



## Unstoppable Force May Be Meeting An Immovable Object

Boston apparently intends to go full speed ahead with rebuilding Long Island Bridge for traffic to get to an addiction recovery center on the harbor island. The City believes that their approach to construction will minimize heavy traffic through Quincy streets and mitigate that its concerns over public safety. It was just about a year ago that the topic had resurfaced and press secretary for Mayor Walsh, Nicole Caravella said in an email that “We have no new

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# EDITORIAL

## Yes Folks, The Warm Weather Has Finally Arrived

**H**ere in South Boston, as well as in pretty much all of New England, we've had several false alarms regarding the arrival of warm weather. Though we've been teased quite a bit with some fleeting balmy temperatures since February, it seems that now, finally, we can shed those winter coats, heavy socks and the optional hat - though we may

want to keep the umbrella handy for when the skies open up and we're hit with another mini monsoon. But spring rain aside, the nice weather gives us the opportunity to get outside and enjoy all our neighborhood has to offer.

For being part of a large city, Southie has quite a generous share of natural resources and open space to satisfy the recreational pleasure for residents of

every age group. Our 3 miles of sandy beaches beckon, as the sun and even the moon make the cool blue ocean water sparkle. Whether you are walking, running or even pushing a baby carriage along Day Boulevard, it can be a pleasant experience. Sports enthusiasts have it all with a variety of athletic fields that are usually nicely maintained.

And then of course there's Castle Island,



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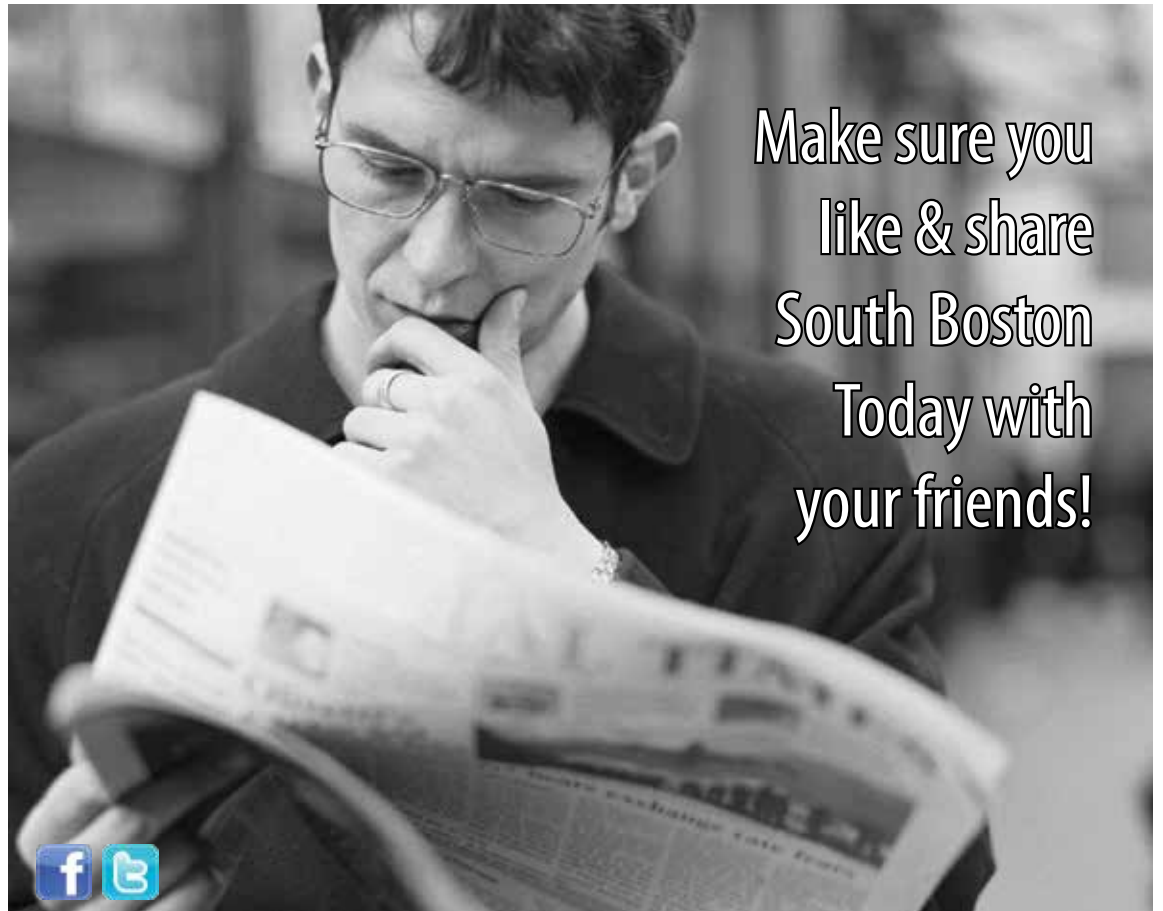
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## *How Quickly 'Tolerance' Turns to Hate*

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John Ciccone

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I'll say it right up front. I've never been a fan of Kanye West's music. But I'll make it a point to buy some of it now and maybe even some merchandise from one of his clothing companies for no other reason than to show the guy some support for taking a stand and refusing to back away from it under a hate filled backlash.

West, for those who may not be familiar with him, is an African American Rap singer and also an incredibly successful entrepreneur. He was the hero of Hollywood liberals, media moguls and everyone on the left who believed he was someone who towed their political line. He was a sought-after guest at all the glitzy celebrity parties and award shows. But that all changed in a flash recently. He is now despised and loathed by the very same people who once considered him to be almost Godlike. Why? Because he dared to express different views. He actually had the nerve to think independently and to commit the crime of all crimes in the world of progressive politics - he likes and supports President Trump and considers him a 'brother'.

The backlash was swift. Idiots like Stephen Colbert and MSNBC hosts are openly saying that West must be mentally unstable. Social media exploded with more venom than a plane load of rattle snakes, some even saying they want not only Kanye West dead but his family members dead too. The vile, nasty comments, insults and threats are coming at him

rapid fire by the same type of people who have always claimed to be pillars of tolerance and make it a point to consistently call most Americans closed minded bigots.

