



State Senate Election Primary Is April 3

If Collins Is Elected Senator, Who will Run For State Rep.?

This coming Tuesday April 3rd is Election Day for the special election for State Senator of the First Suffolk District scheduled after the departure of former Senator Linda Dorcena Forry. Representative Nick Collins declared for the seat as soon as it happened, garnered enough signatures for the nomination and now stands for election without an opponent in the Democratic Primary. There are two opponents on the ballot for the general election but Collins path to victory appears likely.

The buzz around South Boston is

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EDITORIAL

Happy Easter

Easter is a time for renewal and rebirth. To the world's 2.2 billion Christians, it is the Holiest time of the year when the Resurrection of Jesus Christ after his crucifixion is celebrated. It's a time for reflection and a time to reinforce the beliefs that have stood the test of time for more than 2000 years.

Easter is observed in a number of ways. There

is the spiritual, when deep prayer, a variety of special Masses, Services and other church related customs are part of the weeks leading up to the joyful day itself. Then, of course, there are the Easter Egg hunts and other events that bring smiles to the faces of so many children.

In America, we are fortunate. Here we can practice our religion, in whatever

form we choose, in safety and free from those who would persecute people for doing so. In some parts of the world, doing so can not only be difficult, but dangerous too. And if you aren't religious, well, in America, that's ok too.

We here at South Boston Today wish everyone a wonderful Easter celebration. Whether you spend it with family, friends or good neighbors, we hope you enjoy this very special time, which means so much to so many and so often signals a new beginning in life. Happy Easter to all.



"To A Christian, Easter Sunday means everything when the resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated" – Bernhard Langer

PARKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES TREE REMOVAL HEARING



In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public hearing on Thursday, April 5, at 10 a.m. on a request to remove one public shade tree at 542 East Sixth Street in South Boston. The hearing will be held by the City of Boston's Tree Warden (or designee) in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Massachusetts Avenue,

Roxbury. The request is for the removal of one Norway maple tree measuring 19 inches dbh (diameter at breast height) due to a shared driveway proposed at 542 East Sixth Street.

Public testimony will be taken at the hearing or may be provided prior to the hearing in writing to the Tree Warden, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Boston, MA 02118 or by emailing parks@boston.gov with "South Boston Tree Hearing" in the subject line. A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at (617) 635-7275.



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The column I wrote recently about the drug epidemic that has hit South Boston and so many other communities around the country, and the suggestions made by President Trump 2 weeks ago in a speech in New Hampshire, brought in a huge response. Letters, phone calls, emails and literally thousands of hits on this newspaper's social media pages poured in and are still coming. The President made it clear that, while he wants to make treatment available to those addicted to drugs, he would be in favor of giving the death penalty to drug dealers and traffickers in certain situations. One such situation would be if the drugs sold by a dealer could be proven to have caused the death of someone, Capital Punishment should be on the table and I agree. This community has seen enough families devastated by the poison being sold to local youth by dealers and want much more than slaps on their wrists as penalties. Of course, there is also a case to be made for giving them miserable life in prison sentences with hard labor in northern Alaska, as one of our readers suggested. This topic brought up the subject of building a wall by many who contacted us.

Saying a huge part of the flood of dangerous drugs is coming from America's southern border is not some made-up story to promote the wall. It's a fact confirmed by law enforcement officials all over the country and on the local, state and federal levels. But let's put that thought on hold for a minute and move this conversation to the West Coast. If you're a regular reader of this column you know that the State of California is often the target of jokes and barbs here. Many times, I've labelled the place as one filled with reality-chal-

lenged kooks and nuts that live in a fantasy world because, well, it is. But it does the heart good to mention that, thankfully, not everyone in 'Cali' is 5 beers short of a six pack. Many Californians, embarrassed by the crazy progressives, who have been elected to public office there and run the state like a circus side show, are rising up.

As most know, California has been designated as a 'Sanctuary State', whereby every town and city, according to that state's law signed by their Governor Moonbeam uh, I mean Jerry Brown, is now supposed to refuse to cooperate with federal officials, primarily ICE. As a consequence, they find themselves protecting illegal immigrant criminals including murderers, rapists and even gang members affiliated with drug cartel members. But now, to the dismay of Cali's progressive state officials, California towns are rebelling and saying they will not cooperate with the Sanctuary State law. Already the towns of Los Alamitos, Aliso Viejo, Buena Park and Huntington Beach are moving to buck the law. Even officials representing all of Orange County are moving in that direction with many others said to be getting ready to do the same. They say to go along with the California law would be a violation of the US Constitution and they won't do it. Finally, some sanity is coming from the Left Coast.

Which brings me back to the topic of the wall(s). Prototypes are already being looked at as many American companies are presenting their designs for the southern border wall. But other walls are being talked about as well, perhaps jokingly but with a degree of seriousness and some hope.

Arizona Congresswoman Martha McSally implied that she is so tired of the nonsense coming from California and the anti-American actions coming from that state's leaders that she'd like to see a wall go up along her state's border with California to keep Californians out of Arizona.

Many Canadian citizens have taken to social media saying how relieved they are that they don't have to build a wall on their own southern border. Their wall would serve to keep Hollywood actors and actresses

out. You know, the ones who threatened to move to Canada as a result of President Trump's election. These Canadians expressed relief that so far, there has not been the flow of Tinsel Town refugees that was promised. They can breathe a sigh of relief that Rosie O'Donnell, Cathy Griffin and Snoop Dog have not yet arrived and probably never will. But again, we can always hope they will eventually decide to change their minds, cross the border and embarrass our neighbors to the north for a change.

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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.

State Police and MassPort reach logical payroll agreement eight years after the fact

Now that wasn't so hard, was it? From Matt Stout and Matt Rocheleau at the Globe: "State Police troopers who patrol Logan International Airport, the Seaport, and other Massachusetts Port Authority properties will now be paid directly by the beleaguered law enforcement agency under a newly hatched agreement spurred by officials' failure to disclose years of payroll records for the unit." And years of probable/likely/alleged overtime abuses, it should be added.

