



## Is Anything Sacred Anymore, Even Our Favorite Pastime

This past Monday sprawled out, semi-conscious or otherwise, the scourge of drug addiction was on public display as an obstacle on the Babe Ruth baseball field in the person of a strung-out human being (aka junkie). Because people were afraid to have physical contact until a medic or police officer arrived, the game

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# EDITORIAL

## May Officer Michael Chesna Rest in Peace

The residents of Weymouth, MA are grieving this week and people everywhere, including the people of South Boston, are grieving along with them. Officer Michael Chesna, a six-year veteran of the Weymouth police force was killed in the line of duty. By all accounts, Officer Chesna was a great cop, who dedicated his career to helping others and like other members of law enforcement, took his oath to 'Protect and

Serve' seriously – it was a code that he lived by.

Here in Boston and in many other places around the nation, there has become a shortage of police. Their numbers are below what's sought, because there are fewer young recruits seeking police work as their goal. And when you look at the disrespect that is being directed towards them and the violence that disrespect is increasingly resulting in, is it any wonder?

From officials, like the mayors of New York City, Chicago and Baltimore and so many other municipalities across the country, who so often side with the criminal element over the members of their own police forces and refuse to give those officers the backing they need, that attitude finds its way down to those who spend their lives flaunting laws and preying on innocent citizens. Increasing reports of officers being assaulted and so often

killed while performing their duty have become far too common.

The question many are asking is what would happen to society if there were NO police? The answer is simple – civilized society, especially in large cities, would collapse into anarchy and violence. It's time that police were given the respect they deserve for the difficult and dangerous job they do.

May Officer Michael Chesna rest in peace and



always be remembered for the hero he was. And may the poisonous anti-police atmosphere that has been allowed to flourish in certain locations, and actually encouraged by some in high places, finally come to an end.

*"It's a smile, it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine. It's summertime" – Kenny Chesney*

## Letter To Editor

Through my years of association with David Biele, I witnessed a gentleman who displayed an honest dedication and concern for our most important resource – our youth. David has worked diligently to improve and enhance their opportunities and advance a positive direction.

His determination and work ethic, along with his talents and skill, will make our changing community a better place for all of us. When David serves as our State Representative, he will continue to pursue these and other worthwhile interests with even more strength, enthusiasm, and insight. I proudly look forward to casting my vote for David Biele for State Representative, and I ask you to also please consider him.

Gerry Vierbickas, South Boston



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## *The Protestors Have A Balloon*

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Like most freedom loving and proud Americans, which certainly includes most of our readers, I value the right to speak one's mind and protest if necessary against people, places and things we may disagree with. Protests over the years have taken on many forms and sometimes, if done right and with a bit of thought and intelligence, can cause people who might be non-committal to gravitate to your cause. But as of late, many of these protests are in the domain of the insane and so many of the participants seem to be going backwards in age and maturity. To say they are acting like spoiled children would be an insult to kids everywhere.

Again, whether you are for or against our President, many on both sides of the issue are embarrassed watching these people in the streets, including those marching through European streets last week. But let's start with the 'entertainment' industry to highlight the level of emotional decline. Madonna says she wants to blow up the White House. Kathy Griffin holds up a bloody severed head. Robert DiNero screams "F... Trump" on national TV, Samantha Bee uses the 'C' word to describe the President's wife and daughter. Peter Fonda tweets that he hopes 12-year-old Barron Trump is kidnapped by pedophiles. The wacky and Bizarre Jim Carrey gets off on drawing his morbid and crazy cartoons of the first family and of course Snoop Dog put out his video about shooting Trump. But the most recent touch

of class happened last week, when self-proclaimed comedian George Lopez, news cameras in tow, proceeded to urinate on Donald Trump's star on the Hollywood Blvd. side walk.

The reputable Charlie Sheen has said he asked God to kill the President, Mickey Rourke says he wants to beat Trump with a baseball bat and Johnny Depp wished he could come back as John Wilkes Booth, the man who shot Abraham Lincoln, and assassinate Trump. And there are so many more unhinged performers that I could use all of my column space listing them.

And then there are the street demonstrations. In America, they wore their pink knit hats intended to symbolize a certain female body part (their family members must be so proud), but in England they really showed Trump last week during the NATO summit. They now have a balloon. Yes folks, we all saw how they amused themselves and how excited they were with their balloon. The creators of the Trump inflatable proudly stated to the press that "This is by far, the best anti-Trump weapon ever". A balloon... When the President left England and went over to Scotland, the protestors actually brought their balloon to that country, to the embarrassment of the Scottish people and flew it there as well. Said one Scottish spokesperson "Can they get any more childish and silly? Will the protestors next pass out rattles and pacifiers and set up some playpens?" Throw in a few teddy bears, bring in the cast

from Sesame Street and it would be complete.

This is what is passing for constructive debate now by a segment of the human race that refuses to grow up and get over the fact that they didn't get their way. And it speaks volumes about the character and the mentality of people, who are proving daily that they are in total meltdown mode and can no longer function normally in today's world. As they continue

the process of becoming emotionally unraveled, much of the rest of the country and in fact, much of the world, while passing these protestors by, is looking upon them with bemused amazement and maybe a bit of pity. But with each new silly antic, less attention is being paid to them as they are being left behind to take their tantrums and of course, to play show and tell with their pink hats and their balloon.