Yet, through all of this, Kanye West has refused to apologize or back down. In fact, he has doubled down. He says he will not be silenced from speaking his mind or shamed into changing his views by the 'liberal thought police'. But what really enraged his new-found enemies was when he said that many liberal Democrats act like plantation owners who think that everyone; especially people of color must stay in line, do what they're told and never express an opposing view or an independent thought. With that, he has his detractors seething with rage. Can't you just picture them in front of their keyboards frantically punching away with the spittle dripping from the sides of their mouths?

Mr. West has caused great concern among many. In fact, because of the views he has been expressing, he's considered a serious threat. Because now, other well-known minority celebrities are starting to speak along the same lines as he's been doing. Some who perhaps may have felt too intimidated to speak their minds and express differing views or to openly think independently or as Kanye said, 'leave the liberal plantation' are being heard. This scares some people because they fear it could snowball. As it's being said more with each passing day 'Agenda driven leftists are the most toler-

ant group around - as long as you agree with them'.

To Kanye West, if you ever do get to read this, I say once again - I'm no fan of your music but you

have certainly earned my respect and the respect of millions of other Americans who appreciate someone who refuses to be part of a cowering flock of sheep.

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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.

## ***Walsh floats plan to get around Quincy's Long Island roadblocks: Barges***

Unless Quincy imposes a naval blockade, Boston Mayor Marty Walsh thinks he's found a sure-fire way to counter Quincy's opposition to his Long Island plans. From the Globe's Milton Valencia: "The Walsh administration said Tuesday that it will move forward with plans to rebuild the Long Island Bridge by floating in parts of the structure on barges — hoping to assuage officials from nearby Quincy who are worried about noisy construction vehicles rumbling down their roads."

But here's the thing: Is Quincy really concerned about construction trucks rumbling down its roads — or who might inhabit Long Island after construction is finished? We'll soon know if, or when, we start hearing about how Walsh's amphibious plans violate U.S. Coast Guard rules, threaten right whales, harm fishermen, disrupt ancient mussel beds, etc. The lawsuit possibilities are almost endless.

## ***In Quincy, eminent domain battle looms***

Quincy obviously doesn't mind construction vehicles rumbling through other parts of the city. In fact, it wants them to start rumbling as soon as possible. But it may be headed for a messy legal battle over use of eminent domain powers in its efforts to speed up redevelopment of Quincy's downtown, Sean Phillip Cotter reports in the Patriot Ledger.

## ***Rentin' on the Ritz in Southie***

It's the most-viewed piece in the Globe as of this morning — and for good reason. Adrian

Walker has a terrific column on the South Boston public-housing tenant who's been advertising and subletting his somewhat shy-of-the-Ritz-Carlton abode in Southie — and who's now in trouble with the Boston Housing Authority. "Undeniably, the tenant's side project is at odds with the mission of public housing," Walker writes. "And yet, I can't help having some admiration for a tenant who figures out how to get a foot into the new economy."

## ***But don't blame Pittsfield ...***

If the marijuana market does come out of the gates a little 'sparse,' no one can blame Pittsfield. The Berkshire County city, which has said it would entertain as many as 35 retail licenses, gave initial approval to five new pot-related businesses on Tuesday, Amanda Drane reports in The Berkshire Eagle.

## ***Averting the next Mount Ida debacle -- while rescuing UMass-Boston***

The Herald's Kathleen McKiernan reports that the state Department of Higher Education hopes to increase government oversight of private colleges and universities in order to protect students at financially troubled schools — like those at the soon-to-close Mount Ida College.

Speaking of Mount Ida, the Globe's Laura Krantz reports on just how dire the financial situation was for the Newton-based school before it decided to close shop and sell off its campus to UMass-Amherst. Meanwhile, state senators have "invited" top higher-ed officials, including UMass president Marty Meehan, to testify later this month at a State House hearing

on the controversial UMass-Amherst takeover of Mount Ida's Newton campus, reports SHNS's Katie Lannan (pay wall). At the Globe, Howard E. Horton and Robert Antonucci explain in an opinion piece just how poorly the UMass-Mount Ida move has been handled by school officials on both sides.

Last but not least, the Globe, in an editorial, asks Gov. Charlie Baker and legislators not to forget UMass-Boston's own dire financial problems, as UMass-Amherst pushes ahead to spend \$70 million to acquire a potentially competing campus in Newton.

## ***Pelosi: Sorry, Seth, I'm running for speaker again***

In Boston yesterday for a Democratic fundraiser hosted by U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi says she intends to remain leader of House Democrats and run for speaker again next year, assuming Dems regain control of the House, critics be damned, reports the Globe's Liz Goodwin. But what if Dems don't regain control of the House this year? The Globe's Scot Lehigh can't get a straight answer from Pelosi. But U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton is making it pretty clear: She's gone if Dems don't win this fall.

## ***Eric Holder for president?***

Speaking of national political players blowing into Boston yesterday: In his visit to a state with no shortage of presidential wannabes, former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder made news at Harvard by admitting he's mulling a run for president himself. "I'm thinking about it," said Holder. The Globe's Maddie Kilgannon has more.

## ***Environmentalists and real estate agents going at it over Baker's home energy scorecard bill***

From Paige Smith at the BBJ: "As Gov. Charlie Baker's home energy scorecard bill is slated for a Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy public hearing (today), environmentalists and the real estate community stand at odds. Baker's late-filed legislation (H 4371) would call for mandatory energy efficiency audits to determine a property's energy usage" before the sale of homes .

## ***Romney praises first year of Trump, says it's similar to how he would govern***

Less than ten months after Mitt Romney condemned President Trump's stand on racial tensions in Charlottesville, Virginia and demanded an apology from the White House, the former Massachusetts governor and now Utah Senate candidate is praising Trump's first year in office and saying it's similar to how a Romney administration would look, reports The Hill.

## ***The old Play-Doh fingerprint theft mistake ...***

What's better than a stupid-criminal story to brighten up the day? Answer: A stupid-criminal story with a child-like twist. In Leicester, police say they found a man who allegedly shoplifted from the local Walmart because he left behind a perfect fingerprint. Where? In the Play-Doh he used to try to cover an anti-theft device on the products he wanted to steal. Brian Lee of the Telegram has the details. Now back to all things political ...