The Herald's Howie Carr says it's time for state leaders to

start thinking in terms of actual arrests of state troopers, not just suspensions and retirements on full pensions.

And yet another thing about that Seaport gondola idea ...

The folks at the wonky TransitMatters sure don't like the Seaport gondola plan, knocking it earlier this month and then in yet two more pieces yesterday in Commonwealth magazine, both by Ari Ofsevit of TransitMatters. The first article says there's simply no space for the large gondola infrastructure needed for the system. The second piece says buses are much better than gondolas. Our view: We like the

gondola idea in concept – and like even more the fact that Millennium Partners, a private company, is trying to think outside the transit box and is willing to pay for the system itself. But if it doesn't work, it doesn't work. We'll see.

Fate almost worse than death: RMV wait times top five hours for new driver's licenses

The Globe's Adam Vaccaro reports that motorists yesterday faced "crushing waits" as long as five hours at Registry of Motor Vehicles offices on the first day of the new "REAL" driver's license system. The waits were longer than what Baker administration officials had anticipated. OK, so it's only one day. Let's see how it goes in coming days and weeks. But you have to wonder: Are we witnessing another botched rollout of a new program?

Everything you've always wanted to know about REAL IDs but were afraid to ask

Speaking of the REAL program, Gintautas Dumcius at MassLive has all the details on the new driver's licenses that the feds will require if you want to fly on planes or enter federal buildings starting in 2020. Bottom line: It's going to require more documentation to get the driver's licenses – which is one of the reasons why the lines were so long yesterday at RMV offices.

Trump plugs Howie Carr's new book that all but thanks God that Trump beat Hillary Clinton

What a surprise: President Trump wasn't tweeting yesterday about Stormy Daniels and was instead touting Howie Carr's new book "What Really Happened: How Donald J.

Trump Saved America From Hillary Clinton." John Carroll at Campaign Outsider has the details and connects some dots between the two pals. John's post via Universal Hub, whose own headline was "Trump, Carr engage in mutual tongue baths." Fyi: Howie was gloating over the presidential plug.

Advocates take aim at dormant medical dispensaries getting retail pot licenses

Lots of people saw this coming and let's hope it doesn't gum up the process: As the state's Cannabis Control Commission prepares to begin accepting applications for licenses to sell recreational marijuana, some advocates say dispensaries that began the process of getting licensed for medical marijuana but never actually opened their doors should not be given first crack at recreational licenses. Ally Jarmanning reports at WBUR that medical pot advocates are not ruling out a lawsuit, which would could throw the entire licensing process into question as the July 1 target date to open recreational dispensaries looms.

MBTA eyes raising parking fees for some, lower fees for others

Desperate for new revenues to plug a projected deficit, the MBTA is now mulling a plan to raise parking fees at T stations by a total of \$7 million, but it hasn't decided yet exactly who will get hit with the fee increases. Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine reports that the T appears to be considering "a form of congestion pricing" for parking garages, i.e. fees would go up at busy facilities and down at less crowded parking lots.

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Mayor's Corner

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh



Marching Together

It was a scene similar to one Boston's seen before. This past weekend, on a cold Saturday morning, tens of thousands of people gathered to kick off another march demanding national change. Except this time, we gathered at Madison Park Vocational High School in Roxbury, ready to start our route to the Boston Common. And this march was even more remarkable, because it had been created and organized by our students.

In fact, all throughout our nation, our young people are leading the charge and fighting for stricter gun control laws. At Boston's March for Our Lives, the organization, the message, the passion -- it started with our students, and our young people.

It's hard to believe it's been just over 5 weeks since the tragedy at Parkland. Here we were today, over 50,000 people strong at the Boston Common, demanding "enough is enough". We were joined by millions of people marching at 140 sibling marches across the world. Students held signs saying, "The time is now", "Protect kids not guns", and "Books not bullets". They chanted in unison, "This is what democracy looks like". As Mayor, and as a fellow American,

I was inspired by their words and their determination to be heard. I know I wasn't the only one.

The national conversation on gun control has had a profound effect on our students. Last week, I met some of the Parkland survivors at the Institute of Politics at Harvard. They were on the road, spreading their message and helping other students take action in their own communities. They met with Boston and Cambridge high school students where they had honest and productive discussions on what to do about gun control. It was incredible: these students were taking on a major policy issue head on, while too many members of Congress choose to ignore it.

And we know that gun control works -- as our state has proven. Massachusetts has the lowest gun death rate in the country. A recent Boston Globe study found that if each state had gun control laws similar to ours, 27,000 lives may have been saved.

In Massachusetts, our representatives in Washington are working to make our communities safer. Just this month, Commissioner Evans and I stood with Senator Markey as he

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The Wine Guy Ends and Beginnings

By The Wine Guy



For many Christians, this coming Sunday will mark an end to forty days of denial of things enjoyed the rest of the year—sweets and other special treats, as well as that glass of wine or beer.

So, while the little ones are happy with what the Easter Bunny has left them, many of us older people will be happy later in the day—specifically, when everyone sits down to Easter Dinner. Great food complemented by great wine, hopefully with a hint of Spring in the air!

Here are some suggestions to enhance your Easter Table:

Weingut Joh. Jos. Prüm is a German wine grower and producer based in Bernkastel-Wehlen, in the wine-growing region of Mosel, Germany. The Prüm family have had a presence in Wehlen for over 400 years. The estate was founded in 1911 by Johann Josef Prüm, after the splitting up of the S.A. Prüm winery. Today, Katharina Prüm, a lawyer-turned-winemaker and great granddaughter of the estate's founder, Johann Josef Prüm, has been helming the estate since 2003, producing powerful, elegant, fruity and off-dry Rieslings that also possess amazing longevity and are considered "the benchmark

for rieslings globally. The 2016 Joh. Jos. Prüm Riesling Kabinett, Graacher Himmelreich, (\$29.99), is fantastic wine, rich and supple, with notes of melon and pear and a distinctive tone of honey. The acidity is superb and gives a long, rich finish.