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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.

### *Mentally ill patients can wait days, or even weeks, in emergency rooms for care*

This says so much about the pathetic state of mental-health care in America today. From Liz Kowalczyk at the Globe: “Some patients with mental illness, particularly children, are spending days stuck in tiny windowless rooms in hospital emergency departments waiting for treatment, a persistent problem despite new statewide rules designed to resolve the backlogs. From February through May, 155 patients in mental health crisis spent at least four consecutive days in an emergency room, according to Massachusetts officials who began gathering the data six months ago. A

few patients slept or ‘boarded’ in the ER for two weeks.”

### *Speaking of the mentally ill ...*

Neal Simpson at Wicked Local reports that before Weymouth police officer Michael Chesna and Vera Adams were gunned down with a stolen handgun on Sunday morning, Weymouth police received a frantic 911 from a woman warning them that her 20-year-old boyfriend had been acting erratically and was prone to manic episodes. Specifically, she said her boyfriend suffered from a bipolar disorder. That boyfriend, apparently, was none other than Emanuel Lopes, who yesterday was ordered held without bail on charges

of murdering Chesna and Adams, as the Globe reports.

We’re not making excuses for Lopes. He stands accused of murder. But he was also clearly mentally ill and, well, see the above post about how society deals with the mentally ill. He was, it appears, a ticking time bomb.

### *Towns and cities see drop-off in police recruits*

Regarding the dangers of police work, from Mary Markos at the Herald: “The number of men and women willing to join the Thin Blue Line is plunging in an era of execution-style killings of cops and heightened scrutiny of officers’ split-second decisions in high-stress situations, police commanders say.

Once a much sought-after job that offered honor, prestige, good benefits and lucrative details, there are now dramatically fewer people sitting for the civil service exam, and retaining veteran cops is becoming a problem.”

Obviously, this past weekend’s killing of a Weymouth police officer isn’t helping matters.

### *GOP candidates fume over Warren’s two-track campaigning*

The Herald’s Hillary Chabot reports on the intense frustration among Republican U.S. Senate candidates over U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren’s apparent simultaneous bid to win re-election here while also maneuvering for the Dem inside post in the 2020 presidential election. But before Republicans get too outraged, remember that former Republican Gov. Mitt Romney did roughly the same thing early last decade, i.e. running the state while running for president, as Democrat Phil Johnston notes in Chabot’s piece. For that matter, ditto for former U.S. Sen. John Kerry in 2004.

## Tackling Our High Cost of Living at the Root

It’s not news that the expense of living in South Boston is unmanageable. Average rent is \$3,000 per month. A home in Southie sells for around \$790,000—a monthly payment of more than \$3,600. That’s a difficult prospect even for a childless couple with no student debt, no medical bills, and no family care obligations.

I’m lucky to be here, raising a family with my wife. But I know the frustration of being dragged away from family and community by financial pressures beyond my control. If we’re serious about making room for working people in Boston, we should be considering how to tackle this problem at the root.

Transparency. We can’t address our cost of living crisis without more transparency in the housing market. Look through the Register of Deeds website; you’ll find that many home sales involve LLCs with anonymous owners. Has a home been bought for use as an Airbnb hotel? Is it the next target for redevelopment? It’s hard to know. This opacity hurts our communities. As

your State Rep, I’ll work to pull back the curtain on LLCs operating in the housing market.

Taxation. In Southie, many senior homeowners are taxed as though they bought a \$1 million house, when in many cases they bought it decades ago for much less. Seniors may defer their property tax payments until they sell their house or pass away. But family homes are the spine of our community in many ways, and a \$100,000 tax bill built up over 20 years of retirement would force many families to sell. I would be heartbroken if I were the one to sell the family house we’ve been living in for nearly a century. If elected, I’ll push for realigning our tax code to give seniors a break.

Child care. Many young families in Southie are like my own: both parents work, but at least one child is too young for school. Anyone in this situation will tell you that finding safe, affordable day care is difficult. This is a serious problem. Lack of access to day care forces families from the community. Massachusetts currently provides limited child care



subsidies for very low-income families. I want to see a study to assess the cost of expanding the number of people who are eligible for this existing program.

It’s up to us to decide whether people who don’t have a briefcase full of cash—in other words, most people—can live in Boston. As your State Rep, I’ll make sure they’re on the minds of every elected official and policymaker in

the Commonwealth.

*Matt Rusteika is a husband, father, 4th generation South Bostonian, and experienced policymaker running to represent South Boston and Dorchester on Beacon Hill. He holds a Master’s in Public Policy from Brown University and a Bachelor’s in English from Emerson College. He and his wife Katrina live on M Street with their son Simon and dog Watson.*



# Apprenticeship For Technicians Launched By City



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The Mayor's Office of Workforce Development joined community partners to launch the first registered apprenticeship for Facilities in Massachusetts. The apprenticeship – which develops skills in both indoor and outdoor facilities maintenance – provides workers with pathways to college credit, as well as good pay, benefits, and career advancement with the program's employer sponsor, property manager WinnResidential.