# Nick Collins Elected 1st Suffolk District Senator

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

At the suggestion of his astute wife Olivia, Senator-elect Nick Collins chose to host his Senate campaign victory party at the Blarney Stone Restaurant, smack dab in the center of the First Suffolk District on Dorchester Avenue. It was the same venue that hosted his campaign loss for the same seat 5 years ago, almost to the day. Olivia reckoned that one way to purge that painful memory is to replace it with a new wonderful one and indeed he did, as the restaurant was packed with supporters, who

welcomed in an era of ‘access and opportunity’ for what Collins called the “most ethnically diverse Senate District in the Commonwealth”.

In addition to thanking his family, friends, staff and political allies from his career representing South Boston and Dorchester, he also pointed to the throng of new supporters in the audience from the Vietnamese, African American, Cape Verdean, Caribbean communities from Hyde Park and Mattapan as evidence of the unity of purpose that he plans to bring to his responsibilities.

According to unofficial results,

Collins garnered more than 86 percent of 4,713 votes cast in a three-way race to fill the unexpired term of Linda Dorcea Forry, who announced in January that she was stepping down from her state Senate post to take a job in the private sector.

The First Suffolk District stretches from Mattapan to the Seaport and includes South Boston and Dorchester. The special election drew 4.2 percent of the district’s 111,434 registered voters to the polls, according to the city’s website.

Collins pointed out the district’s rich history and that “he is honored

to be given the opportunity to help make it better for everyone”. Collins added, “If we all work together, we can improve our schools and public transit system, create more affordable housing, address the opioid epidemic, make our neighborhoods cleaner and safer and make sure that everyone has a chance to benefit from our city’s strong economy”.

Senator-elect Collins will serve the remainder of this term and will run again in September. He will be sworn into office on May 9 by Governor Charlie Baker. There will be a ceremonial swearing-in at the Senate on May 10.

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# MAYOR WALSH INVESTS \$2.4 BILLION

## *Guided by Imagine Boston 2030*

**M**ayor Martin J. Walsh presented his \$2.4 billion Imagine Boston Capital Plan (Fiscal Year 2019 - 2023), which makes critical investments in every Boston neighborhood, guided by Boston's citywide plan, Imagine Boston 2030. From a new playground at Harambee Park and to a new library in Upham's Corner, to kitchen upgrades at 25 Boston schools, to new fire engines and fire houses, the City's capital investments aim to enhance all aspects of Boston's neighborhoods and provide more opportunities for Boston's working families.

As Boston approaches the one year mark since Imagine Boston 2030 was released, Mayor Walsh has aligned 84 percent of the investments in the Capital Plan with the City's planning efforts, including:

- Investing \$1 billion over ten years to bring Boston's school buildings into the 21st century;
- Investing \$967 million to implement core initiatives outlined in Go Boston 2030 to create streets that are safer, travel that is more reliable, and transportation choices that will interconnect our neighborhoods;
- Carrying out Imagine Boston 2030 open space goals to invest in the City's public parks by leveraging Winthrop Square sale proceeds, City capital dollars and external funds;
- Preparing for climate change by developing more detailed climate plans for Boston's neighborhoods, as part of Climate Ready Boston;
- Improving quality of life for residents by enabling affordable housing development through public infrastructure projects;
- Demonstrating the City's leadership and commitment to sustainable funding for the arts through the Percent for Art program, which will support the commissioning of public art.

"It's our priority to create growth and opportunity for every Bostonian in every neighborhood,"

said Mayor Walsh. "Investing in initiatives and projects that bring shared growth, success, and greater equity is critical for our city to reach its full potential. Our budget is focused on making long-term investments that continue to lift up Boston's middle class, as we ensure Boston is a city that works for all its families."

Under the Imagine Boston 2030 plan, the Walsh Administration is investing in the core goals of BuildBPS, Go Boston 2030, Boston Creates, and Climate Ready Boston.

Mayor's Walsh's Imagine Boston Capital Plan makes investments in departments and resources key to boosting Boston's middle class, including:

### **Education**

The capital plan invests heavily in Boston Public Schools, reflecting the Walsh Administration's \$1 billion commitment to upgrade Boston's classrooms through BuildBPS, its ten-year school facilities master plan. The largest investment in the Capital Plan, a new building for the Boston Arts Academy, allocates \$124.8 million for design and construction in partnership with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The new school building will support the BAA's dual arts and academic curriculum. The City's capital plan will also invest in school infrastructure, as well as equitable, accessible facilities.

### **Transportation**

Since unveiling the City's Go Boston 2030 transportation plan, Mayor Walsh has continued to prioritize strengthening and creating transportation options that are safe, reliable and equitable. The capital plan invests in these large-scale infrastructure improvements, including an \$18 million multi-year Massachusetts Avenue bridge project; a \$100 million investment to rehabilitate and renew the Northern Avenue Bridge; and a \$218 million investment to build a new North Washington Street bridge. Trans-



portation improvements means creating a healthier, more accessible Boston -- and that also includes the City's investment in rebuilding the Long Island bridge. Through this capital plan, Boston will invest \$90 million in rebuilding the bridge to Long Island. On Long Island, Boston will create a long-term recovery campus which will serve those individuals in and around Boston who need access to recovery services.

### **Parks and Open Space**

Parks and open space are some of Boston's most loved places, and the capital budget continues to invest in preserving and improving open spaces for Boston residents, and generations to come. With this capital plan, the Walsh Administration will invest in the largest-ever capital funding for Boston parks.

### **Community Centers**

The City's Capital Plan for BCYF targets an increase to programming capacity at the City's community centers and supports high-quality facilities. Community centers provide families, children and teens with enriching programs such as after school care, athletics, job and computer training. We are investing in renovations in our community centers to upgrade community centers as well as BCYF pools around the city to ensure a fun and safe environment for all of the community members that seek to utilize the facility.

### **Energy and Environment**

Building on the success of the first phase of Climate Ready Boston in East Boston and Charlestown, the capital plan will allocate an additional \$1.6 million to fur-

ther resiliency initiatives to protect the city and provide more detailed reviews of additional neighborhoods. This includes an additional \$600,000 for climate resilience planning for City neighborhoods and municipal facilities affected by climate change. It also includes \$1 million to support the development of a study that will examine the feasibility of constructing a barrier in Boston Harbor in response to expected sea level rise due to climate change. The Renew Boston Trust was launched during the Walsh Administration and has systematically identified energy efficiency projects in the City's 315 buildings to both lower energy bills and reduce emissions.