On the drier side, a sure bet to please would be Dog Point Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2016, (\$26.99), hand-harvested at several sites in the Wairau Valley, this intense wine is highly scented, very fresh and vibrant. Weighty (13% alc/vol), it has searching, ripe grapefruit/lime flavours, firm acid spine and a dry, lasting finish. Highly concentrated and tightly structured, it's arguably the best vintage yet.

If it's bubbles you're after, there are obviously lots of choices; one Sparkler that's a consistent favorite is Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs, NV, (\$27.99). This is THE food sparkling wine—while it can be enjoyed by itself as an apéritif, it is

also perfect with fresh oysters and other shellfish, crab cakes, ceviche and grilled sea bass. It is also delicious with lemon chicken and Thai curries. Vegetable or crab quiche, vegetable terrine, Parmesan breadsticks or calamari fritters. And that's just for starters!

Let's not forget the red wine lovers, though; as we (hopefully) leave the colder weather behind, Pinot Noir is a great transitional red to serve with ham, turkey or even a roast. One of the most consistently-satisfying Pinots, year in and year out, is La Crema, from California's Sonoma County. The La Crema Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast, 2015, (\$17.99), is a mix of red cherry and strawberry that mellows with time in the glass. Toasted oak and baking spice touches provide additional context and pleasure; savor the food and sip this beauty to welcome Spring!

Happy Easter to you and yours!

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introduced federal gun safety legislation that would incentivize states to adopt gun licensing standards similar to those in Massachusetts. It's common sense gun reform and creates safe and sensible policies for owning and buying guns.

In Boston, we are building safer communities every day. Together with the Boston Police Department, we host gun buyback programs, mentor teens who may be at risk, and have hosted several regional summits with cities and towns on how to improve gun safety. We're sharing strategies and building relationships. We're partnering with researchers and safety advocates, like Everytown for Gun Safety and Arms With Ethics.

We're also engaging responsible gun owners. Anyone who says cities and towns are too divided to find common ground on gun policy is mistaken. We're bridging divides between the different cultures and views we have across town, city, and state lines. If we can do this, so can the federal government.

But we know what we do in Boston, and what we do in Massa-

chusetts, isn't enough. Without the partnership of cities, states across the U.S., and the federal government, true change cannot happen. That's why marches like Saturday's are so important. Offering prayers to communities who have faced tragedy is our first action, but it can't be our last. Protecting our people and communities must be our number one priority, always. The world keeps turning, but it doesn't mean we just move on to the next story of the day. We can't let this happen any longer.

This time, it's going to be hard for our nation to forget -- because our students will make sure we won't. Our hope for our young people is that they find a cause they are passionate about -- something that drives them to call for change. I couldn't be more proud of our students here in Boston, and the mobilized students all across the country. They weren't just marching for themselves, but for all the innocent victims of gun violence whose voices have been silenced. They were marching for a brighter and safer future for everyone. I know they will continue to march and demand change for as long as it takes. And rest assured, Boston will be marching right beside them.

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that there are a number of potential candidates testing the waters to replace Collins and South Boston Today reached out and spoke to many of those rumored to be running, although it is possible that this list is not complete.

Here are the Aspirants:

Dave Biele, an attorney at the Dept. of Public Utilities for the Commonwealth and former aide to Rep. Collins stated: "Strongly considering it. I'm an attorney. I've worked with Representative Collins for 4 years. I know the job, I know the legislative process and I know the South Boston neighborhood - my neighborhood - well. I'm aware that the job of a state representative is a lot of work and I'm humbled that I'm being considered as one of the potential candidates."

Charles Burke, Business Owner, Mass Academy of Real Estate and former advisor to Mayor Ray Flynn stated: "My focus is getting Nick Collins elected. I'm heavily involved in his campaign. But I'm not closing the door to seeking the state rep seat once Nick goes to the senate. The special senate election is April 3rd. Once April 3rd has passed, it's something I'll be taking a serious look at and will talk to my family about. I've been approached by many people in the neighborhood urging me to consider running."

Mona Connolly Casper, Administrator in Community Relations at UMass Boston and president of the Irish-American Society stated: "I'm not ruling anything out. I would be honored to represent our community as it's state

representative and I do think it's time for a woman. I also think it's important to get Nick Collins elected to the senate before a decision is made. And I also would not rule out running a write in campaign if it came down to it."

Bob Ferarra, a manager in the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for the Commonwealth and Pop Warner and Lacrosse organizer stated: "I'm looking at it. Not sure yet. I want to respectfully wait until the state senate race is over before making any decision. There are some important issues coming up that will impact the neighborhood; issues like the Edison Project which is huge. There is much work to be done."

Charlie Levin, Director of Policy and Communication for Councilor Ed Flynn

and hockey coach: "In recent weeks, many friends, neighbors and community activists have encouraged me to run to replace my good friend Rep. Nick Collins in the House of Representatives, should he become our next State Senator. It would be an honor to serve South Boston as State Representative. My experience in state & municipal government, my education and community involvement have led me to strongly consider this decision. In the coming days I will be meeting with family, friends and supporters as my wife and I come to a final decision."

Dan Manning, Director of Operations for Inspectional Services for the City of Boston and Pop Warner Coach stated: "While I'm currently focused on helping Representative Nick Collins in his bid for the senate

seat, I've received a lot of encouragement from family, friends and neighbors and will likely run for the state representative seat should Nick Collins be successful in the special election."

Matt Rusteika, Manager of Energy Efficiency and Climate Control for the Commonwealth stated: "We're all trying to get Nick elected to the senate; that's important. I'll be talking with my wife and family about a possible run, then wait and see the outcome of the senate race and make a decision."