"Apprenticeships offer valuable opportunities for our residents to gain experience that leads to good paying, quality jobs," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "I thank WinnResidential, Wentworth, and YouthBuild Boston for their partnership

on this important initiative that will help support our local economy."

"Through this new apprenticeship, residents who are interested in building and property maintenance can earn good money while they learn their new profession. For some, it may even be a gateway to a college degree," said Trinh Nguyen, director of the Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (OWD), which coordinated the apprenticeship's registration with the state. "This is one of many career pathways we have developed to fulfill Mayor Walsh's vision of a Boston where residents have varied opportunities to build a career, support a family, and climb the economic ladder."

"This is a fantastic training and employment opportunity in a field with an increasing shortage of skilled workers locally and nationally," said WinnCompanies CEO Gilbert Winn. "The apprenticeship program is a chance for men and women to pursue a well-paid, satisfying career that plays an important role in the quality of life for so many people. We're excited to partner with the City of Bos-

ton, YouthBuild Boston, and Wentworth Institute of Technology on this initiative."

The Facilities Maintenance Technician apprenticeship is an 18-month, 3,000-hour program that consists of on-the-job learning with WinnResidential, as well as classroom instruction provided by WinnResidential and Wentworth Institute of Technology. Apprentices learn all aspects of facilities maintenance, including basic plumbing, electrical, and mechanical skills; cleaning and preventative maintenance; pest management; landscaping; and occupational health and safety. YouthBuild Boston, a job training organization traditionally focused on the building trades, is coordinating, managing, and overseeing program training and activities.

Through their apprenticeship, participants are employed in full-time, year-round positions with WinnResidential, which manages more than 7,300 apartments in the City of Boston. Apprentices receive full benefits and earn starting wages of \$16.50 per

hour, which increase to \$18.50 per hour by completion of the program.

In addition to compensation and skills development, the apprenticeship also confers formal educational benefits. Apprentices earn a specially created Facilities Maintenance Technician Certificate upon completion of their Wentworth Institute of Technology courses. These courses are worth eight college credits that can be applied towards a Bachelor's degree in Facilities Management, if the apprentice chooses to continue their education.

The Facilities Maintenance Technician apprenticeship is the latest in a number of apprenticeship opportunities OWD has facilitated across diverse industries. The Greater Boston American Apprenticeship Initiative – a collaboration of OWD, local colleges, job training programs, and labor unions – expands apprenticeship opportunities for Boston-area residents in construction and hospitality. This past spring, OWD also helped launch and register an Emergency Medical Technician apprenticeship with Boston EMS. OWD is an affiliate of the Boston Planning & Development Agency.





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# Dockless Bike Share: Not Everyone Is A Fan

Living in a large city is not the most tranquil and relaxing experience. There's the traffic, buildings that are sky high, inches apart from one another or built attached. Pedestrians are everywhere and in our own neighborhood of South Boston there is of course what seems to be a detour for a construction site around every corner.

Needless to say, if you drive a car, it's often no picnic getting from place to place and can more often than not take a half an hour to go a half a mile. It's safe to say that there are few people on record who say they are fans of bumper to bumper traffic. But most people love their cars, pickups or SUV's and would never part with them.

Enter that mode of transportation known as the 'bicycle'. They are compact, light weight, non-polluting and compared to most motor vehicles, relatively inexpensive and apparently, no longer just for the kids anymore. To capitalize on this method of travel, bike sharing companies have set up shop in cities around the country including Boston and, in some cases, do quite well.

For those who like to ride bikes, but prefer not to own one of their own, there are a number of docks where with a credit or debit card, and now a smart phone app, you can rent one for the day or longer. A bike dock consists of several or even many racks where these rental bikes are secured and where



you pick up and return the bike. Blue Bikes, formerly called Hubway is said to be the best-known company in the area.

But now there are dockless or 'stationless' bike businesses popping up to compete with the more established traditional bike share companies. With these, you can leave the bikes virtually anywhere when finished using them. The company will come and retrieve those using electronic tracking devices and the odds of them being stolen from where they left are

reduced to some degree because of the automatic locks that secure them when the rider is done. Among the best known dockless bike companies in the Boston area are said to be 'Ant Bikes', 'Lime Bikes' and 'Spin'. We said Boston 'area', not Boston, because there may be some controversy about access to the city by these new dockless companies.

But as they are moving more heavily into Boston's suburbs, it's been reported in the Boston Globe and other media outlets that not all residents of those areas are happy about it with some people said to be actually deliberately causing damage to the 2 wheeled vehicles perhaps out of anger. Bikes have been found thrown in the ocean in several communities around metro Boston, some have been broken and tossed into trash cans and others just totally destroyed with what seems a vengeance.

Some neighbors have referred to these bikes as "graffiti", because they are turning up discarded and causing what some residents consider blight on the neighborhood. And even though they not techni-

cally be sanctioned to operate in Boston's city limits they are in fact turning up, discarded in some communities including right here in South Boston.

