 D Street, South Boston. For general inquiries, email SBNDP at: [info@tasteofsouthboston.com](mailto:info@tasteofsouthboston.com).

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## The Wine Guy Mixing it Up

By The Wine Guy

I thought it would be a good idea just to mix it up a little bit this week- no theme, no one type of wine; just some wines that are great tasting and great values any time of year.

First, a wine from a country that's just coming into its own here in the U.S. market, **Hiedler Loss Gruner Veltliner 2016, (\$23.99)**. Since 1856 the Hiedler winery has been turning out delicious wines which pay homage to the Niederosterreich territory in Austria. The Hiedler Loss Gruner Veltliner is no exception. Fish, seafood, chicken, and in particular, vegetable dishes will all pair beautifully with this juicy white and its stone fruit, bright acidity and beckoning personality. Enjoy the lovely aromas of you first glass neat, or with steamed artichokes with a lemon aioli on the side. The perfect first course is a salad of shredded kale and brussels sprouts with toasted, slivered almonds as a nod to the subtle earthiness of the wine. A classic Wiener Schnitzel with lemon wedges on the side is another terrific option, as is your favorite mildly spicy Asian fish or chicken dish. Fresh apple fruit backed by hints of herbs, subtle notes of orange zest. Juicy and elegant structure, crisp acidity, and a salty touch make this one a really versatile food companion.

Switching gears to Tuscany, **Caprili Brunello di Montalcino, 2013, (\$43.99)**, is big. Open this bottle a couple of hours before you're ready to pour. Warning: the aromas may conjure hallucinations of rolling hills and a patchwork of vineyards, wheat fields and olive orchards, all under the most beautiful Tuscan sun.



In the meantime, you can check on your leg of lamb with rosemary and garlic as it roasts to a delicious doneness. Or, make a ragu of cinghiale (wild boar) to go with thick and hearty pappardelle. Set out some Marcona almonds to accompany your first glasses and the wonderful earthy side of this Caprili. Tuscan sausage with beans is a main dish which will go beautifully with that same earthy side. And if you're not in a meaty mood, make it a portabella risotto; don't skimp on the good Parmesan. Looking for a reason to have another glass after all that? A platter of aged Gouda and some dried fruit is your answer!

The Sparr family have owned the same vineyards since 1732 and Jean-Paul Sparr, the current family scion, continues to please and even amaze his customers. **Pierre Sparr Alsace One, 2015, (\$18.99)** is a delicious Alsatian blend of Muscat, Riesling and Pinot Gris. Think floral and exotic, light fruit aromas, and the perfect combination of grip and minerality. Ideal as an aperitif, and with countless fish, chicken, pork, salad, pasta options and more. It does have Riesling in it, but this is a dry white

with a fresh finish. Breaded, sautéed chicken cutlets with a brown butter caper sauce will pair beautifully with this Pierre Sparr. A dish of linguine tossed with shrimp, peas, and a splash of cream in a white wine sauce with freshly grated Parmesan works well too. Or make it a classic salad Nicoise. Italian tuna in oil over a bed of greens, with Nicoise olives, sauteed potatoes, cherry tomatoes, steamed haricots all dressed with a garlicky red wine vinaigrette. You're going to love this One wine lovers!!

Here's one from a country and a grape type that don't get enough good press in this country and more's the pity. **Bodegas Borsao Tres Picos, 2016, (\$16.99)** is a full-bodied Garnacha or, as we know it here, Grenache. Black cherry liqueur and peppery spice notes are at the heart of this formidable (and astoundingly affordable) Spanish red. It comes from older vines on the foothills of the Moncayo Mountains in Spain's Campo de Borja region, from a local cooperative of 375 different wine growers. Try a bottle with any of your favorite Tapas-you'll be back for more! **Talk to the wine guy at jdris8888@gmail.com**

## Marian Manor 300 Plus Club Drawing and Social April 8th



SBT Staff Report

The much looked forward to and always enjoyable Annual '300 Plus Club Drawing and Social' to benefit the Marian Manor will be held this year on Sunday, April 8th at the Seapoint Restaurant at 367 E. Eighth Street in South Boston. Last year's event was a big success, so you may want to get your tickets early. Memberships are \$100, and they can be shared with more than one person-family, friends etc. (5 people may contribute \$20 each for a ticket) Your ticket number will entitle you to attend the big Sunday afternoon social and drawing from 2-5pm, April 8th at the Seapoint Restaurant function room. The prizes will be drawn at the social and everyone is invited to attend and to participate.