Another name mentioned is Elizabeth Good, but attempts to reach her were unsuccessful. With an opportunity like this, speculation also centers on those who are leaders of local Civic Associations. Stay Tuned but GET OUT AND VOTE Tuesday April 3.

Window into the State House...

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SHNS's Andy Metzger (pay wall) confirms that the two-tiered fee approach is under consideration.

But is it really "congestion pricing"? Looks more like old-fashioned supply-and-demand pricing, i.e. jacking up prices where demand is high and supply is low and lowering prices where demand is low and supply is high.

Just in time: First of 24 new Green Line cars has arrived

Speaking of the T, this is good news. From Adam Vaccaro at the Globe: "After so many years of delay, the MBTA finally has something to show for the Green Line extension. The first of 24 new Green Line cars has arrived in Massachusetts for testing and is expected to join the Green Line

fleet this summer, with a second car expected later this spring. More trolleys are expected to arrive through 2018 and 2019, said Jeff Gonneville, the T's deputy general manager."

In Swampscott, Calvin Coolidge's 'summer White House' faces the wrecking ball

What would our late governor and president say? A condo developer wants to demolish White Court, which served as President Calvin Coolidge's summer White House in the 1920s, saying the structure that long housed a Catholic college has deteriorated too much to be saved, Ethan Forman reports in the Salem News. The town's Historical Commission will hold a hearing on a possible demolition delay period Tuesday night.

Nick Collins


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Hugs and smiles abound during morning arrival at St. Peter Academy Pre-K! Students are eager to come to school in the morning and to dive right in to center-based activities with their classmates and teachers. According to one parent, Kevin Larade, “The teachers are clearly invested in their classroom and provide a welcoming environment for all the students as they are being dropped off each

morning. Our daughter speaks glowingly of both teachers and has a comfort level that makes us very happy with her program and the fine staff that are currently running it. We can’t say enough positive things about the work they are doing with her and her class”

Teachers in Pre-K utilize the well-respected “Opening the World of Learning” curriculum to provide rigorous and developmentally appropriate learning experiences for students ages 2.9 and up. Daily circle time often includes singing together, and sometimes a special student “share”. The day includes whole class and center-based activities designed to promote early literacy skills, mathematical understanding, and science concepts.

Throughout the week students also meet with specialist teachers for art, music, physical education and Spanish instruction.

At times, special projects are also incorporated to supplement and enhance the curriculum. One such project was the making of “Culture Cases” where students worked at home with families to make visual representations of their family culture(s) to share with the class. Students learned about classmates’ family traditions rooted in nationality, religion, and other aspect of family identity. Students enjoyed learning that families celebrate different holidays and speak different languages. “We were excited about the culture project that was recently initiated in their class. It was a

very creative and fun project and it provided us with the opportunity to educate our daughter about her background”, says Mr. Larade.

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Easter Egg Hunts This Weekend

South Boston will once again be the place of multiple Easter egg hunts.

This Saturday, March 31st there will be 2 of them; both starting at 10am.

Medal of Honor Park at M Street at 10am, will be the location of the Hub Church Easter egg hunt. There will be 6000 eggs, a photo booth, the Easter Bunny will be there and there will be face painting and lots of fun for all. Everyone is welcome.

Dorchester Heights at 10am will also be the site for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. This too is always a fun time. Plenty of eggs to be found, the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance there as well and members of the Jr. ROTC will be on hand to help out.

Easter Sunday:

As always, St. Brigid Church will be the scene of Its annual Easter


egg hunt which always takes place right after the 10:30am Mass on the courtyard green. Here too, there will be plenty of eggs to hunt and this always turns out to be a great fun time for the kids and their families.

So, if you enjoy hunting Easter eggs, where better to be than in South Boston this weekend? Have a great time and Happy Easter to ALL.



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141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 314 Condo	\$945,850	1/30/18	4	2	1292
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57 Preble St UNIT 2 Condo	\$675,000	1/30/18	4	2	1029
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8 Lovis Street Single Family	\$450,000	1/31/18	5	1	1156

 **Public Meeting**

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4
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PROJECT PROPONENT:
Boston Real Estate Capital

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The revised project consists of the construction of a six story, mixed-use building that will include 50 residential rental units, 44 off-street parking spaces, and approximately 1,485 square feet of retail space.


Please note, this meeting was originally scheduled for March 21, 2018 but was cancelled due to inclement weather.

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Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation Sponsors Labouré Center

The Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation is donating \$5,000 to Catholic Charities Labouré Center to help fund its efforts to end chronic homelessness among elders in Boston. Twice a year, Labouré partners with the City of Boston, the Boston Housing Authority, and various other community organizations to host a "Housing Surge," a day dedicated solely to moving people over the age of 50 off the streets and into safe, sustainable housing.

On a Housing Surge day, the Labouré transforms into a one stop shop for individuals seeking a place to live and in need of supportive services: they come to the center, meet with a housing case manager from the Boston Housing Authority and the Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership to sign a lease on an apartment or fill out an application for a subsidized housing voucher. Staff then works with the individual to determine which supportive services would be most appropriate to meet their unique needs and link them with organizations that can help. The most recent Housing Surge in June of 2017 was attended by 63 individuals with 58 leaving with a linkage to housing and 41 receiving apartments that very day. The Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation grant will provide



Pictured from left to right are Deborah Rambo, Catholic Charities Labouré Center, President; Valleri Lovely, Dedham Savings, Branch Manager- South Boston Office; Jerry Lavoie, Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation, Trustee; and Jacob Bombard, Catholic Charities the Labouré Center, Director.

"move-in packages," that include a mattress, box spring and frame, a microwave, and small appliances to 10 newly-housed elders.

The Dedham Institution for Savings formed the Foundation for the purpose of funding requests from community organizations which provide services to the communities that they serve.