Bike sharing is perhaps here to stay, particularly in the city, as bicycle riding enthusiasts and those preferring this less expensive, more maneuverable method to get around are also advocates for it. Others however, including many motorists, find them to be a nuisance and do not appreciate having to share Boston's already overcrowded streets with them, because they feel they add an extra degree of danger to not only those driving cars but also to the bicyclists themselves and even pedestrians. It can cause tension at times.

But, it is the dockless bikes, because they are being discarded in so many areas that seem to be the bigger issue currently. Will all sides of the issue learn to coexist on the cluttered streets of Boston and surrounding areas? Perhaps not but that's anyone's guess. But for now, at least at times, the jockeying for position on the hard top continues to be a topic of contention.



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# Sailing Center Delayed Opening Update

Usually by this time the Harry McDonough Sailing Center is up and running and one of the finest learn to sail programs in the nation is making a lot of local kids happy, while teaching them that valuable skill. So, in answer to inquiries as to why, as of this writing, the program has not opened, SBT did a bit of inquiring on our own and learned that it is a safety issue, which is in the process of being solved as fast as it can be.

There was damage to the dock. The good news is that it has now been repaired to at least get it through this season. The other major issue is the lack of a safety boat. Anyone who has had the pleasure of being part of the program knows that a safety boat is a must and the excellent staff and managers, who operate the program make safety their number one priority. They would never jeopardize the safety of the young sailors. The funds for the safety boat will hopefully be in by this week and that it will be in

place by July 30th.

Sailing Center officials have told SBT that because a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request has been filed, there is a possibility that agency funding for staff could be further held up. Funding usually arrives by the first week in July. As of this writing it has not, possibly because of the FOIA request according to Sailing Center sources.

As it stands now, the scheduled opening date is July 30th and returning sailors can sign up from July 23rd through the 27th. If there are any changes to this target date, it will be announced on South Boston's social media sites, including the SBT Facebook pages and to our Twitter followers and the sign at the entrance to the sailing center, pictured here, will be updated as well. Here's hoping that everything falls into place as soon as possible and this wonderful program will be up and running with no additional delays.



# South Boston Students Win BC High Awards

Timothy Lynch, Connor Morrow and Timothy Smyth of South Boston, 2018 graduates of Boston College High School, won special awards at a Senior Assembly, a time set aside by the school to celebrate and reward its seniors.



Tim Lynch won a Youth in Government award. He plans on the University of Massachusetts, Lowell in the fall.



Connor Morrow, who graduated with Academic Honors and as a member of the National Honor Society, won a Model UN/Committee Chair award. He plans on the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in the fall



Tim Smyth, who graduated with Academic Honors and as a member of the National Honor Society, won a Model UN/Liaison&Protocol Officer award, a Concert/Chamber Choir award and a Hyde Scholar award. He plans on Boston College in the fall.

# The Wine Guy

## Pink Time

It's that time of the year when a wine lover's fancy turns to pinker things. While Provence is always at the top of many lists, there are a number of other regions that offer worthy alternatives.

It couldn't be farther from France's southern regions, but the latest country turning out some great rose wines is New Zealand. Terra Sancta Estate Pinot Noir Rosé, Central Otago, New Zealand, (\$25.99). It is no secret that today many of the world's best Pinot Noirs are coming out of Central

Otago, New Zealand. In addition to their red Pinot, Terra Sancta makes this gorgeous rosé. Far from an afterthought, the grapes for this rose are carefully selected from two individual blocks specifically for the rosé style. Delicate and perfumed, this wine screams summer. Try it with some broiled scallops or lollipop lamb chops.

Closer to home, **Cep Vineyards Hopkins Ranch Rose, Russian River Valley, 2017, (\$23.99)**. Cep is the "second label" of the ultra-premium estate Peay VinCep is the "second label" of the ultra-premium estate Peay Vineyards. Super-drinkable, fresh, yet complex and balanced, this is one of our favorite summertime rosés. Rosewater, sweet orange, and watermelon flavors lead into a refreshingly dry finish. Produced in very small quantities so buy what you can get your hands on! This is certainly one of the best Rosé wines to buy right now. It's great with pesto pasta, Caesar salads, or just by itself. Definitely worth the effort of a hunt!



**Principal Rose Tête de Cuvée, Biarrada, Portugal, (\$25.99)**, is one more example that Portuguese wine is more than just sweet, fortified port! It is time dry Portuguese wines get their due, and this rosé from the Bairrada region should help that cause. Made from the first-press juice of Pinot Noir grapes pressed in a Coquard Champagne press, this is not your typical cherry-hued rosé: the color is a pale salmon-beige and

the food-friendly palate has a savory, saline streak. We are confident you will agree that this is one of the best rosé wines to buy right now. Great as an aperitif or with a wide variety of grilled foods.

