



Walsh and Wu take on Airbnb Market

Boston’s booming short-term rental industry could be dramatically reined in under a new proposal from Mayor Martin J. Walsh. Walsh filed a bill with City Council that would all but eliminate investor-owned apartments from being rented by the night. It would allow people to rent — short-term — a room in their home, or a spare unit in a two- or three-family building, if they own and live in the property. Councilor Michelle Wu has joined with the Mayor to promote this newer version of the legislation. Walsh had filed one in January.

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EDITORIAL

All Night Raging Parties *No Way to Make Friends with the Neighbors*

Last weekend we were blessed with pretty nice weather. But in many locations around South Boston, the blessing was shattered with the blast of loud parties that continued far too late into the early to late hours of morning. That there will be parties when the weather gets warm is a given. But there is such a thing as having respect and consideration for one's neighbors; especially when there are people of every age including many young children and babies trying to get to sleep. Raging parties going till 3 and 4 in the

morning and even beyond is no way to show that respect and consideration for one's fellow residents.

What possesses full grown adults to scream out open windows like toddlers that can't find their rattles is a mystery. The complaints being made were many and not just from long-time residents. Many new arrivals were plenty upset about it too and let their voices be heard with calls to the police, knocks on party house doors and posts to social media sites.

So, here's what we suggest. To the partiers: shut them down at a decent hour and keep your windows closed

or rent a down town hotel room, if you want to go all night. You need to show respect if you want to get it in return. To the police: You know that we here at South Boston Today are some of your biggest fans and supporters. You have a tough job and are heroes as far as we're concerned, but your response to the party complaints last weekend, at least in the opinion of some residents, could have been a little better.

The police force is shorthanded, so to city hall, please, speed up the recruitment and hire more cops. South Boston is not Brighton or Allston and

we are thankful for that. Let's hope that last weekend was not a preview of what this summer will be like.



"We don't need to be politically correct. We need to be morally right" – Judge Jeanine Pirro

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Wu had also filed a bill and stated that, "This ordinance offers reasonable regulations of short-term rentals to close corporate loopholes, protect our housing stock and stabilize neighborhoods. I'm proud to support this legislation."

Walsh said the proposed rules are an attempt to protect the city's housing stock from an industry that critics say has turned too many apartments into "de facto hotels," while at the same time continuing to allow homeowners to earn extra money through popular websites like Airbnb.

The bill generated heated testimony at recent City Council hearings packed with advocates for and against such rentals. The

lobbying has continued since then, with neighborhood groups, housing advocates, and organizations with ties to the hotel industry pushing for tougher rules, while short-term rental operators lobby for regulations that protect their business.

Airbnb has waged e-mail and phone call campaigns to thousands of local customers, urging them to support "fair regulations," and has radio ads from homeowners who say that this opportunity if "the only way I can afford to stay in Boston." Homeowners use the Airbnb model to supplement their income in the same way folks drive for ride share companies like Lyft and Uber. This proposal may preserve that opportunity.

The new proposal eliminates the investor category altogether, though it would let corporate housing providers offer stays of at least 10 nights, and still allow building owners to ask the Zoning Board of Appeals to rezone residential apartments as commercial units, a step few take now.

In hearings earlier this year, other council members — especially those representing neighborhoods of the city that get less tourist traffic — worried about squelching business that could benefit their constituents. Airbnb recently bolstered those concerns with a study saying its guests last year generated \$46 million in economic activity in Dorchester, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, and Roxbury.

Romeo And Juliet Return

Boston's most popular waterfowl were returned to the Public Garden lagoon during the 30th Annual Return of the Swans hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on May 2. After wintering at the Franklin Park Zoo, Romeo and Juliet were returned to the lagoon following a parade that began at the Beacon and Charles Street corner of the park with a reading of "Make Way for Ducklings" hosted by the Boston Park Rangers.



Boston Chief of Environment, Energy, and Open Space Austin Blackmon (center) opens the carts allowing Romeo and Juliet access to their summer home in the Public Garden.



Romeo and Juliet settle right into their summer home after being released during the 30th Annual Return of the Swans hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on May 2.

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Another Example of Fake News On Display

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
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We've been asked several times by readers what 'Fake News' actually is. Over the weekend, I was asked by a friend to give my definition of it. Fake News can be described in many ways, but I think the best way to explain what it is would be to mention specific examples.

Fake News is not new, as most longtime South Bostonians can attest to. This town was under constant attack by mainstream news media outlets for many years. Reporters and editorialists opposed to the political leanings of most locals here would slant their coverage of stories. They did so in such a way as to deliberately make this community look backward, out of touch and of course racist at every oppor-

tunity when they disagreed with our elected officials and neighborhood leaders on the issues of the day. But a good example of Fake News took place in Dallas, Texas last weekend at the 147th Annual National Rifle Association (NRA) Leadership Forum and Convention.

Hollywood activists and airheads, led by Allysya Milano, had been organizing for weeks to hold a protest of the NRA convention nearby. And so, they did. Milano and other actresses and actors arrived at their designated protest area with stages, sound systems and banners. They predicted that tens of thousands of anti-NRA demonstrators would turn out because their egos allowed them to believe that they are worshipped by the public, therefore the number

of supporters would be massive.