The drawing of the numbers makes for an exciting afternoon. This means the first number randomly selected will be the big winner of \$5000. Prizes are also awarded to the second number drawn - \$1,500, the 3rd number drawn wins \$1000 and the 4th number wins \$500. 5th, 6th and 7th numbers drawn wins \$100 each. But the big winners will be the residents of Marian Manor who will benefit from this great event. You do not have to be present to win the money prizes. Other great prizes will be drawn during the afternoon for those in attendance.

For more information on how to attend, be part of and get tickets to this excellent annual event you can contact the Marian Manor by phone at 617-268-3333 or log on to the website at www.marianmanor.org.

A statement from Sr. Margaret Therese Jackson O.Carm., the Development Director and Sr. M. Theresa Stephen, O.Carm., the Administrator at Marian Manor reads as follows. "Please be assured that you and all the friends of Marian Manor are remembered each day in the prayers of our Residents and Sisters. May God bless you."



## DA Conley's Juvenile Diversion Program on Track to Double Capacity

Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley this week welcomed new community partners to an ambitious diversion project, hoping to double the capacity of a program that allows juveniles charged with some serious offenses to get their lives back on track without incurring additional entries on their records. Conley's office launched the Juvenile Alternative Resolution pilot project in February 2017 with half a dozen community-based agencies that provide individualized services to Boston's youth. In May, the partner agencies began accepting juveniles who faced delinquency charges in the Boston Juvenile Court and showed a moderate to high risk of re-offending. And yesterday, Conley welcomed a new batch of agencies to the team.

"Historically, juvenile diversion in Massachusetts has been geared toward first-time and low-level offenders, and it's been limited in the services available to promote post-diversion success," Conley said. "We envisioned something more ambitious – something that would re-direct the lives of young people charged with

more serious offenses, even high-risk teens. We sought out partners who could offer individualized services for a wide range of needs. And our shared goal across agencies was to divert young adults outward, away from the criminal justice system, instead of upward and deeper into it."

By March of this year, 45 juveniles had entered the JAR program and received supervision, support, and services through one or more community partner agencies. Of that number, 12 successfully completed the program and 31 are on track to do so. Together, the 45 participants accounted for 100 offenses. Almost two-thirds of those offenses were classified as "crimes against the person," including assault and battery, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, and unarmed robbery. Some were as young as 11, but about half were 16 or 17 years old. About 60% of the juveniles were from Dorchester or Roxbury, about two-thirds were male, and almost all were youth of color.

Participants are also showing significant drops in the risk and need factors they had when they entered, Conley

said, reflecting a course correction in the trajectory of their lives. Because JAR-eligible delinquency complaints are placed on hold upon entry to the program and dismissed upon completion six to nine months later, the cases never appear on the participants' juvenile records. By expanding the available partners, Conley hopes to double the program's capacity in the year to come – and continue to accept even juveniles who have prior system involvement and face moderate-to-high-level charges. The goal, he said, was to juvenile involvement in the criminal justice system in Suffolk County – and the barriers to social, academic, and employment success that can follow.