### **Housing**

This plan reflects an effort to continue the Administration's work to encourage housing production, increase affordable housing options, and reduce displacement. Municipal finance law does not allow the City to use city capital dollars to support private housing but does allow public infrastructure projects to enhance housing development.

### **Arts and Culture**

With this capital plan, Boston will invest in creating new branch libraries, including a \$12.6 million investment to build a new addition at the Faneuil Branch Library in Brighton; a \$18.3 million investment in the design and construction of a branch library at Adams Street Library; a \$18 million investment in the development of a new Upham's Corner Branch Library; and a \$12 million investment to support

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# Imagine Boston, Imagine South Boston



Every spring, the City of Boston releases our Imagine Boston Capital Plan for the next five years. It outlines where our city's budget will be focused, our longer-term plans, and our priorities. Essentially, the capital plan details what initiatives and projects in your neighborhood and across the City that we'll be investing in to make Boston's future brighter.

From South Boston, to Mattapan, to Allston-Brighton, to Back Bay, it's my priority to create growth and opportunity for every Bostonian in every neighborhood. Boston will be at its best when all its residents have the

support and opportunity they need to thrive. Investing in initiatives and projects that bring shared growth, success, and greater equity is critical for our city to reach its full potential. Our Capital Plan invests in Boston's strongest asset: our people. Boston is a city that's world class because it works for the middle class, and our budget's priority is to keep supporting the working families that make Boston great.

Here in South Boston, we're investing in some exciting initiatives and projects that we hope you and your neighbors will enjoy for many years to come.

In South Boston, we know that shared community spaces around the neighborhood bring families and communities together and provide an important resource and gathering place for all. That's why we're investing \$15 million for a major renovation to the BCYF Curley Community Center. And we aren't stopping there -- we're also investing \$1.1 million in new athletic field

lighting at Christopher Lee Playground and completing Martin's Park, a new \$7 million universally accessible park near the Children's Museum.

We will be investing in park improvements of \$715,000 for Flaherty Park; including a renovated play lot, pathways, and passive areas; \$510,000 to improve playing fields and other amenities at Orton Field; and \$180,000 investment to develop a Moakley Park Master Plan to ensure the park works for all residents. Libraries are part of our public spaces too, and the South Boston Branch Library will be getting a \$99,000 investment in landscaping and exterior improvements.

We're also investing in infrastructure in South Boston. We will be investing \$7.4 million for the reconstruction of Summer Street from Fort Point Channel to Boston Wharf Road, including improved roadway, sidewalks, street lighting, and a new cycle track. The \$250,000 reconstruction of Congress

Street from Fort Point Channel to West Service Road will provide safe, livable, and multi-modal city streets, including new sidewalks, street lights, trees, and street furniture. Finally, we will be investing \$100 million to refurbish and restore the Northern Avenue Bridge.

Our longer-term investments are intended to lift up our neighborhoods in ways that take into account the needs and wants of the community. With this Capital Plan, we're preparing our city for the next year, and the years forward. What's the next step for the Capital Plan? I have submitted the City of Boston's budget to the Boston City Council, where your City Councilor will review the proposed budget. Once the budget is approved, it will go into effect. This is the budget for fiscal year 2019, meaning the budget will take effect in July 2018, and run throughout the next 12 months.

I hope you'll take a few minutes to look through the budget proposal, online at [budget.boston.gov](http://budget.boston.gov). Together, I look forward to investing in our neighborhoods, and our people.

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the construction of a new facility for the Fields Corner Branch Library. This budget also invests in renovating existing library, from a \$17.2 million renovation of the Dudley Branch Library in Roxbury, to a \$10.2 million investment in renovating the Roslindale Branch Library. FY19 also marks the second year of the City's Percent for the Arts program, a program that dedicates one percent, or \$1.7 million, of the City's annual capital budget for commissioning permanent, public art in municipal spaces.

### Public Safety

The Walsh Administration's investments in the recommended budget and capital plan provide a comprehensive and multi-disciplinary approach to violence prevention and public safety that emphasizes opportunities and pathways away from violence. With a growing population and changing neighborhoods, Boston needs reliable public safety facilities that help meet the needs of Boston's residents. The City will complete the design for a new \$29.9 million East Boston Police Station this year. Another

investment of \$48.2 million will ensure that new fire stations at Engine 42 in Egleston Square and Engine 17 on Meetinghouse Hill are designed and equipped to both protect firefighter health and safety and meet the public safety needs of our growing city.

### About Imagine Boston 2030

Imagine Boston 2030 is Boston's first citywide plan in 50 years aimed at guiding growth to support Boston's dynamic economy and expand opportunity for all residents. The plan prioritizes inclusionary growth and puts forth a comprehensive vision to boost quality of life, equity and resilience in every neighborhood across the City. Shaped by the input of 15,000 residents who contributed their thoughts to the plan, Imagine Boston 2030 identifies five action areas to guide Boston's growth, enhancement and preservation, and is paired with a set of metrics that will evaluate progress and successes. To learn more visit, [imagine.boston.gov](http://imagine.boston.gov).

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**2016 Château Minuty Côtes de Provence 'M de Minuty' Rosé, Provence, France (\$18)**

Pale pink with watermelon rind, candied flowers, white peach, strawberry, sour cherry, and excellent, salty mineral character with just a hint of baking spice on the finish.

The LeCalon family has been making this wine for the last two hundred years and the experience shows in every delicious sip.

**2016 Famille Perrin Côtes du Rhône Reserve Rose, Rhone, France (\$14)**

Clean and bright with delicious ripe grapefruit and blood-orange notes tinged with lofty dried herbs-de-provence notes. This is a versatile wine for the warmer weather; you can pair it with salads as a first course or match it up with any kind of shellfish for a great meal out on the patio.

**Bodegas Ramon Bilbao, LaLomba Rosado, Rioja Alta 2016, (\$18)**

One of the new wave of Riojas to make a Provence-style rosé, from Garnacha grown at altitude in Rioja Baja plus 10% Viura. It's spicy and aromatic, with notes of redcurrant and white pepper: refreshing, polished, and very likeable. This is a real wine, not an insipid pink drink, with generous, Rioja character.

You'll be seeing more like this one from Spain this summer; when you do see them, buy them. A real taste treat.