These communities generally, but not exclusively, include Dedham, Westwood, Norwood, Walpole, Sharon, Needham, and South Boston. Typical requests are usually received from such organizations as schools, libraries, family service organizations and non-profit organizations. The Trustees of the Foundation will accept grant re-

quests from community organizations and make awards twice a year.

Organizations wishing to request funding from the Foundation may contact Gerard R. Lavoie, Trustee, Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation, 55 Elm Street, Dedham, MA 02026 or call (781) 329-6700 to obtain a grant application.

Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation Sponsors Neighborhood House

The Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation is donating \$5,000 to the South Boston Neighborhood House to support their mission of enhancing older adults' physical health and functioning. This includes fostering greater independence and the ability for older adults to age in place while increasing quality of life and reducing social isolation through personal connections and active engagement in the life of

the community. The South Boston Neighborhood House is committed to serving the isolated senior residents of South Boston's three public housing developments, providing them on-site services for aging in place. Some of the programming featured at "The Ollie," includes the Boston Police Department Tennis Program. This program encourages participants to have fun while staying active and socializing with their peers.



Pictured from left to right are Officer Frank Williams, BPD Tennis Program, Boston Police Department; Honey Carver, Gerri Cummins, Elaine Sullivan, Jerry Lavoie, Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation, Trustee; Valleri Lovely, Dedham Savings, Branch Manager- South Boston Office; Carole Sullivan, Senior Advocate and Director of Senior Programs, South Boston Neighborhood House; Mary Doucette, Kathleen Donlan, Rainey Fiasconaro, Haley Errico, and Mary McLean.

Easter Tradition Continues

Sunrise Mass and Service at Castle Island Sunday 6:34am

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

The arrival of Easter this Sunday brings with it one of the most beautiful traditions South Boston has to offer. The Sunrise Mass at Castle Island will take place at 6:34am on the channel side of Fort Independence with the ocean as the setting and as the sun first peeks over the horizon from the East.

The Castle Island Association started the tradition back in 1980 and has been organizing this event ever since. From the first year, with the Mass being said by Father Kelleher of Don Bosco, who was followed by Father Fleming of St Brig-

id, this moving ceremony draws at times thousands of people who get up before dawn on Easter Morning and make the trek to 'The Island' by car, bicycle, on foot or by shuttle to experience one of the most unique religious gatherings around. The Sunrise Mass continues to gain in popularity with each passing year and if weather cooperates, draws large crowds each time often numbering in the thousands.

Over the years, people have come in from many surrounding communities and other states to be part of this sacred event to celebrate the Holiest of times on the Christian Calendar. Former residents also make the trip back to South Boston for this Mass; many even travelling from other states to return to their home town to be part of it. As all know, Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ 3 days after he was taken down from the cross and was buried.

Here, the traditional Catholic Mass will be celebrated, and all people of every faith are welcome to be part of it. Holy Communion will be given to those who wish to receive. A por-



table altar will be set up from which the Mass will be said. The Service lasts approximately one hour from the time it commences.

Many attendees bring along their own chairs, as there is very little seating on that side of the island. It's also recommended that you check the weather forecast for Sunday morning, so you can dress for whatever nature brings. Because it is such an early time of day and Easter comes early in the season this year, sweaters or jackets, or both, are advised.

Even if you attend your regular

Mass or Service at your traditional Church on Easter Sunday in addition to the Sunrise Mass, it is said that attending the Sunrise Mass at Castle Island is very special indeed and often adds to the spirit of this wonderful season. If this will be your first time, when you arrive at Castle Island, just go to the left of Fort Independence. You'll have no problem finding where the Mass will be said. Just follow the crowd and be prepared to enjoy an inspiring and spiritual experience that you'll fondly remember for a lifetime.

Polar Dip Series Raises \$217,000 For Camp Sunshine



The iconic Camp Sunshine Polar Dip Series recently concluded and raised \$217,000 this winter. Local teams from the Northeast to the Mid-Atlantic participated in local dips, plunging into the icy waters of the Atlantic Ocean, lakes, rivers and several different polar pools! "We're thankful that we can still count on people to unpack their swimsuits each winter and take a quick dip into freezing cold wa-

ter to support Camp Sunshine," said Michael Smith, Development Director at Camp Sunshine. "A couple seconds of cold are nothing in comparison to what Camp Sunshine families face on a daily basis. This is an easy way to help support your community and we saw a lot of new faces this year!"

Funds were raised by teams and individuals who committed to taking the icy plunge. In total, 552 participants registered to participate in one of the nine dips. "As incredible as it is to think that 552 people were able to raise more than \$217,000, the fundraising component is just part of the goal of these events," said Michael Katz, Executive Director at Camp Sunshine. "Equally as important is the awareness we bring to each area where we host these events.

Our goal has always been to reach out to even more families who can utilize our services. The polar dips provide a great platform to help spread the word."

The funds enable children with life-threatening illnesses and their families to enjoy the award-winning Camp Sunshine on Sebago Lake in Maine free-of-charge. At Camp, they join other families on similar journeys and experience the benefits of empathy and encouragement, recovery and recreation, and hope and inspiration. In all, 23 illness-specific sessions will be hosted at Camp Sunshine in 2018. If you are or know a family with a child who has been diagnosed with a life-threatening illness, please consider referring their family to Camp Sunshine. Applications can be found online

or by emailing info@campsunshine.org.

About Camp Sunshine

Founded in 1984, Camp Sunshine provides retreats combining respite, recreation and support, while enabling hope and promoting joy, for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families through the various stages of a child's illness. Camp Sunshine's program is offered year-round and has the distinction of having been designed to serve the entire family in a retreat model. The program is free of charge to families and includes on-site medical and psychosocial support. Bereavement sessions are also offered for families who have experienced the death of a child from a supported illness. For more information, visit www.campsunshine.org.