"We were warned that there was a risk in taking this older, more experienced cohort into the program," Conley said, "but what we've seen thus far convinces me that the rewards outweigh that risk." In addition to formal diversion through the JAR program, first-time and low-level juvenile offenses are informally diverted every day by Suffolk prosecutors. Throughout the year, almost 60% of the county's delinquency complaints were diverted, with diversions outnumbering youthful offender indictments by more than 10 to one. "That's as it should be," Conley said. "Some crimes are extremely serious and some offenders pose a danger to the

community. But most kids and teens come to us with minimal records for minor offenses – better suited to the justice of an angry parent than the Juvenile Court. The JAR program is for youth in between, whose actions are more serious but don't include gun violence, sexual assault, or serious bodily injury."

The first group of community partner agencies included Action for Boston Community Development's Changing Tracks Initiative, the Justice Resource Institute SMART Team, MissionSAFE, the Salvation Army's Bridging the Gap program, the RFK Children's Action Corps Detention Diversion Advocacy Program, and UMass Boston. Yesterday, Conley welcomed new partners to the fold – including a collection of youth service programs offered through Action for Boston Community Development, the Charlestown Coalition's Turn It Around program, More Than Words, and YouthConnect.

"Every life is a journey, and as youth service providers you're the map and compass these kids need," Conley told the assembled group. "We're changing those young lives today, but we're changing outcomes tomorrow that will strengthen families and communities for years to come. We're making Boston a safer, fairer place. And that's a legacy we can all be very proud of."

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suicide in Massachusetts prisons and jails in 2017, the highest such number of deaths since 2014, according to state and county data. Those who died include four who hanged

themselves in state prisons and 10 who died in county jails that together house about 20,000 prisoners, according to data collected by the New England Center for Investigative Reporting."

***SJC to review nurse-staffing ballot question***

From Bob McGovern at the Herald: "A ballot initiative that could have a drastic effect on how hospitals assign patients to nurses has come under fire, and next month the state's highest court will consider whether voters should have a chance to consider the controversial proposal. Four voters

have asked the Supreme Judicial Court to decertify the Patient Safety Act, arguing that Attorney General Maura Healey improperly certified it for the November ballot. The voters, who have received the backing of Steward Health Care System LLC, say it violates the Massachusetts Constitution."

# South Boston Catholic Academy News Honoring St. Patrick's Day!

The students at South Boston Catholic Academy have been beginning and ending the week with Father Tom Olson, our Parochial Vicar, leading them in prayer during the season of Lent. Morning prayer is a special time for students to come together

to share their faith. Students also celebrated Pi Day and the 6th grade students visited all the classrooms to teach students a bit about this special mathematical celebration. On Friday, March 16, 2018, students dressed in green in honor of St. Patrick's Day and the

Annual Student-Faculty Basketball Game was held.

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# Holy Week Begins This Sunday-Palm Sunday