**Quinta do Perdigão, Rosé, Dão 2017, (\$14)**

Don't let the twee label of this wine put you off – the content is far better than the packaging! Just 6,000 bottles were made of this classy organic blend, from a small area of vineyards planted in 1997. It's a weighty, full-bodied style of rosé with firm, dark fruit, a ripe tropical edge, and great acidity to refresh the palate. A top food wine with lovely texture. You can do some spicy asian cuisine with this one and it won't take anything away from this wine's big taste.

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Café Porto Bello	642 East Broadway
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Cranberry Café	704 East Broadway
Dedham Savings	636 East Broadway
Dew Luxe	376 West Broadway
East Boston Savings Bank	708 East Broadway
Gogarbai	395 West Broadway
Habit	703 East Broadway
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Market Floral Studio	661 East Broadway
Miam Miam Macaronerie	359 West Broadway
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The Paramount	667 East Broadway
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# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
928 East Broadway UNIT 6 Condo	\$1,575,000	3/1/18	6	2	1932
346-354 Congress St UNIT 515 Condo	\$1,360,000	3/15/18	5	2	1398
621 East First St UNIT C2 Condo	\$1,348,000	3/15/18	5	2	1855
509 East Second St UNIT 7 Condo	\$1,275,000	3/2/18	5	2.5	1942
711 East Fourth St UNIT 4 Condo	\$1,200,000	3/14/18	8	3.5	1902
170 West Broadway UNIT 407 Condo	\$1,109,900	3/15/18	5	2	1388
154 West Eighth St UNIT 19-S Condo	\$1,068,000	3/12/18	4	2	1350
154 West Eighth St UNIT 12-S Condo	\$1,029,000	3/1/18	4	2	1391
827 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$999,000	3/5/18	6	2	1501
201 E St UNIT 8-N Condo	\$979,600	3/1/18	4	2	1241
154 West Eighth St UNIT 9-S Condo	\$896,250	3/9/18	4	2	1183
778 East Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$890,421	3/5/18	6	2.5	1377
201 E St UNIT 5-N Condo	\$875,750	3/8/18	4	2	1125
115 B St UNIT 6 Condo	\$847,500	3/1/18	6	2	1065
724 East Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$840,000	3/5/18	5	2	1330
90 P St UNIT 3 Condo	\$769,000	3/9/18	7	1	2024
723 East Fifth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$735,000	3/7/18	4	2	1445
137 N Street Three Family	\$725,000	3/7/18	8	3	1911
37 Mercer St UNIT 1 Condo	\$715,000	3/15/18	4	2.5	1036
633 Dorchester Ave UNIT 3 Condo	\$680,000	3/12/18	6	2	1258
12 Loring St UNIT 3 Condo	\$640,000	3/11/18	4	1	726
603 East Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$504,000	3/1/18	3	1	702
142 Athens St UNIT 1 Condo	\$465,000	3/15/18	3	1	601
17 Burrill Place UNIT 1 Condo	\$389,000	3/5/18	3	1	385
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## TRAFFIC & PARKING ADVISORY Boston Marine Corps Honor Run

**WHAT:** On Saturday, May 5, 2018 the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the Boston Marine Corps Honor Run on William J. Day Boulevard. All four lanes on Day Boulevard will be used for the race. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: Columbia Road, Farragut Road and Shore Road will serve as a route to Castle Island. Parking will also be prohibited along the Day Boulevard.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 5, 2018

**WHERE:** Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciusko Circle to Farragut Road from 8:30 am to approximately 10:30 am. There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to Farragut Road from Friday, May 4 at 10:00 pm through Saturday, May 5 at 10:30 am.

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot beginning Friday, May 4, 2018. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.



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# 4th Annual Cook Memorial Scholarships Presented Last Sunday

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

The 4th annual presentation of scholarship awards in Memory of the late Tim ‘Doc’ Cook, who of course was a beloved member of the community and a United States Navy hero, took place last Sunday. These awards were given to 4 worthy young South Bostonians attending Boston College High School.

Senior James McDonnell, Junior Jack Flaherty, Sophomore Jack Matthews and Freshman No-

lan Callow were presented with the scholarship checks that will help pay for their continuing education. The presentation ceremony was held at Gate of Heaven Church after a beautiful memorial Mass. These three outstanding young men have worked hard on their academic accomplishments to be selected by the Tim ‘Doc’ Cook Scholarship committee and are well deserving of the awards.

During the presentation ceremony, Joe Cook, Tim’s father made it a point to recognize some of the veterans; past and present and thanked them for their service. Among those present and mentioned were Current Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn – US Navy, Bill Ron Tremonte, a Vietnam Veteran – US Navy and Tim’s good friend and fellow South Bostonian Michael Aldred, also a US Navy veteran, who has founded the great new company ‘K Street Candles’, which Mike said will be a company that will give back by raising awareness of PTSD among so many veterans by donating 5% of all proceeds to the Timothy ‘Doc’ Cook Foundation.

Joe Cook went on to mention how the foundation was made possible by unselfish people in and

around our community who wanted to give back. He said that the goal is to educate our youth about serving our country with emphasis on PTS and serving our community.

Since the original fundraiser for the Tim ‘Doc’ Cook Scholarship in 2014, 17 scholarships to local students at BC high have been awarded not counting the 4 given out this year.

Keeping the memory of great South Bostonians alive is what this community does well. Tim ‘Doc’ Cook during his life that was cut much too short was an inspiration to so many people both during his military service and in his civilian life. The world needs more heroes in the mold of people like Tim Cook and that’s why it’s so important to remember him in a way he would surely be proud of – helping young students receive a good education.

On November 3rd of this year there will be a hockey tournament in memory of Tim to help support the scholarship fund and to continue to keep the memory of this great man – this hero alive. As the months pass and the date gets closer, the details of the tourney will be announced.





# Locks for Locals

**T**he Broadway', one of South Boston's finest new restaurants and bars and located at 732 East Broadway was the site of the recent gathering and fundraiser for the South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults (SB-SKYA) party. It was a great time for all in attendance and it helped benefit a wonderful cause that has been near and dear to the hearts of the people in the neighborhood for many years.