True to form, the news media was on hand and described the anti-NRA turnout as being 'huge', while reporting the number of NRA supporters in attendance at the convention as just 'fairly large'. This was the slant the press was pushing all weekend. But that was before Dallas officials gave an estimated crowd count of the Hollywood gathering and the precise count of those attending the NRA event obtained by actual ticket sales and computer count was announced. The official estimated count for the protesters outside was under 400. The exact count of NRA supporters was 86,154. When both those counts were confirmed, the media; without even an apology or an 'oops, you

caught us lying again', quietly let their crowd size story drop and go dark. It's what they do and it's why their credibility is gone, probably never to be regained and it's why the approval rating of the media is even lower than that of Congress.

But while Allysya Milano didn't get the crowd she felt she deserved, she did get called out for another reason – her hypocrisy. She likes to think of herself as spearheading the movement that's trying to gut the Second Amendment of Americans as she demands that law abiding citizens have their right to own firearms for sport and self-protection restricted. And yet, there she was at her rally, surrounded by her body guards and security detail that were armed with,

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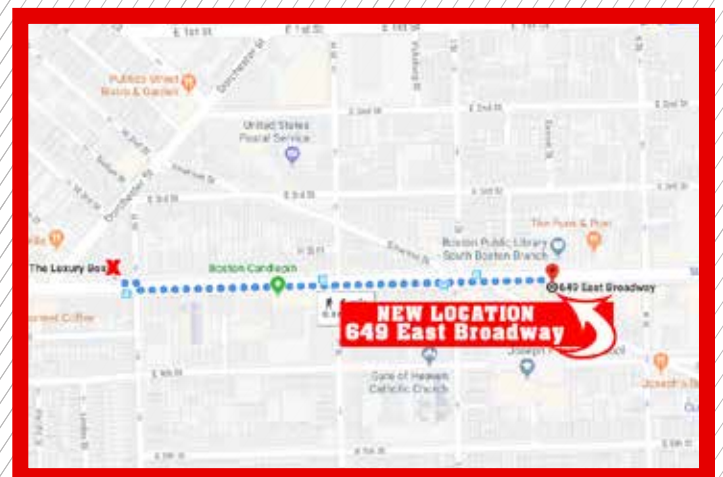
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Hey, how about a sales tax holiday this year?

As the state's fiscal outlook seemingly improves by the day, Gov. Charlie Baker emerged from a legislative leadership meaning yesterday and pronounced he's all for a sales tax holiday this summer and will push for one later this session, reports Shira Schoenberg at MassLive. But House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Harriette Chandler were, well, non-committal. "Something for us to think about," DeLeo said. "We'll look at it very carefully," Chandler said.

Globe editorial on Long Island Bridge reconstruction: Where are the details, Mayor Walsh?

In an editorial, the Globe seems to be siding with Quincy skeptics of Boston Mayor Marty Walsh's plan to rebuild the Long Island Bridge, saying the administration simply isn't providing enough details. "Asking taxpayers to cough up \$100 million for a bridge — plus whatever (a) recovery center will cost — without due diligence and consideration of alternatives is unwise."

Trying to figure out the logic of Partners' possible takeover of Harvard Pilgrim

Based on the opinions of health-care experts quoted in Priyanka Dayal McCluskey's Globe piece this morning, Partners HealthCare's potential acquisition of Harvard

Pilgrim seems to be a real corporate and public-policy head scratcher. "There's no compelling logic for a merger here," David E. Williams, president of the Boston consulting firm Health Business Group. He's not alone in expressing skepticism that such a deal might save money.

UMass-Boston students stage walkout over controversial Mount Ida move

Students, faculty and staff members at the University of Massachusetts-Boston staged a walkout yesterday to protest UMass-Amherst's planned \$70 million takeover of nearby Mount Ida College, even as UMass-Boston struggles with a budget deficit and deteriorating campus facilities. Laney Ruckstuhl at the Globe and Kristin LaFratta at MassLive have the details.

Can you build a truly diverse industry from the ground up?

The Globe's Dan Adams takes a look at an interesting business experiment now under way in Massachusetts, i.e. the state's attempt, via regulations, to promote more minority-owned firms within the fledgling marijuana industry in Massachusetts. It's worth a shot. Here's why: Capitalism is ultimately about a series of failures until something succeeds, and if you don't even try, you can't have failures that lead to successes. Via regulations, the state is ultimately giving minority firms an opportunity to at least try to succeed in a new government-sanctioned industry, ironically making it a fascinating market-based experiment.

Elizabeth Warren among Dems embracing the progressive policy du jour: guaranteed jobs

Speaking of U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Danielle Kurtzleben reports at WBUR that Democrats mulling presidential runs in 2020 have been steadily embracing all sorts of positions once thought to be on the

political far-left fringe, including Medicare for all and tuition-free college. The policy du jour: Guaranteed jobs for all Americans. Warren is reportedly "looking closely" at the issue and has even co-sponsored one jobs-guarantee bill, reports Kurtzleben.

Kerry's shattered dreams

The rest of world is trying to determine the geopolitical implications of President Trump's move yesterday to exit the Iran nuclear deal. In Massachusetts, we're trying to determine the local political implications for our very own John Kerry, the former secretary of state who recently tried to salvage the Iran deal he brokered while serving in the Obama administration.