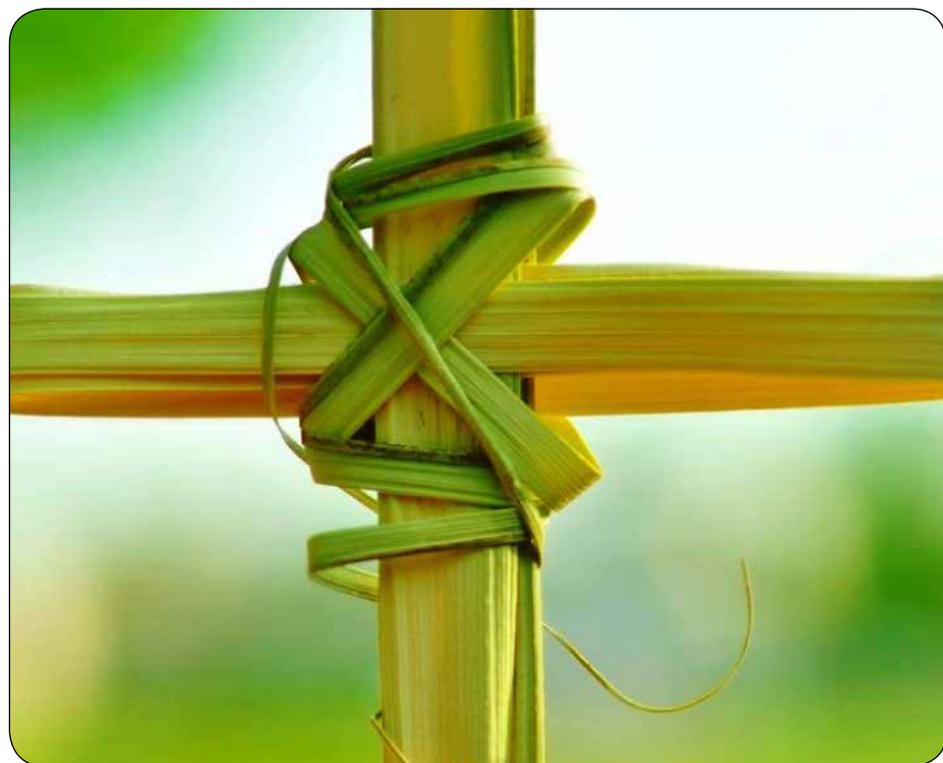
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This coming Sunday, March 25th is Palm Sunday. This is one of the Holiest times on the Christian Calendar, observed by the faithful worldwide. Palm Sunday marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the week before his death on the Cross and the Resurrection that followed. Some churches refer to it as Passion Sunday. Traditionally, Masses and Services are more solemn and subdued than during the rest of the year. Palm Sunday actually marks the beginning of Holy Week, which is the most sacred time of the year for Christians and it all concludes on Easter Sunday.

The Bible tells us that when Jesus entered Jerusalem the large crowd greeted him by waving palm

branches and covering his path with the palm branches as well. All of this led up to the beginning of his journey to the Cross. Palm Sunday marks the sixth and final Sunday of Lent. It's the opportunity for Christians to reflect on the final week before the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, which is of course marked by Easter Sunday.

In South Boston, traditionally, our churches see even larger crowds than usual. Palm Sunday is the day when parishioners and members of the congregation come and receive the Blessed Palm branches, provided by the various churches, as has been the custom for hundreds of years. These palms are then displayed in Christian homes year-round and then replaced by new palms the following year. They are usually hung in a family room



for all to see as a reminder of Holy Week and Easter itself.

Another practice by some is to cut the palms into smaller sections and attach them in the shape of a Cross. For more information regarding Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter

Sunday schedules, you can contact South Boston's local churches for days, times of Masses and Services. South Boston Today will have the schedule of Masses and Services for Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday in next week's issue.

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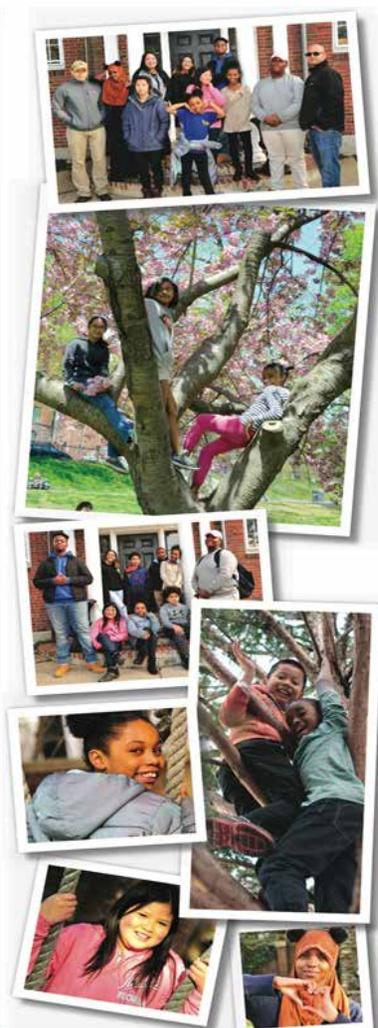
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# St. Patrick's Day 2018 Sláinte



Kaylee Flaherty enjoying the parade with her special hat



# The Evacuation Day Banquet Tradition Lives On

So, does Tom McGrath. He's baaaaaack! as the recurring president after a brief retirement and as always, the two-week Saint Patrick and Evacuation Celebrations went off without a hitch. To keep Tom in place as president, Mayor Marty Walsh presented him with a new named "Tom McGrath Way" sign and Governor Charlie Baker presented him with keys to the Commonwealth. So, Kathleen

McGrath, where will that sign go, if not to replace "Yawkey Way"?