LL Bean Announces Grand Opening Of Seaport Store

L.L.Bean

New England outdoor retailer L.L.Bean, best known for its L.L.Bean Boots and world class customer service, announced the grand opening of its very first urban retail store at One Seaport in Boston on April 6 at 9 a.m. The 8,600-square-foot store will feature an assortment of active and casual apparel, outerwear and footwear, as well as a variety of outdoor gear curated specifically for residents and visitors of Boston. The grand opening celebration will begin on Friday, April 6 and go through Sunday, April 8. Everyone is invited to the three-day event featuring giveaways, games, a weekend block party, L.L. Bean's famous Bootmo-

bile and more. Festivities include:

Friday, April 6:

- Doors open at 9 a.m. and the first 100 customers in line will receive a free L.L. Bean Gift Card worth up to \$500
- Celebrate Red Sox opening weekend – meet Red Sox legends Jim Rice, Luis Tiant, and Dennis Eckersley, dance with Wally the Green Monster, and take a photo with the World Championship Trophies, 4-7 p.m.
- Free outdoor yoga with Equinox at 9, 10, and 11 a.m.
- Block Party with games and giveaways 12-6 p.m.; live music and free food 12-2 p.m.
- Bring your four-legged friend for a group dog walk with L.L.Bean's Millie of Maine at 3 p.m.
- Enter to win prizes, including a trip to Maine for two, and one of ten pairs of Red Sox tickets

As part of its overall national retail growth plan, L.L. Bean made the decision to expand its presence into Boston's Seaport because of the high degree of awareness and affinity Boston residents have for L.L. Bean, in addition to the opportunities this dynamic, emerging neighborhood presents. Another facet of its connection to Boston is L.L. Bean's strong relationship with the Boston Red Sox, as a sponsor of the infield rain delay tarp since 2010. The new Seaport store will allow the people of Boston and beyond to experience first-hand everything the legendary outdoor retailer offers: quality merchandise, exemplary customer service, excellent outdoor programming, a welcoming shopping environment and an ethos to always do what's right by its customers, employees, the environment and the community.

"Boston is a city that's as passionate about the outdoors as we are," said Greg Elder, Vice President of Stores at L.L. Bean. "We're excited to bring the

outdoor spirit to the heart of Boston at our first city store and get to know the vibrant Seaport community."

"For the Seaport to be L.L. Bean's first urban location not only marks retail history, but also speaks volumes to the power of the neighborhood on a national and international scale. With L.L. Bean's culture epitomizing all that is great about the New England outdoors, I can't think of a more suiting city home for it than One Seaport, its waterfront views and proximity to I-93 and I-90 serve as Bostonians' gateway to adventures outside of the city," says Todd Norley, Vice President of Leasing, WS Development.

This will be L.L. Bean's first urban store, its 5th retail store in Massachusetts, and its 36th retail store outside of Maine. L.L. Bean currently operates retail stores in Burlington, Dedham, Mansfield, and Mashpee, as well as a kiosk in the Prudential Center. The new store will employ approximately 25 people.

Bark Park Clean Up And The Story Of CocoChew



By Co-Founder Chris Lovell

CocoChew, a growing startup of young and eager UNH graduates, is an all-natural dog toy company. We make our toys out of coconut husk, so they are all

natural and also provide dental benefits. There are of us and we are a lively bunch with a unique tale!

Our story starts out on the lovely beaches of Hawaii, where Chip noticed stray dogs running around with fallen coconuts in

their mouths. Intrigued, he talked to a few local veterinarians to find out about this unique phenomenon. The veterinarians went on to tell him that not only was it safe for dogs to chew on, but they actually noticed some of the cleanest teeth they worked on

were from strays they rescued!

Fast forward a few years to our second semester of senior year at the UNH Paul School where Chip, Ed, Ryan, and I paired up for a group project for an entrepreneurial class. We turned CocoChew into a tangible product and competed in the Holloway Competition. Out of 84 groups we finished 4th and received some money to launch our venture!

While a lot has happened since then, one thing that has remained constant is our mission to make as big of impact on local communities and charitable associations as we can. We are spreading the word about our upcoming event, "Bark Park Cleanup" at the South Boston Bark Park on April 22nd from 1-3. So, partnering with 'Keeping Massachusetts Beautiful' we hope you can join us to help clean your neighborhood dog park.

NBA Players Far From Professional On The Court



South Boston Today By Kevin Devlin

I enjoy watching NBA games on TV, but as far as I'm concerned, the so-called professionals sometimes don't act like professionals, simply crybabies. Without doubt, complaining about officials' calls has always been an inherent part of hoop, but today it has reached a new level of absurdity.

Officials make mistakes. They miss obvious calls. Make bad calls. Make calls that should be non-calls. Officials also make good calls, great calls in a game played by big, fast, and strong athletes. Players also make mistakes. They travel. They palm the ball. They commit stupid fouls. They also make

great passes, incredible shots, and slam home thunderous dunks that amaze.

Officials don't always make the calls that seem so obvious. But when the last seconds tick off of the timeclock, it usually evens out for both teams, because officials don't always call fouls and violations that should be called, and as a consequence, they occasionally fall victim to the infamous make-up call, subconsciously hoping appeasement will remedy the situation.

What perturbs me is when a player commits an obvious foul, a blatant foul, and still complains to the official(s). The player is astonished, bewildered. Who me? Can't be? No way? The player looks up above at the replay screen, hoping to prove the

official(s) wrong, even though it was a really good call, a call we can clearly see on our TV's. That's aggravating. What's also aggravating is that too many players don't think they've ever committed a foul in their entire lives. They think to themselves "it just can't be." It's simply unfathomable. And they continue to complain-whine-cry every single time the whistle is blown.

It's ironic that the NBA doesn't tolerate players criticizing the officiating after the games (they fine them for speaking matter-of-factly after the fact) but during the games, allow them to complain, complain, and then complain some more.