The Globe's Matt Viser recalls the intense negotiations Kerry conducted three years ago to achieve a nuclear agreement with Iran — an agreement tossed to the wind yesterday by Trump. The Herald's Dan Atkinson reports that Kerry may soon start unloading on Trump's decision. The Herald's Joe Battenfeld is declaring Kerry's salvage attempt a complete flop and embarrassment. Shannon Young at MassLive has the negative reactions of U.S. Sens. Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren, among others, to Trump's move yesterday.

The debate over how to spend the state's likely budget surplus has officially commenced ...

Unless there's a catastrophic plunge in state tax revenues over the next two months, it looks like there will be a somewhat hefty state budget surplus at the end of the current fiscal year — and local governments are already laying claim to some of it. Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito says cutting the state sales tax "makes some sense." SHNS's Michael Norton has the details at the Telegram.

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GET TO KNOW A CANDIDATE • DAVID BIELE

Dear friends and neighbors:

As election season begins to fill our newly vacant state representative seat, I wanted to take the time to introduce myself and share my family background.

I am a fourth generation South Bostonian and I have lived in City Point all my life. I am the son of Mark Biele, a construction laborer with Local 223, and Joyce Biele, a clerk. My younger brother, Christopher, and I grew up like many youths in our neighborhood, playing youth hockey, soccer, and Little League. I also spent summers learning to sail at the South Boston Yacht Club, and later worked as a sailing instructor at the Harry McDonough Sailing Center down by Castle Island.

For my education, I attended St. Peter's School from kindergarten through sixth grade. I was accepted into Boston Latin School and graduated in 2003. I then attended Boston College where I received a bachelor's degree in history. I completed my degree in three years, graduating near the top of my class with honors, and I am the first person in my family to graduate from college. In 2009, I received my law degree from Boston College Law School and was admitted to the Massachusetts bar. During law school, I interned in Congressman Stephen F. Lynch's Boston office.

After law school, I worked at the Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau, advocating for indigent and elderly clients on housing, disability, and family law matters. I then entered private practice, focusing on civil litigation and construction litigation, but after three years I decided to change my career and entered public service.

In 2013, I began working for State Representative Nick Collins as his legislative aide, providing constituent services and drafting legislation in support of our community and neighborhoods. In that role, I wrote legislation to secure funding to support our local non-profits as part of the state budget, each fiscal year. I also wrote a provision in the legislative authorization for the dredging of Boston Harbor to require studies on noise and air pollution relating to the expansion of Conley Terminal and Black Falcon Terminal.

In collaboration with the City of Boston, I helped draft An Act Concerning Long-Term Homeowners in the City of Boston, which was signed into law in 2016. The legislation provides relief to long time home-owners on a fixed income who struggle to keep up with rising housing costs, by authorizing the City of Boston to defer real estate taxes for

residents 55 years of age or older who have lived in their home for at least ten years and meet certain income requirements.

In 2017, I joined the Department of Public Utilities as a hearing officer. In that role, I was responsible for holding public and evidentiary hearings to develop a full and complete record on which to base legal decisions.

Turning to my family background, I am proud that my family has a long history of service and giving back to our community. Both of my grandfathers honorably served our country. My grandfather on my mother's side, Chester Theodore, proudly served in the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater of World War II. On my father's side, my grandfather, James Biele, served in the United States Merchant Marines. My grandmother, Barbara Biele, or "Mrs. Biele" as she was known to many of her students, taught for many years at St. Brigid School.

Following their example, I have done my best to be a dedicated and contributing member of our community. For the last eight years, I have been an active mentor in the Labouré Center's T.E.A.M. Program, which helps youth in our neighborhoods. I have been matched with the same young man throughout my time with

the program. During our time together, he re-enrolled in school, received his High School Equivalency Credential, and recently secured a job. I have also volunteered to help train new mentors for the program by sharing my experiences. For my contributions to the program, I received a "Hero Among Us Award" from the Boston Celtics.

In addition to mentoring, I am an advisory board member for the Edgerley Family South Boston Boys and Girls Club and a board member for the Harry McDonough Sailing Center. More recently, I have been involved with the South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults Program.

In terms of hobbies, I have run several marathons, raising almost \$20,000 for charity for causes like Boston Children's Hospital, the American Liver Foundation, and Massachusetts General Hospital's Run to Home Base.

In the weeks and months ahead, I look forward to meeting residents and neighbors, both new and old, sharing stories about our individual backgrounds, shared experiences, and discussing how to improve the quality of life for all in our community.

Thanks for reading and I hope to see you around the neighborhood!

-David Biele



The Biele Family. Left to Right; David Biele, Mark Biele, Joyce Biele and Christopher Biele

Boston's Craig Martin Named MA Elementary Principal of the Year

Martin Has Led Perkins School in South Boston for Five Years

Boston Public Schools (BPS) Principal Craig Martin, leader of the Michael J. Perkins Elementary School in South Boston, has been named the Thomas C. Passios Elementary Principal of the Year from the Massachusetts School Administrators' Association (MSAA).

Martin, who has served as principal of the Perkins School for since the 2013-14 school year, will also represent the Commonwealth in the National Distinguished Principal Program, sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals, in Washington, D.C., in October.