The 138th Annual South Boston Citizens Association Banquet and its program once again did not disappoint. Curragh's Fancy, a welcoming venue, the crew and skipper of the USS Constitution aka "Old Ironsides", Irish Step Dancers and an array of dignitaries led by Chief Marshall Barbara Signore (USMC-Retired).

City Councilor at Large and South Boston's own Michael Flaherty was the Emcee and is unmatched in his effusive introductions. Governor Baker, described by his rivals as a Democrat in Republican clothing, enjoyed a loud ovation from the several hundred guests. He was good-naturedly 'ribbed' for the state of the MBTA, but made a point to underscore the importance of celebrating Evacuation Day for its historical significance.

Each of the elected officials tested out their jokes, so-called, on the skeptical but patient crowd. Mayor

Walsh was the butt of both Parade-Shortening and Space-Saver jokes, especially from Dave Falvey the head of the Allied Wars Council, who likened the Mayor to Danny Amendola, who is known for his short pass-catching routes. As usual, Clerk Maura Doyle, with her long-suffering husband Frank as her straight man in absentia stole the show with her salty jokes.

In addition to those speakers mentioned above, among the other head table guests were Congressman Stephen Lynch, Clerk Michael J. Dono-  
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# Gatey Hoop Notes *Three Gatey teams capture CYO state championships*



By Kevin Devlin

**B**arring Gatey teams participation in the upcoming New England CYO Championships in April, the 2017-2018 Gate of Heaven CYO basketball season is now history, and the program can proudly boast that three travel teams won their respective CYO state championships. The 5th/6th grade boys' team, the high school girls' squad, and the junior boys' team, all brought home the coveted trophies which will be on display at the

Walsh Community Center.

The players on the girls' high school travel team coached by Allison Baker and Brianna Esposito are; Allison McGough, Julia Casper, Lauren Woods, Grace Tinline, Jacqueline Beggan, Rebecca Donovan, Jackie Czar, Catherine Woods, and Emily Harris. The players for the Gate of Heaven boys' junior travel team coached by Kevin Cox and Billy Crowley, are; Logan Crowley, Linden Cox, Joey Brink, Xavier Nunez, Maturi Mwangi, Eric Pance, Zack Mitchell, Danny Potember, and Bobby Delaney. The players on the 5th/6th grade travel team coached by Bobby McGarrell and Greg Lally are; Mullen Byrne, Ryan McDonald, Aiden Kineavy, Tristin Pecevich, Robert Wisniewski, Aidan Coltan, Jonathan McCarthy, and Ryan McGarrell.

Coach McGarrell was proud that his 5th/6th grade team worked so hard all season long and eventually captured the state CYO title.

"I'm just so proud of the boys," Coach McGarrell said. "It was the culmination of a great season. They dedicated their time...committed to the team and their play showed it. They got better each game, came together, and put the team first, doing all the little things to win above individual accomplishments.

"It was a total team effort committed to both offense and defense," McGarrell added. "We accomplished what we set forth to do at the beginning of the year. It's been enjoyable and I'm extremely happy for the players and their parents. They deserve it.

"I was fortunate to coach the team along with Greg Lally and would like to thank him," he concluded. "And I also would like to thank Kevin Lally, for all the work he does for this basketball program."

Over 300 youngsters participated in the Gate of Heaven CYO basketball program this season which was comprised of instructional leagues, house leagues and travel teams. Gatey CYO Athletic Director, Kevin

Lally, was thrilled that all the players had fun, were taught fundamentals, exercised, met new friends, and competed at the highest level bringing home three CYO state titles.