Joe Arcari, the owner of 'The Broadway', hosted the event and has put in place a creative way to help raise funds to help support the

group. It's called 'Locks for Locals'. Here's how it works: When someone buys a lock, which is an actual standard pad lock, for \$5 or \$10 that lock is placed in a prominent location in The Broadway Restaurant on grates that have been set up for all to see with the personalized message of the donor's choice on it. But to make it even better, that donation will be matched by the owner of The Broadway to double each contribution. Each Special Kid and Young Adult member has a lock of their own on the grate as well. This is something the folks

at The Broadway also do for the South Boston Boys and Girls Club. It's one way that the very generous and community conscious Joe Arcari likes to give back to the neighborhood and support local causes. He also served the crowd some great pizza prepared on site by the excellent chefs at The Broadway.

As most know, The Broadway has replaced the now closed 'Boston Beer Garden' and has quickly become known for its excellent food and drink and the fun filled atmosphere that has been attracting huge crowds from the first days it opened for business.

Well Known, respected and loved local Harry Uhlman has been one of the driving forces behind the

South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults organization and has always and still does play a major role in making the group one of the best known around for the excellent work it does in helping others. The Special Kids and Young Adults; who have become as close as family with one another were all smiles during the party as they were having a wonderful time.

As was stated above, it was a fun filled gathering last Monday evening. When you combine some nice people, gathered for a good cause, excellent food and a generous host such as Joe Arcari, it can't help but be a great event.

**PHOTO CREDIT: Terry Joice**





# AARP MA FRAUD WATCH UPDATE



## BACKGROUND:

Did you know that someone's identity gets stolen every two seconds? The AARP Fraud Watch Network provides you with tips and resources to help you spot and avoid identity theft and fraud so you can protect yourself and your family. Our watchdog alerts will keep you up to date on con artists' latest tricks. It's free of charge for everyone: AARP members, non-members, and people of all ages. The AARP Fraud Watch Network is:

- An Educator: Get real-time alerts about the latest scams, tips on how to spot them, and the inside scoop on how con artists think so you can outsmart them before they strike.

- A Watchdog: Our nationwide scam tracking map gives you access to a network of people who've spotted scams and the opportunity to pass along your own experiences, so together we can beat con artists at their own game.
- A Resource: Get connected to a real live person trained in how to avoid fraud and advise you if you or a loved one has been scammed by calling our fraud hotline or attending a forum in your community.
- Free for Everyone: Anyone, of any age, can access our resources at no cost.

### SCAM ALERT #1:

Last year, the federal government entered into a settlement with Western Union to help recover losses by victims of scams who used Western Union wire transfers. Now scammers are jumping on the refund program to scam more people. Reports to the Federal Trade Commission indicate that consumers are receiving official-looking emails about the program, asking for transaction information and your name and address. These emails are scams – you cannot submit a claim by email. For information about the refund process, visit [www.ftc.gov/wu](http://www.ftc.gov/wu). Claims are due by May 31, 2018.

### SCAM ALERT #2:

Getting calls from debt collectors? They might be fake if the person is

trying to collect on a loan you don't recognize, asks you for sensitive information, or uses threats to try to scare you into paying. Tell the caller you won't discuss the debt unless they provide a written notice that includes the debt amount, the name of the creditor, and your rights under the federal Fair Debt Collections Practices Act. Never give out or confirm personal financial or other sensitive information unless you know who you're talking to. If the debt is legitimate, the debt collector will honor your request to follow up in writing. If the calls persist, contact your creditor directly.

### SCAM ALERT #3:

Fake checks are featured in many types of scams, from phony prize winnings to bogus jobs. Scammers are good at making their bad checks look legitimate. The scams typically involve sending victims a check to cover a "processing fee" or similar "service", asking them to deposit it, and then when cleared, asking them to immediately wire the money to a third party. Remember, a check can take weeks to clear. Wait until you are certain, and the bank can confirm, that your check has cleared before taking further action. If you wire money from your account and later discover that the original check was fake, you'll have lost the money.

### SCAM ALERT #4:

### DEADLINE APPROACHING!

You only have until May 31st to make a claim if you were tricked into wiring money to scammers using Western Union. Remember, you may be eligible to get at least some of your money back. If you sent money through Western Union between January 1, 2004 and January 19, 2017, and lost it to a scammer, you may be eligible for a refund. Visit [www.ftc.gov/wu](http://www.ftc.gov/wu) to learn more. You can file your petition online or by mail but do so by the deadline of May 31, 2018.

### SCAM ALERT #5:

When you see a local phone number pop up on your caller ID, it's tempting to answer. Even though you don't quite recognize the number, the area code and even the first three numbers may appear to be from your town. That's what scammers are banking on. Technology allows them to "spoof" numbers to make them look familiar so you will be more likely to answer the call. Many people are choosing to play it safe and let an unknown number, even one that appears to be local, go to voice mail.

**Be a fraud fighter! If you can spot a scam, you can stop a scam.**

**Report scams to local law enforcement. Contact the AARP Fraud Watch Network at [www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork](http://www.aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork) for more information on fraud prevention.**

## Long Island Bridge continued from front page

updates as far as design and development of a new bridge." That was then, this is now.

Chris Osgood, Boston's chief of streets, said the city will build the sections of the planned \$92 million bridge on shore then float the pieces out to the existing stanchions to put into place. "This will minimize disruption," Osgood told reporters in a briefing to go over Mayor Marty Walsh's plan to submit his Notice of Intent to the Conservation Commission, the first concrete step in getting approval reconstructing the span.

But a spokesman for Quincy Mayor Thomas Koch said, while he is "always open to discussions" with Walsh, Mayor Koch will not budge on his opposition to a rebuilt Long Island Bridge. "Mayor Koch has a great deal of respect and a great relationship with Mayor Walsh," said Koch spokesman Christopher Walker. "But if the conversation is going to start and end with 'We're building a bridge,' we're going to have to find something else to talk about. The bridge is a nonstarter."

Quincy City Councilor Anne Mahoney, who has submitted several public records requests to Boston officials about the city's plans to rebuild the bridge, said Boston has not engaged with Quincy despite the claim the recovery center will be a regional facility. "They should engage in conversations with us," said Mahoney. "They're not being neighborly. They haven't shown us anything, basically boycotted my records request."