"I am greatly honored and humbled to be named Massachusetts Elementary Principal of the Year," Martin said.

"The students at the Perkins School have made tremendous strides, and it could not have happened without the growth of positive relationships and teamwork between the students, teachers, families, and administration."

Students at the Perkins have demonstrated steady gains in performance during Martin's leadership. This year's MCAS results show Latino students and English Learners at the school surpassed the state average for these groups in English language arts and mathematics.

"Congratulations to Principal Martin and the Perkins School community. It's fantastic to see such a passionate educator from the Boston Public Schools held up as an example for school leaders across Massachu-



setts," said Mayor Walsh. "Principal Martin's enthusiasm and dedication are what help make our schools such welcoming and wonderful places for all of our students."

As principal, Martin emphasizes compassion and relationship-building with students and families to ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment for all.

Under Martin's leadership, the Perkins School reduced suspensions by 50 percent and chronic absenteeism by 22 percent from 2012 to 2017.

"Congratulations to Principal Martin and the Perkins School community for receiving this tremendous honor," said Boston School Committee Chairperson Michael Loconto. "Craig is energetic, passionate and committed to the Perkins, and through his dedication he has found a way to meet the vast needs of his students and place them on a pathway to success."

Eighty percent of students at the Perkins, which serves grades K-5, are economically disadvantaged, and 32 percent did not speak English as their first language.

"I am proud of Principal Craig Martin and how his work is being elevated as a model for educators statewide," said BPS Superintendent Tommy Chang. "Under Principal Martin's strong leadership, the school has adopted practices that foster the social-emotional growth of students. This has greatly helped improve their academic success and the climate of the school. Congratulations to Principal Martin and the Perkins School community."

Martin initiated a partnership with Boston Children's Hospital to provide

staff training to enhance social-emotional support and safety for students. He also adopted the My Brother's Keeper Success Mentors Program, modeled after an effort begun by President Barack Obama and adopted in Boston by Mayor Walsh.

Additionally, the Perkins encourages physical fitness through the school's Morning Mile Program, which was recognized in a visit in February by two Olympic athletes, Lolo Jones and Jordan Burroughs.

"When it comes to the students at the Perkins School, Principal Martin is all in," said Christine Landry, instructional superintendent for BPS. "Mr. Martin is able to coalesce staff around a deep commitment to equity and instructional improvement. These results come from long and dedicated hours of planning, analysis of data and practice, and leveraging relationships to make education the number one focus."

Martin describes three practices as key to his leadership: "the power of feedback, publicize the praise, and joy matters!" Each week, his Instructional Leadership Team identifies "Instructional Look Fors," which become the basis of his observations and feedback in classrooms.

A weekly "Martin Memo" for staff publicizes the praise by highlighting examples of growth. The Memo serves to promote innovation, excellence, and collaboration through the sharing of teaching practices. In the spirit of joy, Martin leads efforts to celebrate and recognize the achievements of every "MJP Scholar," underscoring the school message: "We are strong, bold, and built to master challenges in a safe and respectful community."

Professionally, Martin has presented at the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color (COSE-BOC) conference and organized the Brown Boys EdCamp for educators. He is the co-founder of the Boston Public Schools Leaders of Color and president of the Boston Elementary Principals Association.

He began his education career as a teacher and technology specialist in the Boston Public Schools in 2005. Martin holds a B.A. in Elementary Education from Dillard University in New Orleans and an M.Ed. from Lesley University in Cambridge.

Martin will be honored at an upcoming Boston School Committee meeting.

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Making and Placing the Wreaths at Hero Squares

SBT Staff Report

Now that we have entered the month of May and Memorial Day is not too far off, South Boston's important tradition of remembering and honoring its veterans year-round becomes even more of a priority. And so, it was last Saturday as volunteers gathered at the Thomas Fitzgerald Post on East Fourth Street to take part in another tradition which honors our fallen heroes.

The making and hanging of the wreaths to be placed on the poles at the many, what are called 'Hero Squares' throughout the neighborhood is a labor of love for both veterans and non-veterans who are also happy and proud to take part in the

tradition. The two local candidates for State Representative Matt Rus-teika and David Biele also took time out of their busy schedules to come by and lend a hand in the effort.

The wreaths themselves came out perfect and are very tasteful. Wrapped in a large white ribbon with attached red, white and blue ribbons with 2 American Flags, each one was assembled with care. Once the wreaths were completed, the volunteers headed out to their assigned locations and designated hero squares to attach them to the standing poles which contained the beautiful plaques which honors and pays tribute to a specific veteran who served our country in the various branches of the military. The volunteers hung the wreaths with as much

care as they had used when they assembled them as this tradition as well as the memory of the specific veteran is considered a sacred act.

For those new to the neighborhood and may not be familiar with Boston's Hero Squares, it was a tradition that started after World War II. Each metal plaque is affixed to a pole at a designated location. The plaque is dedicated to a specific veteran who is no longer with us. The plaques honor the fallen and those who served their country with honor. On the plaque itself is the name, rank and branch of the military in which the veteran had served, and it also gives a brief history of the veteran's actual service and some of the actions for which he or she is being honored.