"It was another great season that always seems to go by too fast," Lally said. "I'm glad we've been able to provide this athletic outlet for our kids for so many years now. It's a productive way for them to utilize their time and learn valuable life lessons. I'm proud of every player, from the six-year olds in the instructional leagues, to the players on the three teams that won their respective state CYO titles.

"Without the support of our coaches, league commissioners, and other volunteers such as timers and scorers; as well as our generous sponsors, it would surely be impossible to keep this program afloat," he concluded. "So from the bottom of my heart I sincerely want to thank all of them for their hard work and continued support throughout the years."

## Evacuation Day Banquet

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van, Representative Nick Collins, Councilor Ed Flynn, Father Joe White, Clerk Auditor Suzanne Bump, Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy, BPD Commissioner Billy Evans and Cmdr. Nathaniel R. Schick of Old Ironsides.

The Citizens Association Banquet also showcased the John W McCormack Public Award to Fire Commissioner Joe Finn, who remarked that he was surprised that a Dorchester boy would receive an award from South Boston.

The Jimmy Kelly-Peggy Flaherty Shamrock award recipients are honored for their contributions to the South Boston Community, and become another vertebrae in the backbone of the Neighborhood. Cheered on by their families, both Dyan LaRosa and Eddie O'Brien credited the passion and compassion of the people of South Boston, who've had a role in their lives. They both are from families who 'give back' as part of their human nature.

South Boston Today joins in applauding this recognition.



# Gatey's Juniors Win State Title

## Defeat Franklin squad in thrilling overtime affair

By Kevin Cox and Kevin Devlin

**O**n Saturday, March 17, at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury, the Gate of Heaven CYO junior basketball team eked out a hard-fought, overtime victory against Saint Mary's of Franklin, 68-64, to capture the 2018 CYO state championship. It was a great way to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day for the hometown heroes.

Saint Mary's had three assistant coaches with 3 iPads, 14 players, and parents with scorebooks in the stands. Gatey came in with only seven players due to an injury to Danny Potember and a death in Eric Pance's family. Saint Mary's was well-represented because they had two teams playing against each other in the next game. It didn't feel like Gatey was playing at a neutral site.

Early in the game, Gatey trailed by ten points but quickly cut the deficit to four. It was neck-and-neck for the rest of the game including overtime, a legitimate dogfight. Franklin's scouting helped their defense. It payed dividends as it was difficult for Gatey to get going offensively.

"They packed it in when we changed our offense to match their defense," Coach Kevin Cox stated. "Every possession felt so important, like the game

was on the line. Overall, we did a pretty good job of limiting our turnovers. What was difficult was keeping our emotions in check and the kids focused. The Franklin players were chirping at our players and the fans yelling at them started to frustrate our kids. Our offense really feeds off our stellar defense and with four out of seven players with four fouls and twelve minutes to go in the game; our help defense could not be as strong.

"Before the game went into overtime there were two key turnovers on each side adding to the intensity late in the game," Cox added. "But in overtime we finally freed up our guards. They hit two big three's putting the pressure back on Saint Mary's who came back with a quick deuce. At this point (my) players took it upon themselves, noticed a mismatch and scored two more points. Franklin came right back but in the end Gate of Heaven won by four.

"I can't give enough credit to the entire team," Cox further said. "I am so proud of the way the boys held their cool and finished game. The referees called a pretty tight game. The players thought that every call was going against them, (some were ticky-tack calls in my opinion) that the fans were against them, parents against them, but we kept reminding them what was at stake and that they just needed to focus on the game. One place where the refs did a good job is they realized the magnitude of the game so they gave the kids a little bit more freedom with their frustrations and didn't take it out on any of them.

"The only thing that's disappointing to me in a game like this is the game goes by so fast and when you have a hot hand out there, sometimes even with seven players, you don't get kids enough playing time," Cox concluded. "And that's the worst part of coaching."