In 2014, Walsh closed the bridge, first opened in 1951, and ordered it to be dismantled after state officials declared it unsafe. Walsh was forced to relocate all the social services programs, including the homeless shelter and addiction treatment programs, to move back into the city. Advocates are split on the merits of this venue-based approach to both the method of treatment programming and long-term planning for addressing the opioid addiction crisis. The island has also housed a youth-based social, cultural and recreational facility.

Earlier this year, Walsh announced he would put a new bridge in place and build a full campus on

the island dedicated to addiction treatment and recovery. But Koch and others say they support using the island for that purpose, but would rather see alternatives to the bridge, such as a ferry, to bring people to and from Long Island. "If they were really serious about a recovery center, they could take that \$100 million and get one up and running and use a ferry service in a matter of months, not years," said Quincy City Councilor William Harris, who lives in and represents Squantum.

Boston officials dismissed the ferry option with weak push back, saying the unpredictable weather in the region could make regular transports difficult, as well as hamper the need for emergency evacuations for health or safety reasons. But Quincy officials said that view has been the problem from the outset. "That's the issue – they just dismiss it," said Walker, Koch's spokesman. "We would like to see some effort put into it. They've dismissed it, they haven't proved it. They only say it's not viable."

Squantum doesn't plan for a peaceful summer, it appears.



# South Boston Student Sings At The Vatican

**T**imothy Smyth of South Boston, one of the 38 members of the Boston College High School Chamber and Concert Choirs, led by Choir Director Dr. Marina Rozenberg of Hingham, recently returned from a concert tour in Italy.

The trip started with a tour of the city of ancient Rome, where the group visited the Colosseum, the Forum Romanum, the Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon. They gave their first formal performance at Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, offering their voices in song and prayer, participating in mass spoken in Italian.

The following day, the boys toured the Saint Callixtus Catacombs, a 13-mile, 4 level cemetery, buried in volcanic rock beneath the Roman countryside. After lunch, the group toured the beautiful Jesuit Church of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, where both Saint Ignatius and Saint Aloysius are buried. The choir sang during mass and then continued with a few extra songs at the priest's request.

On the third day, the choir visited Istituto Massimo Jesuit School and participated in a Friendship Concert. Both choirs performed some of their favorite songs and then shared the stage for a few tunes familiar to both choirs: Hallelujah and Do, Re, Mi. Following lunch at the school, the choir travelled back to the city for a tour of the Galleria Borghese where they saw the statues and paintings of Gina Lorenzo Bernini, Tiziano, Raffaello and Caravaggio.

On the last day, the Choir rose early and returned to Saint Peter's Square for an audience with Pope Francis. After staking claim to a section along the barricades, the boys experienced the wonder of the pope's presence, cheering "Papa" as he passed by and collecting precious pictures to remember the day. A freshman remarked: "The papal audience was truly astounding. It is a sight that I will never forget. To see the leader of the church of over a billion people, is something that not



## Choir pictured in Saint Peter's Basilica, Vatican, following their participation in Mass

**Front row (l to r):** Chris Recuperero, Ernie Mealey, Joseph Branch, Nicholas Brink, Luc Grenier, Doctor Rozenberg, Scott Czerwinski, Kunchok Dingyon, Tomas Sommer, Kevin Parsons, Nick Martin

**Second row (l to r):** Matteo Fopiano, David Murphy, Niccolo Fopiano, Nicholas White, Joseph Kester, Allesandro Oggiano, David Nerrow, Chris Keith, Nick McDonough, Giovanni Fopiano

**Third row (l to r):** Andrew Donis, Tim Smyth, Christian Archibald, Chris Hussey, Wyatt Staton-Todaro, James Caulfield, Callan Noonan, Thomas Caulfield, William Moody

**Back row (l to r):** Dorien Perry-Tillmon, Ned Saliba, Chris Harrington, Joe Galvin, Chris Wallace, Christian Hayes, Stephen Crowley, Ronan O'Hara, Jay Noonan

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1500 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts.

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many people can say they have seen. He is one of the most holy people on the planet and looking at him is like looking at a glimmer of God."

After listening to the pope speak, the choir spent some free time eating lunch along the river and shopping for souvenirs. The day ended with a tour of the Vatican Museums, the Sistine Chapel and Saint Peter's Basilica. The overall experience traveling as a group united in song and prayer is what these students will remember most.



## May is the Month of the Blessed Mother

**Join Us in Prayer of the Holy Rosary!**  
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Gate of Heaven Church

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# TYNAN HAPPENINGS

**O**n Friday, April 27th we had our floor hockey championship. It was the Golden Knights vs the Predators in a very tight battle. The golden knights started out with a 2-0 lead but the predators came back to tie it 3-3 at the half. Both teams were trading goals back and forth. With 10 seconds left in the game Brayden Buckley scored on a penalty shot and that was all she wrote and the predators won 6-5. For the Golden Knights, Ryan McGarrell had three goals and Jake Greeley had two goals. For the Predators, Brayden Buckley had three goals, Ryan Alexander had two goals, and Liam Long had one goal. It was a great season and the kids had a blast and most of the games were won in the last minutes of the games, which made it exciting. We hope to see everyone for another great season next year.



## 2018 Soccer Registration Dates SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION May 7 through May 12



**T**his year we have added on a website for all information. It is [www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com](http://www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com) and facebook. You can get a registration form for players and coaches on line and print it out, but you must fill it out, pay the fee and bring it to the Curley Recreation Center.

You cannot register on line as we don't want this personal information about the kids online. Registration for the fall season will be held the week of May 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1nd 12 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 9:00 am to 12 noon on Saturday, the 12th at Curley Recreation Center on Day Boulevard (L Street Bath House) in the senior's card room.

Children from age 3 and up to 12 are invited to register now for the fall program. A new division of 3 and 4 year olds has been added. Age group's birth years for the 2018 season are as follows as of September first:

4 and under-2014, 2015  
6 and under-2012, 2013  
8 and under-2010, 2011  
10 and under-2008, 2009  
12 and under-2006, 2007

New players to the program must have a copy of their birth certificate and proof of residency in order to play in the program. Anybody who does not sign up at this time will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee that there will be a place for him in the program.

There will be no other registration held. This is the only one we will be holding, so if you want your child to play in the fall program you must sign them up now. The fee for this year is \$30.00 per player. A separate fee of \$20.00 per player will be collected if you want your child to participate in the separate soccer clinics being run by the Liverpool Soccer Club.