For a city square or block to be designated to a specific veteran, the family of that veteran typically makes a formal request to their Boston City Councilor who will then draft a proclamation. The planning is then completed by the Office of veteran's Services which will then coordinate production and installation. There are more than 1200 hero squares across the city and they are at locations in every neighborhood.

Last Saturday's making and hanging of the wreaths at the Hero Squares was a true act of patriotism by residents who make it a point to never forget those who served our country in defense of freedom and liberty. Because South Bostonians never forget their veteran heroes.



Cooking With Papa George At The 'OLLIE'!

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

When the topics of fine food, cooking expertise and famous chefs are brought up in conversations in and around South Boston and as far east as Italy itself, the name George Locascio immediately comes to mind. He was taught by some of the most experienced chefs in Italy, among them Biagio Longo and Nora Chimirri, who's actually from Sicily. This master chef is better known as Papa George

Locascio in professional circles and to his close friends which are many. So, it was a real treat when the man – the legend himself - agreed to give a cooking class at the South Boston Neighborhood House at the corner of H and E. Sixth Streets for the 55 and over crowd last week. And as always, Papa George impressed the entire large crowd in attendance.

Flanked by his helpers wearing their Papa George Aprons, the master proceeded to put on a display and give instruction in the preparation of some of the finest Italian cuisine that could be found anywhere. There was the incredible Arancini, the delicious Gnocchi, the scrumptious Penne Pasta with Papa George's famous meatballs. Then there was the tantalizing Ravioli highlighted with his world famous Red Sauce, which has a taste that defies comparison. And all of these wonderful dishes were topped

off with a dessert like no other – the Papa George Locascio Lemon Ricotta Cheese Cake, which legend has it was a favorite of the late Pope John Paul. And everything was made from scratch right on site. Note: Papa was kind enough to share his recipe for the Lemon Ricotta Cheese Cake with South Boston Today and gave us permission to share it with our readers which we will be honored to do.

It's probably safe to say that there were more cooking secrets learned in that one class that Papa George taught on this day than could be learned by attending a year of a Culinary Arts college.

To say this class at the Neighborhood House was an inspiration to aspiring chefs would be an understatement. The crowd not only learned quite a lot about Italian Food preparation, but had a good time as well. There was even wine served with dinner

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Finally! We've got the kind of weather to have some cold, refreshing white wines!

Varner El Camino Santa Barbara County Chardonnay 2015, (\$28.99), The Varner brothers have garnered quite a following since they started making wine, and this Varner El Camino Vineyard Santa Barbara County Chardonnay is another reason why. It's ready to drink and priced just right. Pour your first perfectly chilled glasses to go with Mom's baked Chex mix. Tell

the truth, you loved it as a kid. The toasty notes are delicious opposite the fully loaded personality of this California Cab. For a decadent next course, wow the crowd with lobster mac 'n cheese. The richness of the dish works beautifully against the perky acidity of the wine. A crisp-roasted chicken stuffed with lemon quarters and garlic cloves is another great choice, as is classic Louisiana shrimp and grits. What are you hungry for? This is what Robert Parker has to say:

"The 2015 Chardonnay El Camino Vineyard from the Varner brothers is lovely, wafting from the glass with an expressive bouquet of honeycomb, ripe peaches and fresh apricot. On the palate, the wine is medium-bodied, pure and textural—displaying a touch more mid-palate ripeness than the 2014 rendition—and concludes with a long, saline finish. This is a characterful Chardonnay that represents terrific value. Drink 2018-2024."

Frenzy Sauvignon Blanc 2017, (\$17.99), succulent mango, melon and tangerine flavors are fleshy and lush, with dried floral hints and a touch of matcha green tea on



the finish. Intensely aromatic and lively with flavors of passionfruit and guava underpinned with aromas of fresh herbs and blackcurrant, this is a great wine to enjoy as an aperitif, or match with seafoods. The palate is vibrant with zingy fruit that is balanced with a long, crisp mineral finish.

Guigal Cotes-du-Rhone Rose 2016, (\$16.99), There aren't many things we like more than the quenching, food-friendly style that is classic to Rosé's home in southern France. It has delicious fruit like currants, raspberry, and white cherry; the floral notes and clean, beautiful balance don't hurt either.... Offer it as an aperitif, and swim around in its gorgeous flavors. If you're outside, grill up some salt-and-pepper halibut steaks and drizzle them with a melted lemon and

tarragon butter. Or, for something on the sweeter side, marinate chicken pieces in apricot jam, white wine, garlic and scallions, and then grill to perfection. If dinner's inside, make it Maryland style crab cakes with a summer slaw of cucumber ribbons, green cabbage, and multicolored carrots. You'll be glad you did!

Big Basin Coastview Chardonnay 2013, (\$46.99), They only made 200 cases of this Big Basin Coastview Chardonnay, and we grabbed some. Both Galloni's Vinous and Wine Enthusiast are singing its praises. It's ready to drink now. We're thinking about some eggs Benedict with a lemon hollandaise. Poached salmon with that same hollandaise for dinner or lunch. Fried buttermilk chicken with roasted potatoes and honey glazed carrots too. That about wraps it up!