Rounding things out, I'd like to recommend a wine from the Chinon region of the Loire Valley. In a sea of whites, this town produces reds of notable quality, primarily from **Cabernet Franc**. **Couly-Dutheil Chinon Rosé, (\$19.99)**, is a savory and unique rose, reflecting its strong red heritage. As I said, Chinon is known for its red wines made from Cabernet Franc, of which Couly-Dutheil also makes classic examples—but this rosé is a standout. All the qualities of Cab Franc—raspberries, herbs—with a hint of tannin and a strong minerality make this a unique and food-friendly rose.

I think these wines will take the heat away with a pleasant combination of style and structure-enjoy!

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### Moakley Park continued from front page

played on. Just beyond right field, not clearly visible in the photo, were others in a close-to-similar state of intoxication.

Moakley Park, as reported here before, has become a haven for the underbelly of the opioid crisis given both its wide-openness and also that it is out of sight of neighborhood residences, except for the public housing developments nearby. It's proximity to Southampton Street via Preble Street, which passes through Andrew Square to the dark side known as The Methadone Mile on through to Boston Medical Center makes it appealing to the addicted. Would that these people seek the support of those who attend meetings regularly at Saint Monica's.

But to the concern at hand, the epidemic is real and extensive. The Commonwealth's government and public health professionals are trying to address it, but the stark reality depicted in the photo, calls for stepped up enforcement of the law, as it affects the public safety of residents and citizens, especially the youth, who use Moakley Park as their sports venue of choice.

Councilor at Large Michael Flaherty stated, "It's an absolute disgrace that children using the ball fields and recreation areas have to step around people, who are passed out on the

ground because of drug use. Moakley Park is a place where our youth and families should be able to go to play baseball, run, walk their dogs and enjoy all a city park has to offer without having to deal with drug use, as well as drug dealing."

Flaherty added, "One long term solution will be to reopen the treatment center at Long Island, so that people addicted to dangerous drugs can get the permanent help they need. An immediate solution; in addition to law enforcement in the area is for people to stop enabling many of the afflicted with money at the stop lights near Andrew Square and the South Hampton Street and Albany Streets areas as well. Though it can be heart wrenching to see those afflicted; many of them young in age, the money they are given can often be used to buy more drugs".

District Councilor Ed Flynn noted, "I certainly agree that efforts should be increased to reopen the Long Island treatment facility". Flynn also stated that he "wants more police patrols and enforcement at Moakley Park and other drug use and dealing hot spots to help put an end to the problems there". Like so many other local parents, Flynn too has a child playing Little league Baseball at Moakley Park and is concerned not only for his child but for the children of his neighbors and visitors, as well.

Boston Police Department sources commented that the police from C-6 all the way up to Mayor Walsh are firm believers that Moakley Park should be a safe and kid/family friendly place for everyone to enjoy the great recreation and sports facilities there, but police say it can get frustrating at times. They spend much of their time moving the homeless out of the Andrew Square area and Preble Street and often they wind up at the park.

The police from C-6 have been working with the Andrew Square Civic Association as well as the youth baseball coaches and are doing everything in their power, and all that's legally possible, to put an end to the situation and they will be increasing their presence whenever possible. They are confident in their ability to control this situation and they consider Moakley Park a priority.

While addressing opioid abuse and its residual effects on families and neighborhoods are found in headlines attributed to candidates for re-election like US Senator Elizabeth Warren and Governor Charlie Baker, it's the local community that is affected daily. The adage that 'people can't afford to wait for the 'perfect' solution, because there is none' is apropos of this serious issue. Furthermore, there are those who believe that action 'must be taken no matter the price'. The future price is likely to be geometric.



# The Rule of Law



By Kevin Devlin

I recently took a trip to Virginia Beach to visit my daughter. At Logan and the Virginia airport I showed my Mass license twice, removed my shoes, was scanned, and then briefly patted down because I have a metallic hip. Like millions of other Americans I did it (albeit grudgingly considering the political

climate in the country concerning illegal immigration and views about open borders) but understand the need for order, safety, and security. Otherwise, disorder and chaos would rule the day instead of the Rule of Law.

Americans are a compassionate people and don't want to see others suffer. Nobody wants to see children separated from their parents. Nobody wants to see pictures of dead people being taken out of trailer trucks supplied courtesy of the Mexican cartels. If people attempt to enter illegally on their own or with the assistance of paid coyotes, they bear the responsibility of whatever transpires as a consequence of their decisions. For their safety and for the safety

of their children, those desirous of entering this country should attempt to do so legally.

The sad state of affairs in Mexico and especially Central America is beyond our control. U.S. Foreign aid ostensibly hasn't fixed the problem. For decades, America played the role of the "policeman of the world" trying to maintain order and bring democracy to those in need of a better life. We can no longer afford to do this but must address the issues directly affecting Americans at home. We need to reinvest in our major cities which are crumbling, address the homeless issue, fight the opioid epidemic, reduce crime, reform our court system, feed and educate our own poor children, improve education, build new and better schools, bridges, roads and transportation systems. The list is endless.

Getting back to the problem-at-hand, we need to protect Americans from harm. We need a secure southern border and then Congress must enact a new, comprehensive immigration policy so that people enter the country legally and not illegally. Let's just do it right for once—close the loopholes—and let common sense and decency prevail.