Pictured at Catholic Memorial gym is the Gate of Heaven boys' junior CYO State Champions. Pictured from left to right are; Gate of Heaven CYO Athletic Director, Kevin Lally, Father Matt Williams, Coach William Crowley, Xavier Nunez, Zack Mitchell Linden Cox, Bobby Delaney, Logan Crowley, Joey Brink, Maturi Mwangi and Coach Kevin Cox. (not pictured: players Eric Pance and Danny Potember.)

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# Team Speed of Light Party at Capo a Success

**O**n March 14th, even though the weather was cold, and the streets were buried in snow from the most recent blizzard, the crowd turned out at Capo Restaurant for the Team Speed of Light charity fundraising event. The weather is seldom an issue to people when there is a good cause

to turn out for and this night was no exception. The event honored the 7 runners who will be representing Team Speed of Light at this year's Boston Marathon.

The Light Foundation is the non-profit organization founded by former New England Patriots great Matt Light. It helps at-risk to experi-

ence athletic and educational opportunities that they might otherwise not be able to.

At the Capo event, Matt Light himself along with Rob Ninkovich mingled with the guests while BAA Race Director Dave McGillivray offered some words of advice and inspiration to the runners. The

event was sponsored by Energi, 12 Points Wealth and 98.5 Sports Hub. Guests had a blast in the interactive photo booth which showed them running through the Marathon finish line. Others enjoyed delicious Capo appetizers and sipped on complimentary Harpoon Beer and Keel Vodka drinks.



Matt Light and Dave McGillivray



Rob Ninkovich and Matt Light



Rob Ninkovich, Megan McCarthy(runner), Max Martins(runner), Matt Light, Amanda Gianfelice (runner), Ryan Fortin(runner), Mark Rosenthal(runner).

## Residents Running Boston Marathon for MGH

**S**ix South Boston residents will run in the 122nd Boston Marathon on April 16th as part of the Massachusetts General Hospital's Pediatric Oncology Team, Fighting Kids' Cancer ... One Step at a Time, and the Emergency Response Marathon Team. The two teams, which include former patients and family members, Mass General employees and longtime hospital supporters, will join an estimated 30,000 runners along the 26.2 mile course that spans from Hopkinton to Boston's Boylston Street. Funds raised by the runners will benefit essential patient services as well as research and training programs at Mass General.

Pediatric team participants include Jennifer Sullivan, Gina Ubertini, Bridget Kearney, Jordan Sampson, and Kaitlin Sampson. Emily Radkowski will run on behalf of the emergency response team.



The pediatric team, made up of 102 runners, aims to raise more than \$1,075,000 this year to support cancer research initiatives as well as quality of life programming such as art and music therapy; support groups; and child life specialists who help patients and their families cope with illness and treatment. The emergency response team's 40 runners hope to collectively raise \$430,000 to provide critical support for emergency care, disaster relief and disaster preparedness teaching

and training at Mass General, efforts that benefit victims worldwide.

Since its founding in 1998, the Mass General Pediatric Oncology Team, in partnership with John Hancock, has raised more than \$13.4 million to support research and activities for children with cancer. The emergency response team, which was guaranteed entries after the hospital's response to the 2013 marathon bombings, has raised over \$1.4 million for essential programs and services.

"Each of our runners has dedicated countless hours to their training and fundraising efforts," says Peter L. Slavin, MD, president of the Massachusetts General Hospital. "On behalf of the MGH community, I salute and thank these individuals who dedicate so much of themselves to support our efforts to improve the health of others."

To learn more about the Mass General pediatric and emergency response teams, please go to <https://giving.massgeneral.org/boston-marathon>.



*This week, Danny shared his thoughts on some of the top stories in the sports world:*

**W**e're one week away from Opening Day in Major League Baseball. The Red Sox will begin the season next Thursday, March 29, with a four-game series in Tampa Bay. Every team in the league opens on the same day for the first time since 1968, and it will go down as the earliest Opening Day in a Major League park in history. And as we get closer to the opener, the more we'll look at Alex Cora's Opening Day lineup. Chris Sale has already been named the starter. That shouldn't come as a shock.