Clinics will be held for the under 8 group from 6:00 to 7:00 pm on

Wednesdays and Thursdays and the under 10 and 12 will be from 7 pm to 8 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays all season long.

As usual we need coaches to make the program work and this year we will be holding a mandatory coaching clinic for all coaches in order to improve the quality of play by the kids.

The dates, location and times of the clinics are the first two weeks of seasons when staff will be on hand to assist coaches in getting the games organized and started. We also need referees so if you have the time and would like to help the kids out then you should come down and register. There is no fee for coaches or referees, but you must fill out a short background check form to be allowed to coach or referee.

The season is scheduled to open Thursday, September 6th with our annual parade of "CHAMPIONS" and the games will start on Saturday

September 8th with the under 10, 12 age groups. The under 4, 6 and 8 age groups will be starting on Sunday, September 9th. This only happens if we have enough people to coach and referee. We need all the help we can get.

The banquet location has been shifted to the Boys and Girls Club at 230 West Sixth Street for Sunday, November 18. You can check our new website [www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com](http://www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com) and facebook.

So, remember to tell all your friends and anybody else for the dates for soccer registration so they will not lose out on the fun of playing in the program. Remember the whole idea behind the soccer program is for kids to have "FUN< FUN< FUN". See you at registration and if you have any questions or would like to sponser a team or help out in any way you can call me Billy Baker at 617-269-7930.





*This week,  
Danny shared his  
thoughts on Tom  
Brady's bizarre  
offseason:*

**W**henver Tom Brady is speaking to Jim Gray, it feels like a must-listen. Well, Brady spoke to Gray earlier this week in front of a live audience at the Milken Institute, and stole the spotlight from the Boston Bruins and Boston Celtics playoff runs for just a moment.

Why? Because Brady continued his strange offseason with a cryptic tone, praising Bill Belichick and the Patriots organization, while, at the same time, letting it be known that he doesn't really feel appreciated by them. Brady provided ammo for people who want to criticize him, and he provided ammo for people who want to support him. But there's no denying, it's a bizarre concept to even have to think about what side of the Brady "fence" that you're on.

I never thought we'd be here. Not with him.

We all know that in professional sports, it's very rare for a marriage between a player and an organization to end perfectly. I always use the Joe Montana analogy. If Montana can play for the Kansas City Chiefs, anything can happen. Right now, Brady is still a Patriot. But his tone this offseason has just been downright bizarre.

On Monday night, Gray asked him, "Do you feel appreciated by [Belichick

and Robert Kraft], and do they have the appropriate gratitude for what you have achieved?" Ok, hold up, hold up, hold up. Before I go any further, there's no denying that Brady wanted him to ask this specific question, right? Like, Brady wrote this question down on a piece of paper before the interview and said, "Jim, whatever you do, make sure you bring this up." That's basically how it went down, no?

Anyways, Brady answered the question by joking, "I plead the Fifth." As in, the Fifth Amendment, which protects one from any form of self-incrimination. Again, it was a joke, kind of. Brady gave an awkward laugh, paused for a moment, and then continued, "Man, that is a tough question." No, it's not. Especially if you still function under The Patriot Way.

In Foxboro, are there ever any "tough" questions from the media? Not when you practice the art of general response. The Patriots have a way with words when talking to the media. But it's on purpose. They never reveal too much information. Most of the time, it comes off as disingenuous, because, well, it is. They're always "on to the next game" and every opponent they face is "going to be a challenge." So when asked if he feels "appreciated" by the Patriots, under the laws

and regulations of The Patriot Way, the response would be simple:

"Who wouldn't feel appreciated in an organization that values winning championships and trusts you to be the guy to quarterback those championship teams?" Would that have been a tough thing to say? Not at all. But again, that's if Brady was abiding by The Patriot Way during the interview. And he clearly wasn't. Because if he was, that's not really a tough question to answer.

Then, Gray asked Brady, "Are you happy?" To which, Brady responded, "Uh, I have my moments."

What was this, a therapy session? Holy moly. How bad does Brady really have it? The greatest NFL quarterback of all time who's married to a super model just "has his moments" of happiness? What planet am I on? Dig a little deeper and you'll find that this is really mostly about Brady's personal trainer, Alex Guerrero. I think it's fair to say that if Brady had it his way, he'd hire Guerrero to the Patriots' training staff, and his teammates would all follow the TB12 method. I think it's also fair to say that Belichick feels the complete opposite.

So, because of that, there's a disconnect. This isn't breaking news. It's well known. I just didn't think it would continue to create such a major

rift. I expect the two to compromise. And to me, if Belichick wanted to completely lay down the hammer on Brady, he would force Brady to work with the Patriots' team training staff during the season, instead of Guerrero.

Last time I checked, Belichick hasn't told Brady that he can't use Guerrero. But he had to tell him he can't use Guerrero inside the team's training room because, as we're seeing now, other Patriots players also want to use Guerrero, or at least, Brady has convinced some of his teammates that their way — Brady and Guerrero's way — is the best way. I can absolutely understand why the coach of the team would think that's an issue. Apparently, when he's not having one of his "moments" of happiness, Brady can't understand that.

So, he's using a forum with Gray to express his unhappiness, all while praising the same people he's expressing his displeasure with. It was a bizarre interview. But unfortunately, bizarre has been the norm for Brady this offseason.

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# Club Cafe - Boston, MA

The poster features a central graphic of a house silhouette with a rainbow chimney. The text "GAY SHORTS PART 2" is prominently displayed in large, multi-colored letters, with a rainbow pair of shorts icon replacing the word "PART". Below this, "WE ARE FAMILY" is written in large purple letters. The background is a collage of various photos showing diverse people and scenes. Text on the left includes "open theatre project PRESENTS" and a quote. The bottom right shows the dates and venue, along with social media links.

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## May 24 - June 2

Open Theatre Project's GAY SHORTS: We Are Family is back for the second year in a row featuring an evening of short plays by, for, and with LGTBQ artists from all walks of life. These 7 short plays will explore the in's and OUT'S of LGTBQ family. Funny, relevant and irreverent you won't want to miss this signature event of Open Theatre Project at Club Cafe in Boston MA.

"Gay Shorts was started to give voice to the LGTBQ community on stage in Boston. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with and present these unique voices on an annual basis."

- George Smart, Gay Shorts Creator, Playwright & OTP Board Member

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