The Rule of Law is what keeps all of us safe. If the ordinary citizen does something wrong, we are held responsible for our actions. If not, we would do whatever we wanted to do without hesitation. Order would cease to exist. Anarchy would flourish. As citizens we abide by the laws or suffer the consequences. And so, in all fairness, those conditions should apply to anyone else who commits an illegal act in our country.

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## TRAFFIC & PARKING NOTICE

**There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to Shore Road, and along Shore Road from Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 10:00 pm through Sunday, July 22, 2018 at 1:00 pm**

**WHAT:** On Sunday, July 22, 2018, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the Boston Triathlon. All four lanes on Day Blvd 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 and from Castle Island. Parking will be prohibited along Day Boulevard and Shore Road.

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 22, 2018

**WHERE:** Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciuszko Circle to Shore Road from approximately 5:30am to 1:00pm.

### ADDITIONAL RESIDENT PARKING

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 on Saturday, July 21st at 10pm. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers. There will not be any parking allowed on Shore Road.

If you would like to be added to an email list to receive DCR announcements, or if you have questions or wish to report a concern, please contact: [mass.parks@state.ma.us](mailto:mass.parks@state.ma.us) or Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Office of Community Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114; Tel: (617) 626-4973.



# DA Conley's Juvenile Diversion Chief Recognized

The top lawyer assigned to Suffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley's groundbreaking juvenile diversion program was honored as one of the year's outstanding prosecutors at a ceremony last month at Suffolk University Law School.

Assistant District Attorney Michael V. Glennon, deputy chief of Conley's Juvenile Unit, received the Newman A. Flanagan Award for Outstanding Superior Court Prosecutor, recognizing his work investigating and litigating on a wide range of cases, from motor vehicle homicides to sexual assaults to the deaths of two workmen in an unsupported trench excavation in 2016. But Conley noted in particular Glennon's successful long-term efforts to create the Suffolk County Juvenile Alternative Resolution Program, a community-based diversion project that goes beyond the usual first-time and low-level offenders to whom most such programs are geared. "Michael has dedicated the past two years to building an ambitious juvenile diversion program that would lead the Commonwealth and the nation," Conley said. "His work building the JAR partnerships and protocols has contributed directly to its success and its overwhelming support in the community – all while he carried a caseload of serious felony prosecutions in Suffolk Superior Court."

Conley's office informally diverts almost all first-time and low-level juvenile cases. The Juvenile Alternative Resolution program intervenes with moderate- to high-risk youth, providing accountability through community-based alternatives to traditional prosecution in the juvenile courts. Most eligible cases are placed "on hold" while the youth receives family and educational services, works



**Suffolk ADA Michael V. Glennon (center) with Deputy Chief of Staff Catherine Rodriguez and District Attorney Dan Conley attached as .jpg file.**

with mentors and positive role models, and engages in pro-social activities. If participants successfully complete the program, then they are never arraigned, and the charges never appear on a criminal record. Conley launched the JAR pilot program in early 2017 with six partner agencies. Earlier this year, he expanded it and welcomed four new partner agencies to double its capacity. In its first year, the JAR took 45 juveniles charged with a to-

tal of 100 offenses, including assaults, robberies, and other offenses. Some were as young as 11 but about half were 16 or 17 years old.

"We were warned that there was a risk in taking this older, more experienced cohort into the program," Conley said. "But with a success rate of about 95%, I'm more convinced than ever that the rewards outweigh that risk." Glennon oversees the legal side of the JAR program and is the

primary point of contact with community groups, stakeholders, and other interested parties. He works alongside Juvenile Unit Chief Mark Zanini and Diversion Coordinator Nicole Robbins to ensure its smooth and consistent use as it expands across Suffolk County. "Our work as prosecutors isn't to win convictions," Conley said. "It's to do justice. Michael V. Glennon has truly taken that mission to heart, and I'm grateful to have him on our team."



# Standing Room Only At Congressman Lynch Event

Not a seat available in Florian Hall for the steady stream of guests in support of Congressman Stephen Lynch in his bid for re-election to a 10th term serving the Ninth Congressional District. Elected officials and candidates for office from the many cities and towns in the district is testimony to the fine reputation that ‘Our’ Congressman from South Boston

has and the job he is doing in Washington DC on our behalf. The Honorable Clerk Michael Donovan introduced the Congressman to a loud and prolonged ovation. Some of the dignitaries and guest included Register of Deeds Steven Murphy, the Sheriff of Norfolk County, Mike Bellotti, District 2 Councilor Ed Flynn, Senator Walter Timilty, Governor’s Councilor Bob

Jubinville among others. The Congressman stated that he would like to “work more across the aisle” in Washington DC and believes that it can and must be done. He does not agree with most of the president’s decisions but believes that we do need to be careful about who is coming across at the borders. The 8th Congressional District includes, in addition to South Boston,

South End, and Dorchester, Braintree, Canton, Cohasset, Dedham, Holbrook, Milton, Norwood, Quincy, Randolph, Avon, Stoughton, Walpole, Westwood, Weymouth, Abington, Bridgewater, Brockton, East Bridgewater, Hingham, Hull, Scituate, West Bridgewater, Whitman and Raynham. As one can see there is a lot of ground and political spectrum to cover.