Papa George's Lemon Cheese Cake

Mix and Set Aside:
1 Pound Ricotta Cheese
1 Cup Sugar
1 Tbs Vanilla Extract
4 Eggs

Prepare:
1 Box Yellow Cake Mix:
According to Directions
Add ½ Tsp Lemon Zest

Combine Both Mixes
Bake 55 Minutes in Buttered
and Floured Pan at 350 Degrees
ENJOY!



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(No Id's needed to be checked). As Papa George was preparing his masterpieces, using his special culinary tools of the trade, he was also sharing

stories about his many trips to Italy with the fascinated and appreciative crowd. And when he was calling off the winning raffle numbers (Yes, there were even raffles at this event) he was doing so in Italian.

In every way, The Cooking Class with Papa George Locascio was a fun event. The crowd seemed to really enjoy themselves as did George himself. No one was in a hurry to leave. It went on for hours. It's clear

that he loves what he does, and it certainly shows in the magnificent meals he prepares. South Boston is fortunate to have such a chef as one of its own. All that can be said after such an experience is Bon Appetite.



Sunday is Mother's Day. A little History of the Day

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

It's amazing how quickly time passes. It seems like just yesterday we were freezing in cold, nasty weather. And now, well, this Sunday is Mother's Day. Mother's Day is a time set aside to show our love to all mothers, who are still here with us and of course to honor those who have passed on but still remain in our hearts and help guide our everyday lives from above. The wonderful memories we cherish of time spent with them as they helped us grow into adulthood will always remain.

This special day, for those not sure of its origin has actually been around for thousands of years in one form or another. The traditional American celebration is separate altogether from the ancient holidays, but it's believed that the idea for the US method of honoring Moms got its roots from ancestors long ago.

For example, the ancient Greeks called their Mother's Day 'Cybele'. The Romans named theirs the 'Festival of Hilaria'. The early Christians referred to it as the 'Mothering Celebration'. Current Day Bolivians commemorate their version on the

date of a battle in which women took part, while in other cultures, the date is often significant to that country's religious festivals.

Many other countries around the world now follow the American way of observing the day. And why not? Americans do things best and we do it right. The nation to follow the American tradition of Mother's Day most closely is Australia. This makes sense because there has always been a special bond between the Aussies and the Yanks, as our friends 'Down Under' refer to us. It's widely believed that the American version of Mother's Day was started by Mrs. Anna Jarvis in 1908.

But that was then, this is now and as Sunday approaches, many people are in the process of planning very special ways to show Mom how appreciated she is. The day might include that special dinner planned at a nice restaurant with the whole family. If you haven't made reservations yet, you better get moving. This is one of the busiest Sundays of the year for a lot of restaurants, they fill up fast. If you want to stay local, South Boston has some top rate dining establishments. A bouquet

of flowers arranged just right with Mom's favorite assortment always seems to bring a smile. Ours is a neighborhood that has long established florists where you can get the best at reasonable prices.

Candy, usually chocolates is an old reliable standby. That works too.

The variety of gifts fitting to give to one's mother on Her day is endless. But in many cases, if you were to ask a mother what she'd like most as a gift, the answer would often be a simple one - a visit from her children to spend that quality time with each other, her and her family together. And for those who live far apart, and today that is a common situation, a phone call to catch up on what's been going on and certainly, a card is always a nice touch.

A bit of advice: For a special occasion like this, emails and text messages or communication using social network methods don't quite cut it unless for some reason, that's all that is available. Just a helpful suggestion.

Whatever your plans are for this Sunday, South Boston Today wishes every mother the best. May this be one of the best, most enjoyable Mothers Days ever.

HAPPY Mother's DAY



To the world
you are a
Mother

To your family
you are the
World



**Wishing all Mothers
Happy Mother's Day!**

Nick Collins State Senator - First Suffolk District

Julie's Family Learning Program awarded \$25,000 per year for 10 years from the Cummings Foundation

Julie's Family Learning Program is one of 33 local non-profits awarded a total of \$10 million from Cummings Foundation through its new Sustaining Grants program, which provides funding for up to 10 years.

Julie's high touch, long term engagement with individual mothers and their children provides a path to stability for families living in poverty. Julie's intensive, holistic curriculum of adult basic education and life skills, combined with licensed, certified childcare, emer-

gency supports and basic needs, and, most importantly, a mother's determination that her own child will have a better life, results in thousands of families finding a way to break the cycle of poverty since 1974.

The timing of this grant enables Julie's to advance its Child Care Expansion Plan.

The Sustaining Grants program builds on Cummings' Foundation's \$100k for 100 program, first offered in 2012. First offered in 2012, \$100k for 100 annually



Joyce Cummings, Carrie Coughlin, Director of Development, Bob Monahan, Executive Director, and Bill Cummings

awards \$10 million through multi-year grants of \$100,000 each to 100 nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Essex, Middlesex, and Suffolk counties. Grant recipients that received their final grant disbursements in 2017 were automatically considered for the Sustaining

Grants initiative in 2018.

Cummings Foundation has awarded more than \$200 million to date in Greater Boston alone, and it will award an additional \$200 million over the next 10 years through the \$100k for 100 and the Sustaining Grants programs.