I just wish the players would stop this incessant nonsense, tone it down, and play the game.

TYNAN HAPPENINGS

GYM NOTES:

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

The Instructional Basketball for 5-7-year old is going strong. After the 4th week the children are focusing on the basic fundamental skills of the game. This week we worked on dribbling and ended the day with a Shooting Game enjoyed by all. Stars of the week were Patrick Cherry, Benjamin Cherry, Sienna Holtzmuller, and Kane Coughlin.

INDOOR GOLF CLINIC

The Spring Indoor Golf Clinic began on Wednesday, March 28th. The youth class is open for boys and girls ages 7-17 and will be from 6-7 pm. The adult class will follow from 7-8 pm. There are still slots available for those still interested. The clinic is a great opportunity for individuals to learn techniques on their swing, putting, and pitching. The instructors do a fabulous job each year. Stop by the Tynan to register.

GIRLS FITNESS CLASS

The girls did a fantastic in class last week. Amanda McCarthy, Fitness Instructor, had everyone on their toes and working hard. There are still slots available for any girl 10 and over to register. Classes are held on Monday nights from 6-7 pm.



Girl's fitness program ages 10 & up with Instructor Amanda McCarthy and Youth Worker, Katie O'Connell

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The 76ers took on the Rockets in the first game. At halftime the Rockets were ahead with a 7-4 lead. The 76ers fought back in the second half scoring 14 points but came up short. The Rockets took the victory, by the score of 21-18. Brayden Buckley had 8 points and James Barrett 6 points for the 76ers. Evan Pierce had a

strong game for the Rockets, scoring 11 points and Ryan McGarrell with 7 points.

In the following game, the Bucks defeated the Timberwolves in a thriller, by the score of 17-14. Mario Blasi had 7 points and Derek Austin 4 points for the Bucks. Aidan Colton had 7 points and Ryan Alexander 4 points for the Timberwolves.

MIDDLE SCHOOL/ EARLY HIGH SCHOOL TUTORING

Thanks to the SBCDF, we were able to construct a tutoring program for middle school and high school youth who are in need for one-on-one math and/or other homework help assistance. Contact youth worker, Katie O'Connell, @ the Tynan Community Center for further details. (617) 635-5110.

A Sailor's Duty And Responsibility

By Dusty Good, Navy Office of Community Outreach

Massachusetts native and 2017 Weymouth High School graduate, Seaman Benjamin MacDonald is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush. As a seaman, MacDonald is responsible for standard shipboard evolutions. "I like the family atmosphere aboard the ship," said Macdonald.

Named in honor of former President George H.W. Bush, the carrier is longer than three football fields, measuring nearly 1,100 feet. The ship, a true floating city, weighs more than 100,000 tons and has a flight deck that is 252 feet wide. Two nuclear reactors can push the ship through the water at more than 35 mph. Powerful catapults slingshot the aircraft off the bow of the ship. The planes land aboard the carrier by snagging a steel cable with an arresting hook that protrudes from the rear of the aircraft.

As a sailor with numerous responsibilities, MacDonald learns about life at sea serving in the Navy and the importance of taking personal responsibility while leading others while still using lessons learned from their hometown. "My hometown taught me that if you don't succeed your first time, always keep trying," said MacDonald. "It helps me because I haven't been in the Navy long and my dad always tells me he doesn't care what I do as long as I do my best."

Sailors' jobs are highly varied aboard the carrier. Approximately



Photo By Petty Officer 3rd Class Omar Diaz

3,200 men and women make up the ship's crew, which keeps all parts of the aircraft carrier running smoothly -- this includes everything from washing dishes and preparing meals to handling weaponry and maintaining the nuclear reactors. Another 2,500 men and women form the air wing responsible for flying and maintaining more than 70 aircraft aboard the ship.

George H.W. Bush, like each of the Navy's aircraft carriers, is designed for a 50-year service life.

When the air wing is embarked, the ship carries more than 70 attack jets, helicopters and other aircraft, all of which take off from and land aboard the carrier at sea. All of this makes the George H.W. Bush a self-contained mobile airport and strike platform, and often the first response to a global crisis because of a carrier's ability to operate freely in international waters anywhere on the world's oceans.

"I got a shout-out from the com-

manding officer during captain's call for focusing on my work which I'm very proud of," said MacDonald. As a member of one of the U.S. Navy's most relied upon assets, MacDonald and other George H.W. Bush sailors know they are part of a legacy that will last beyond their lifetimes providing the Navy the nation needs. "The Navy has made me stronger," added MacDonald. "It's shown me that some people can be hard to work with, but you have to learn to work together."

Red Cross hosts 5th Boston Strong Blood Drive



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The American Red Cross will join community leaders to mark the fifth anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombings and to pay tribute to the strength and resilience shown by so many with a blood drive on April 15, 2018. In April 2013, the Red Cross sent 600 blood products to Boston area hospitals in response to the Boston Marathon bombings.

Volunteer blood donations helped save hundreds of lives that day, including that of Heather Abbott. "When I was hurt in the bombings, I received several units of blood in order to keep me alive," said Abbott. "If it wasn't for blood donors, I wouldn't be here."

"The lives lost on April 15 leave a permanent hole in Boston's collective heart," said Kelly Isenor, External Communications Manager for the Red Cross Massachusetts Blood Services Region. "But we also remember the first responders and

bystanders at the finish line who ran towards the blast to help the injured, and the medical personnel who spent days treating traumatic amputations and massive blood loss. They are the definition of 'Boston Strong'."

Boston Strong Blood Drive
April 15, 2018

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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How to donate blood

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redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.



This week, Danny gave his 2018 MLB predictions for the upcoming season:

It's time for some meaningful baseball. No more spring training. No more speculation. The 162-game sprint to October begins now. I understand the word "sprint" is strong. But you get the point. Every result matters, even in April. And here in Boston, the only results we care about are that of the Red Sox. The Sox look to clinch the AL East for the third straight year. This time, they'll try to do it under the guidance of a new manager in Alex Cora. Whether you liked former manager John Farrell or not, there's no denying that Cora will have some big shoes to fill.