# “Share The Harbor” Tours And “Life’s a Beach” Events

**S**ave the Harbor/Save the Bay is hosting a boatload of free events this summer, including harbor island excursions on Bay State Cruise Company’s flagship Provincetown II. All are welcome aboard to enjoy a ride to Georges or Spectacle Islands. These free “Share the Harbor” cruises are open to the public and depart on Mondays at 10am from the dock at the World Trade Center in Boston’s Seaport. You can make a reservation at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSSuQjYWFrO0uDSAPmSuMSpuQRmgjYsOnf5A58gBSg1FCQg/viewform>.

Save the Harbor is also hosting free “Life’s a Beach” festivals all summer long on the region’s public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket. These community events will feature trapeze artists, acrobats, jugglers, and performing pirates. “Thanks to our partners at Bay State Cruise Company, the Boston Circus Guild, and the Department of Conservation & Rec-

reation, life will definitely be a beach this summer,” said to Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy & Communication at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. “The best way we know to “Save the Harbor” is to “Share the Harbor” with the public with free events and programs like these.”

Save the Harbor’s remaining free “Life’s a Beach” festivals are scheduled in East Boston, South Boston, Lynn, Dorchester and Hull. You can find out more about the festivals and other free Better Beaches Program events at <http://blog.savetheharbor.org/2018/06/free-events-and-programs.html>.

Free “Share the Harbor” Cruises

- Monday July 23
- Monday August 6
- Monday August 13

Free “Life’s A Beach” Festivals

- July 20 East Boston YMCA Family Fun Day with intertidal artist Andres Amador at Constitution Beach
- July 27 Youth Beach Bash and

Splash at Carson Beach

- July 28 Lynn and Nahant Kids Festival at Red Rock Park
- August 11 Tenean Beach Day at Tenean Beach
- August 25 Dot Beach Day at Malibu Beach
- September 15 Hull Endless Summer at Nantasket Beach/Reservation

“Save the Harbor/Save the Bay would like to thank our partners at Mass Humanities for their support of this new initiative, and Bay State Cruise Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, The Boston Foundation, The Coca-Cola

Foundation, and Distrigas/ENGIE for their Leadership Grants which make all our free programs possible,” said Berman.

“Special thanks to everyone who joined us on the cruise, and to the hundreds of individual donors for their generosity. Thanks as well to our partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Metropolitan Beaches Commission, the Boston Centers for Youth and Families and the YMCA of Greater Boston for their support,” said Berman. “It means the world to all of us, and to all of those we serve.”



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# St. Brigid and Gate of Heaven Parishes News

On Sunday, July 15, 2018 all were welcomed, and many came to the St. Brigid Church Coffee and Refreshment Get Together in Cushing Hall, following the 10:30 Mass at St. Brigid Church, where we had a chance to say Thank you and Congratulations to our Coordinator of Faith Formation and Confirmation, Robby Degre. On July 25, 2018, Robby will be moving out to Cincinnati, Ohio where he and 15 other young men will be beginning formation for the Priesthood with the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. Our prayers and best wishes go with Robby. God

Bless him as he joins the Dominican Friars and begins the journey to becoming one of God's priests.

A note from Robby Degre...

In the Gospel of John's Crucifixion narrative, we read that Jesus concludes His ministry, and His life, with the words "it is finished." While other can, and have, spend hours discussing the implications and significance of those three little words, I wanted to take a moment to look at the practical reality of those words, both for Jesus on the Cross and for me today. At first, it seems to me as if those words are really simplifying

what is occurring, as the crucifixion is an ignoble and painful death. This is even more confusing, when we think about how it is this very same death that ultimately opens the doors of Heaven to all of us. Yet, the more I reflect on it, the more eloquent those words are in their simplicity, as they are Jesus' assent to, and affirmation of, God's will in all things, so that by enduring the hardship of the Cross, a greater glory could be revealed. As I mentioned earlier, these words have a special meaning to me today, as my own ministry here at St. Brigid and Gate of Heaven comes to a close.

In a few short weeks, On July 25th, I will be moving out of Cincinnati, Ohio where I (and fifteen other young men) will be beginning formation for the Priesthood with the Dominican Province of St. Joseph. While leaving the Parishes here will be difficult, I trust in God's Providence and know that even this hardship of leaving is ultimately so that I can give greater glory to God as a Dominican Friar and a priest. As such, I want to thank all of you for all of the lessons you have taught me during this last year. Please pray for me, and for my brothers, and know that I am praying for all of you as well.

Peace in Christ, Robert Degre



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Anniversary Mass at St. Brigid Church • 4:00PM on Saturday, August 25, 2018



# Moms Club Luau

**T**he Moms Club of South Boston hosted their Retro Luau Patio Party at Aloft

Hotel Seaport District on Thursday, July 12th. Parents enjoyed live music, signature cocktails inspired by 1960 Hawaiian films and a custom tropical menu designed by the hotel's head chef. The evening was held at the Hotel's colorful and inviting, WXYZ bar, that features an expansive outdoor patio complete with a fireplace, lounge furniture and cornhole.