13th Annual Marian Manor Golf Tournament June 11th

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

It seems like it took forever to get here, but Spring is well upon us finally. With the arrival of spring, golfers' - the fanatical and the casual fan - thoughts turn to well, golf - of course. One of the most anticipated and yes, prestigious golf tournaments in the area is the Annual Marian Manor Classic Golf Tournament, which will be held this year on Monday, June 11th. This year will be the 13th annual event and the previous twelve were not only big and successful, but they were sellouts. The event is that

popular and so much fun.

It will once again be held at the beautiful 18 Hole Wollaston Golf facility in Milton and features 6,748 yards of golf. The course boasts tall pines, a few ponds on the front nine with the back nine having a much more open feel to it. The Wollaston course has played host to a number of championships over the years. This is a course set up for the enjoyment of seasoned golfers as well as beginners. Regardless of your skill level, a great day is in store for every participant this year. And in addition to having a good time; just ask anyone who has taken part in previous years, you'll be helping a wonderful cause and one of South Boston's most valuable resources that has helped thousands in need of care for more than 60 years - The Marian Manor.

So, what are the details? There is a full day planned for Marian Manor Golf Classic on Monday, June 11th. It begins with a Continental Breakfast/Registration at 7am, the Shotgun start at 8am, followed by a din-

ner buffet for all. The outing comes complete with carts, gift giveaways and prizes for those with special skills (or a lot of luck). The outing includes prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin for both male and female golfers. All golfers will have a chance to DRIVE away in a new car provided by Expressway Motors on the 'Hole in One' contest.

If you are interested in being a participant this year, you are requested to respond ASAP as the date is fast approaching. For information and details please contact Sister Margaret Therese by phone at 617-268-3333 or by email at smargaret@marianmanor.org

Get ready for a day of great golf, a lot of fun and support for a wonderful cause - The Marian Manor. But remember, please sign up now, the sooner the better and get ready for a fantastic day of golf, good company, lots of fun and the chance to help a great cause and one of the area's most important resources - the Marian Manor. Again, the date is Monday, June 11th.



Gate of Heaven and St. Brigid Parishes News

Congratulations to the Second Grade First Communion Children!

Congratulations to all the Second Grade children of South Boston Catholic Academy and the Religious Education Program who received the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 5, 2018 at Gate of Heaven Church. The Celebrants at this Mass were Father Robert Casey, Pastor, Father Tom

Olson, Parochial Vicar, Monsignor Liam Bergin, Abbot Mark Cooper, OSB, Abbot of St. Anselm Abbey in New Hampshire and Deacon Patrick Nolan, SJ. Thank you to the Second Grade teachers from South Boston Catholic Academy, Mrs. Lisa Soegaard and Alex Galli, and the Religious Education Pro-

gram, Mrs. Joan Dixon and her Assistant, Ms. Catherine Lee, who worked tirelessly to prepare the children for this Sacrament. Special thanks to Mrs. Nancy Carr, Principal of South Boston Catholic Academy and Mr. Jim Fowkes, Director of the Religious Education Program for the work they do throughout

the year to ensure that everyone is ready for this Sacrament and to Mr. and Mrs. Hoy for helping the children with the wonderful music. God Bless all these wonderful Second Graders! On Sunday, May 6, 2018 we celebrated Masses of Thanksgiving; May Procession and Crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary at the 10:30 Family Mass at St. **continued on page 14**



May is the Month of the Blessed Mother

Join Us in Prayer of the Holy Rosary!
Tuesday Evenings at 6:30pm
Gate of Heaven Church
(lower level - entrance on I and East Fifth Street)

Flynn Discusses Budget with SB Neighborhood Groups

BOSTON—Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn held a meeting with the leadership of the South Boston Neighborhood Associations & community stakeholders to discuss neighborhood concerns and the city budget. The



meeting was held Monday evening at the Boy & Girls Club and included members of the Andrew Square, City Point, West Broadway, Fort Point and Cityside Neighborhood Associations.

Flynn discussed the FY 2019 budget and issues related to Moakley Park, public safety, transportation, clean streets and other quality of life concerns.

Flynn said, "I'm happy to have had the opportunity to discuss these key issues that affect the residents of South Boston on a daily basis. However, it is critical that we continue to maintain an ongoing dialogue about these areas of concern to help us all find ways to improve the quality of life for our residents."

For constituent service matters, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3452 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov.

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Brigid Church. The Communion children came dressed in their First Holy Communion attire and a Second Grader was chosen to crown our Bless Mother Mary with a crown of beautiful flowers



following this Mass.

Following the crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary, everyone was welcomed back to Cushing Hall to celebrate Sister Evelyn Hurley's, SCN 103rd Birthday, during the 1000 Club event. Happy Birthday and Congratulations to Sister Evelyn! God Bless you always.



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you guessed it – guns. Because, just like so many other Hollywood phonies and liberal politicians who insist that everyday Americans not have the right to protect family, self and home with firearms, they are themselves well protected by gated communities and armed body guards. Their motto should be 'Guns for me but not for thee'.

On to another topic with more than just hints of hypocrisy, the NFL may soon make it official that it will allow individual teams that make up the league to decide how they will handle National Anthem protests next season. These protests have caused the NFL to lose a ton of support and

it's got them scared. Here again, there are vocal activists who praise and support the actions of Colin Kaepernick and his followers when they kneel in protest during the playing of our Anthem. Many of these activists think it's a beautiful thing. In response, the popular FOX News channel star Judge Jeanine Pirro had this to say about it. "The same liberal activists, who want to protect the right of Colin Kaepernick to symbolically reject America by taking a knee, were the same ones quick to criticize Tim Tebow for bending a knee to pray and thank God on the field." Judge Jeanine, as always, scores a direct hit with her comments.