Last weekend, Cora put out a Spring Training lineup that was about as close as you're going to get to the real thing. He had Mookie Betts leading off, Andrew Benintendi hitting second, Hanley Ramirez at first base and hitting third, J.D. Martinez at DH and hitting fourth, Xander Bogaerts hitting fifth, Rafael Devers hitting sixth, Eduardo Nunez hitting seventh, Jackie Bradley Jr hitting eighth, and Sandy Leon hitting ninth. I would prefer Christian Vazquez behind the plate instead of Leon. But if this is what the Red Sox will be going with, I'd also rather see Devers hitting fifth instead of Bogaerts. It's too early to get worked up about the lineup though, so let's just be grateful that

the season is almost here.

-That also means the NBA and Stanley Cup playoffs are right around the corner. And right now, both the Celtics and Bruins are dealing with some serious injuries. Both teams will be in their respective playoffs when they begin next month. But only one has a chance to survive without their top dog. And that's the Bruins. That's not to say I think the B's would actually win the Stanley Cup without Patrice Bergeron, who's still out with a foot injury, but the Bruins definitely have a better chance to make a serious playoff run than the Celtics do if Kyrie Irving can't return from his knee injury.

Even if Irving returns, there's still no guarantee that the C's would be able to beat, let's say, the Cleveland Cavaliers. But in the Stanley Cup playoffs, it's a different beast. All it really takes is for Tuukka Rask to get hot at the right time, and the B's will be contenders. We'll have to see how the injuries play out, but right now, both the Celtics and Bruins are hoping their best player will return in time for the playoffs in just a few weeks.

-The Patriots are proving my "business as usual" theory to be true. I wrote last week in my column for The Boston Metro that the losses of

Malcolm Butler, Dion Lewis, Danny Amendola, and Nate Solder to free agency was nothing more than just Bill Belichick doing Bill Belichick things. Belichick puts a certain value on a player, and he's not going to go above and beyond that number, even if another team is willing to up the ante. And that's exactly what happened with Butler, Lewis, Amendola, and Solder last week.

Some people panicked. And I admitted that this offseason definitely had a different feel to it, and not necessarily a "good" different. But once the smoke cleared, I tried to convince everyone that the Patriots had a plan, because, well, they always do. And what you've seen with some of the Patriots' trades and signings in recent days is exactly what I was talking about. They traded for veteran cornerback Jason McCourty, who'll make \$3 million next year. They also traded for explosive kick returner and wideout Cordarrelle Patterson, who'll make \$3.5 million next season. And they signed running back Jeremy Hill to a one-year, \$1.5 million deal, and defensive end Adrian Clayborn to a two-year, \$12 million deal. I think the Clayborn signing will have the biggest impact, as he led the Atlanta Falcons in sacks and quarterback hits

last year. But ultimately, the Patriots brought in those four players for a lot less than it would have cost to bring back Butler, Lewis, Amendola, and Solder. It's part of The Patriot Way. And regardless of what type of cryptic messages Rob Gronkowski and Tom Brady want to send on social media, I still believe that it works.

-Have they started the investigation on Virginia's loss to UMBC yet? Finally, a 16-seed defeated a 1-seed. But UMBC didn't just beat Virginia, UMBC beat Virginia by 20. To give you an idea of how absurd that actually is, Virginia was a 20.5-point favorite in that game. And yet, they lost by 20. That's not shocking. That's shady.

The NCAA is corrupt. We all know that. And I'm not trying to tell you that I have specific evidence of any corruption here. But there's a reason why a 16-seed had never defeated a 1-seed until now. And again, not only did a 16-seed defeat a 1-seed, it defeated a 1-seed by 20 freaking points. I'm sorry, but there's something fishy about that.

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