Dedicated to its philanthropic

work in Southie, the Mom's Club partnered with Aloft to make this a truly memorable night by encouraging guests to bring school supplies to contribute to the annual South Boston Boys & Girls club back to school drive.

Hotel Manager and South Boston Mom, Christy Loy, spoke to the hotels shared commitment to the South Boston neighborhood and its families, including its popular sum-

mer splash pass program and family friendly patio nights. Together with Mom's Club President, Kristin Frechette, Christy presented Harry Duvall, Executive Director of the Edgerley Family South Boston Club with the school supplies collected at the event.

To learn more about The Mom's Club of South Boston please visit their website at [www.southiemomsclub.com](http://www.southiemomsclub.com) or [www.southiemomsclub.com](http://www.southiemomsclub.com)



Left to Right: Christ Perret, South Boston Parent, Stephanie Perret, Moms Club Member, Kristin Frechette, Moms Club President, Henna Aeja, Moms Club Member, Eyhab Aeja, South Boston Parent



Left to Right: Adam Green, South Boston Parent, Nia Green, Moms Club Member, Rick Baker, South Boston Parents and Members, Katie Baker, Moms Club Member, Becca Lanstein, Moms Club Member, Jay Lanstein, South Boston Parent



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Left to Right: Kristin Frechette, Moms Club President, Harry Duvall, Executive Director of the Edgerley Family South Boston Club, Christy Loy, South Boston Parent & Hotel Manager of Aloft and Elements Hotels Seaport



Back Row (Left to Right): Rachel Pearson, Moms Night Out Co-Chair, Mike Walsh, SB Parent, Kristian Pearson, South Boston Parent Front Row (Left to Right) Erica Walsh, Moms Club Member



Retro Luau attendees smile for a group photo at the WXYZ bar





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

I watched the Home Run Derby. I enjoyed it. Bryce Harper won it in front of his home fans in D.C. But obviously, OBVIOUSLY, there were people who jumped on Twitter to complain about the way Harper won it. Apparently, according to these idiots, Harper cheated his way to a Home Run Derby championship. The rules state that you're supposed to let the ball land before another pitch is thrown. Harper's Dad was pitching to him. And these social media assassins are saying that Harper's Dad threw a few pitches before previously hit home runs reached the stands.

The people complaining about this are the same people who are ruining the world. Some of you want to blame President Trump for that (and no, this is not a political opinion, so shut up), but I blame the miserable fools who found it worth their while to care about this Home Run Derby rule enough that they would decide to tweet about it. Why would you even care? Honestly. It's the Home Run Derby. And it was an exciting one with plenty of drama until the very end, when Harper basically won it in walk-off

fashion. If you watched that and then decided to dig into the rule book, you need to seek help, asap.

And if you then decided to tweet about it, the Twitter purge should start with you.

Manny Machado is getting traded. As I write this, that's pretty much all we know. Some reports say he's going to the Los Angeles Dodgers for prospects. Those reports are probably true. By the time you read this, you'll probably know where Machado is heading. And even though all reports indicate it will be LA, it'll only be a rental, as Machado will be a free agent this winter.

That's when I expect the New York Yankees to go all in on signing him, which is why they've probably decided to let the Dodgers give up the prospects for him now, while the Yankees can just write him a check in the winter.

The British Open is this weekend. By the way, when did they stop calling it that? Everywhere I look, it's now called The Open Championship. That's fine and all, but can I not call it The British Open anymore? I'm genuinely confused. Anyways, you should

put in a DraftKings lineup for The British Open. Sign up right now at DraftKings.com and use promo code "PIC" to play for free with your first deposit. You can choose any sport. But for golf, all you do is pick six golfers. And this weekend, if you miss the cut to pick six golfers before they tee off on Thursday, you can pick six more for DraftKings' "Weekend Golf" contest for Rounds 3 and 4. Download the DraftKings app right now to find out what I'm talking about. And again, use promo code "PIC" to play for free.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame enshrinement for the Class of 2018 is in a few weeks, and Terrell Owens will choose not to show up. Not that we didn't already know he was a clown — we did — but choosing not to show up to Canton is worse than any terrible touchdown celebration he had back in the day. However, there was some news on Owens this week that might explain his absence from the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. According to his agent, Owens wants to play in the NFL again. Right.

The guy is 44 years old, and he

hasn't played in an NFL game since 2010. Owens' agent also said that if no NFL team wants him, then he'll play in the CFL, calling it "the next-best option."

Owens says he's never stopped training like he was an NFL player. So how does he explain his absence from the league since 2010 with the Cincinnati Bengals? If nobody wanted him in 2014, what makes him think a team is going to take a chance on him in 2018? And again, the guy is 44 years old. Don't even give me the "Patriots should take a flyer on him." They shouldn't. They won't. So let's not make that a thing on TV and radio. If Owens had any family or friends who actually cared about him, they'd tell him to give up the dream and show up in Canton to give his speech, like everybody else. And if he was smart, he'd listen to them. Have fun in the CFL, buddy.

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