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

As I write this, news just broke that David Price has been scratched from his regularly-scheduled start against the New York Yankees in the Bronx. According to manager Alex Cora, Price felt more numbness in his pitching hand during a side session last weekend. It's the same exact issue that forced him out of a game back on April 11 against the Yankees at Fenway after just one inning of work.

Price is coming off a loss in Texas on May 3, after he allowed nine runs (seven earned) in three-and-two-thirds innings. But going back to his April 11 hand numbness, I told you at the time that I didn't have a good feeling about it. Mainly because he missed most of last season with an elbow injury. He never had surgery. So, when we were told he experienced hand numbness against the Yankees last month, I thought, "Oh no, here we go. It's got to be the elbow."

What's most shocking to me is that he never had an MRI in April. He made his next start six nights later in LA and allowed one run in five innings. But I still assumed he had an MRI.

Come to find out, there was no MRI, for whatever reason.

If I'm the Red Sox, and I'm paying him \$31 million a year, I'm making

him get an MRI if I found out he's dealing with numbness in his throwing hand just a year after making only 11 starts because of an elbow injury. An MRI is a no-brainer. Yet, Price never had one.

When NBC Sports Boston's Evan Drellich sent Dombrowski an email back in April, wondering why there was no MRI, Dombrowski referenced "HIPPA laws" as a way to avoid answering the questions surrounding Price's elbow.

Well, no MRI, and here we are a month later with more questions about Price's throwing hand, which again, I fear, will only lead to some bad news about the elbow.

I hope I'm wrong and he's fine. But for this to happen again so soon, it has "visit to Dr. James Andrews" written all over it.

The Golden State Warriors are going to win the NBA Championship again. But they might end up playing the one team that comes closest to imitating their road to success: the Boston Celtics.

Think about it. Before Kevin Durant signed with them, the Warriors had guys playing to their potential. Steph Curry was drafted No. 7 overall. Klay Thompson was drafted No. 11 overall. Those two led Golden State in scoring the first year they

won the championship in 2015. Then, of course, they added Durant, who was drafted No. 2 overall.

With Durant, right now, the Warriors are the obvious favorite to win it all for the third time in four years. And even if they didn't have Durant, I'd still pick them to at least get to the NBA Finals based on Curry and Thompson alone.

The Celtics are currently winning in the playoffs without their best player in Kyrie Irving. But perhaps their success without him shouldn't be so surprising.

Like when Golden State just "came out of nowhere" to become the dominant force they are today, the C's just have a few first-round picks playing to their potential. Jayson Tatum was drafted No. 3 overall. Jaylen Brown was drafted No. 3 overall. Marcus Smart was drafted No. 6 overall. Terry Rozier was drafted No. 16 overall. And oh yeah, Al Horford was drafted No. 3 overall, right behind Durant in the 2007 Draft.

Right now, the Celtics have a bunch of high first-round picks who are playing the way they were expected to when they were drafted so high. I wouldn't pick them to knock off the Warriors, but I do think they'd put up one heck of a fight against LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in the Eastern Conference Finals.

My point is, if the Celtics do some-

how end up going to the NBA Finals, even without Irving, maybe we shouldn't be all that surprised. They're doing something similar to what Golden State did, and when Irving gets back next year, he'll be their Durant, and we could get a Warriors vs Celtics NBA Finals more than once in the next handful of years.

The Bruins' season is over. The refs were horrible. Tuukka Rask could have been better. The defense was atrocious. And their two leading goal scorers combined for just two goals in the second round against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Did I mention the refs?

Not only did the refs screw the Bruins, they screwed me as well in my NHL 18 World Championship qualifier. That's right, I played in the NHL 18 World Championship qualifying tournament. You can watch it on video during Episode 3 of my new YouTube series, "363: OFF THE AIR." Also, in Episode 3, I showed footage of my visit to the PAX East video-game showcase at the BCEC.

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Elegance and Home Design on East Broadway

Saturday, May 5th marked the Grand Opening of Deirfiur HOME (meaning Sister in Gaelic) at 735 East Broadway, the dream child of Justene Spitz and Karen Argus. Headlined by Mayor Marty Walsh who cut the ribbon and expressed his admiration for the entrepreneurship of these two young

ladies. And these ladies are not alone as they come from large families and boast 7 sisters between them.

Justene and Karen opened Deirfiur HOME to offer clients and customers Home Furnishings, Furniture, Accessory pieces and more at middle market price points. Not quite Mitchell Gold, but not Home Goods

either. The showroom is spectacular, and the opening brought in great representation of the South Boston neighborhood as it is today.

From the selection of vendors, product, merchandising and staging, no detail was overlooked, including the elegant packaging of purchased pieces large or small. You will walk

out with your purchase, boxed with tissue paper and a lovely bag with the Deirfiur HOME logo. The Newbury Street look on East Broadway, very elegant!

Deirfiur HOME is sure to be a hit and will join the myriad retailers that are making Broadway both East and West the new shopping destination.