In his five seasons as Red Sox skipper, Farrell won the division three times, and won a World Series his first year on the job, in 2013. The pressure will be on Cora to help find a way to make it three consecutive division titles, especially with the much-improved New York Yankees right on their behind. The Yankees (-130) are actually the favorite to win the AL East in 2018, with the Red Sox (+120) having the second-best odds of winning the division.

Overall, the defending champion Houston Astros (+550) are the favorite to win the World Series again, followed by the Los Angeles Dodgers (+575), Yankees (+600), Chicago

Cubs (+700), Cleveland Indians (+800), Washington Nationals (+900), and then the Red Sox (+1000). Those aren't great odds for the Sox. But crazier things have happened, for sure.

Whether they win the division for the third straight year, or sneak into October as a Wild Card winner, you have to get to the Postseason before you have a shot to win the World Series. And that brings me to my 2018 MLB predictions:

AL East: Boston Red Sox

-Having won 93 games in each of the last two seasons, I expect the Sox to be around the 93-win total once again, mainly because I feel that David Price's presence in the rotation with Chris Sale makes for a dominating one-two punch, perhaps as dominating as you'll see in the majors in 2018. Once those two get going, there might be some who stop calling the Yankees the "favorite" to win the division.

AL Central: Cleveland Indians

-This also comes down to pitching. Cleveland has won the AL Central the last two years. They won 102 games last year but lost to the Wild Card Yankees in the ALDS, one year after losing to the Cubs in the 2016 World Series. Still, I don't see anybody in the Central knocking off the Indians this year.

AL West: Houston Astros

-The defending champion Astros are stacked once again. Justin Verlander will continue to lead them to success. But, so will newly-acquired starter Gerrit Cole. Cole was traded to Houston from Pittsburgh in January and could go down as one of the most underrated deals of the offseason. The Astros will win over 100 games in 2018.

AL Wild Card: New York Yankees over Baltimore Orioles

-This makes for three AL East teams advancing to the Postseason. I expect the Yankees to be better than the Orioles this year, but Baltimore has a very talented lineup, too talented for me to overlook.

NL East: Washington Nationals

-The Nats are looking to win their division for the third straight year. And they most likely will. They one team I would keep an eye on though is the New York Mets. If the Mets can keep their pitching staff healthy, they do pose a threat. But I wouldn't put my money on anybody but Washington here.

NL Central: Chicago Cubs

-The Cubs added Yu Darvish this offseason and are looking to win their third straight division title. I don't see any real threat to them in the Central, so expect Chicago to make a serious run at its second World Series championship in three years.

NL West: San Francisco Giants

-The Giants were horrible last year, finishing with just 64 wins. But San Fran is used to having an off year, then bouncing back into the postseason picture, which I expect to happen again this year. The Giants traded for Evan Longoria and Andrew McCutchen this offseason. And I look for them to knock the Dodgers off the top of the mountain.

NL Wild Card: Los Angeles Dodgers over New York Mets

-The Dodgers are too good to not be playing in October, and the Mets' rotation should be good enough to make it interesting.

ALDS

-Houston Astros over New York Yankees

-Boston Red Sox over Cleveland Indians

ALCS

-Houston Astros over Boston Red Sox

NLDS

-Chicago Cubs over Los Angeles Dodgers

-San Francisco Giants over Washington Nationals

NLCS

-San Francisco Giants over Chicago Cubs

World Series

-Houston Astros over San Francisco Giants

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EASTER

Easter Weekend Mass and Service Church Schedules

- Castle Island – Easter Sunday Sunrise Mass: 6:27am
- Gate of Heaven Church – Thursday: 8-10pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Good Friday: 3pm, Saturday: 7 pm, Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday: 9am, 12 Noon
- St. Brigid Church – Thursday: 7pm, Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. 8-10pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Good Friday: 7pm. Easter Sunday: 8am, 10:30pm
(No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday)
- South Baptist Church – Easter Sunday: 10:30am
- Marian Manor Chapel – Special Easter Weekend Masses; Thursday: 3:45pm, Good Friday: 3:00pm, Saturday: 3:45pm, Easter Sunday: 10:30am
- St. Monica – St. Augustine Church –Thursday:7pm (Spanish), Good Friday: 7pm (Spanish), Saturday 8pm (Spanish), Easter Sunday: 11:30am (English), 12:30pm (Spanish)
- St. Peter Church – Thursday: 7am (English), Good Friday: 7pm (English), Saturday: 8pm (English), Easter Sunday: 9am (English), 11am (Lithuanian)
- St. Augustine Chapel – Good Friday: 4pm
- Fourth Presbyterian Church – Thursday: 6:30pm till 9pm. Saturday: 7pm Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service at McCormack Bath House, Carson Beach at 6:30am, Regular Service 10:30am
- Hub Church – Good Friday: 6:30pm, Easter Sunday 10:30am at Aloft Hotel, 401 D Street
- Our Lady of Good Voyage Chapel – Thursday: 7:30pm, Good Friday: 3pm, 7:30pm (Celebration of the Lord's Passion). Saturday: 7:30pm Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday: 9:30am, 11:30am, and 7pm

Easter weekend is finally upon us. Here is a listing of Masses and Services for South Boston's Churches. It's important to note that the Albanian Orthodox Churches in the community: The Holy Trinity Church on D Street and St. George Cathedral on East Broadway are not listed here this week because the Albanian Orthodox Church will celebrate their Easter traditions during the following week

In addition to the Masses and Services, a reminder that the annual 'Way of the Cross' will be held this Friday – Good Friday. All are invited to be part of this moving experience and are asked to meet at St. Monica Church by 10:45am

