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Mayor Martin Walsh Sets Ambitious Government Agenda For 2019

With an aggressive package of legislation filed on Beacon Hill, against a backdrop of “dysfunction” on Capitol Hill, Mayor Marty Walsh promoted Boston as the leading economic and social driver of Massachusetts in his State of the City address.

At the start of 2019, Walsh, stating that “housing and economic mobility are linked, and a stable home allows residents to pursue opportunities”, presented a package of legislation to the General Court of Massachusetts addressing housing, education, environment,

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EDITORIAL

What Goes Up, Must Come Down – Except Taxes

The saying above was commonly used in the past, usually for things that were thrown into the air or launched into the sky, but apparently it does not apply to taxes in Boston or any other part of Massachusetts. The recent arrival of property tax bills in the mail boxes of homeowners in the city is proof of this. That residents were a bit shell shocked when they saw the increase in how much more they had to pay would

be an understatement. In many cases, the increase amounts to hundreds of dollars more added to each quarterly payment. This is a hardship to homeowners but also to tenants as well, who have part of that increase passed onto them.

The question is why? With all the new development and building coming into Boston, including more large companies and corporations, more tax revenue is coming with it. So why, people are asking, must the bur-

den of tax increases continue to fall on Boston's working-class families, who are and always have been the



back bone of this city and have made it what it is today?

Apparently, Boston is a desirable place that attracts new business and development. So it would make perfect sense that if additional revenue is needed to properly fund the city budget, let it come from them. This would allow the city the chance to finally give homeowners and their tenants who want to be able to afford to continue to live here a break. It's the right thing to do.

"The Founding Fathers never intended a nation where citizens would pay nearly half of everything they earn to the Government" – Ron Paul

New Twist In Edison Plant Redevelopment Process

The Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) president Bradley Campbell expressed concerns regarding the proposed redevelopment of the mothballed East First Street Edison Plant in a letter to the Massachusetts Port Authority on Monday. CLF is demanding answers from the Authority and a development firm, citing a possible conflict of interest if the company is allowed to build condos, offices and shops at a decommissioned power plant in South Boston.

CLF said Massport had acted to "insulate maritime and industrial operations, and the associated heavy truck traffic, from encroaching residential

development." But CLF "found it odd and inexplicable that the proposed Redgate redevelopment of the Edison Electric parcel has proceeded on the implicit assumption that Massport would lift the prohibition on residential use of the parcel."

Redgate Capital Partners and Hilco Redevelopment Partners formed a joint venture to redevelop the decommissioned Edison power plant in South Boston. In 2016, the two firms purchased the 15-acre parcel from energy company Exelon Corp. for \$24 million. Both Massport and Redgate told the Herald their arrangement for consulting services ended in 2014 and there are no conflicts of interest.



"Massport has taken no action on the release of the deed restriction," a Massport statement said. "Once the project has definition and the community agrees to proceed, and as we do with similar real estate transactions, we intend to present the project and the deed restriction issue with the Massport Board at an appropriate time should it become necessary."



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'The Hypocrisy is Strong in That One'

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As the partial government shut down over funding for a border wall drags on, it becomes more apparent by the day that Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer and those in their party who follow them like blind puppies, don't want a wall because a wall won't work. It's because a wall WILL work, and they know it. Data from along the southern border, where sections of wall have already been built, show that the flow of illegals has slowed from a flood to a trickle in those locations, and the crime rate, including the drugs pouring in, is down by more than 90% in many cases. Some would call that last statement racist. There is a difference between a racist statement and information presented backed up by facts and solid data.

Pelosi and Schumer have access to this same data, and they don't like what they see. Their goal of filling up the country with illegal and unvetted immigrants would be in jeopardy if a wall is completed, and their dreams of creating a new liberal Democrat voting base would be shattered.

The US Border Patrol is practically begging for the completion of the wall. These dedicated and brave men and women, almost half of those stationed at the border being Hispanic themselves, are putting their lives on the line every day. Even those who have gone without a paycheck during the shutdown. If you watch the news, you can see the captured drugs and cash confiscated from the cartels piled, in some instances, from floor to ceiling in warehouses. Yet, this is just a

fraction of what is coming over the border, because the wall is being deliberately stalled by Democrat politicians. Drugs that are killing an estimated 300 Americans, most of them young people, every day. The Meth, the opioids, the Heroin and much more are taking their toll on our country, and Pelosi and Schumer say there isn't a crisis.

Let's be blunt here. Politicians, who claim they are concerned about the opioid epidemic that is raging through our country and ruining entire families and even whole communities, are lying. Unless they are willing to get behind a known method that will successfully help put a major dent in this epidemic, and that is a building a wall, then politics is what's most important to these politicians, not saving American lives and they should be ashamed of themselves.

So many of these elected officials and Hollywood hand wringers railing against President Trump, calling the wall 'immoral', themselves live in safe mansions protected by armed guards and surrounded by walls. You can go on Google and get aerial views of their palatial estates and see their walls, some more than ten feet high. And yes, Pelosi herself lives in a home protected by a wall. It was quite an embarrassment to her when this past Monday, political activist Laura Loomer showed up on property owned by Pelosi with a group of illegals and set up camp. Pelosi's response was of course to call police and have them removed. The fictional Star Wars movie character 'Yoda' would have said 'The hypocrisy is

strong in that one'. Another accurate statement would be to say that she has no shame.

President Trump has stated that these politicians, who will not budge and will not compromise on the wall, don't care about the drugs, the crime, and the gangs, including MS-13 members, the human traffickers and the terrorists coming across our border. They know it's happening, and they are allowing it to continue. And as it continues,

with each passing day, more Americans are put in danger and the country over all becomes less safe.

The President says he will wait only so long for cooperation from Democrats in Congress and if he doesn't get the wall funding, he will declare a national emergency and get that funding from other sources. At this point, let's hope he doesn't wait much longer. Because what the opposition keeps saying is not a crisis at the border, certainly is.

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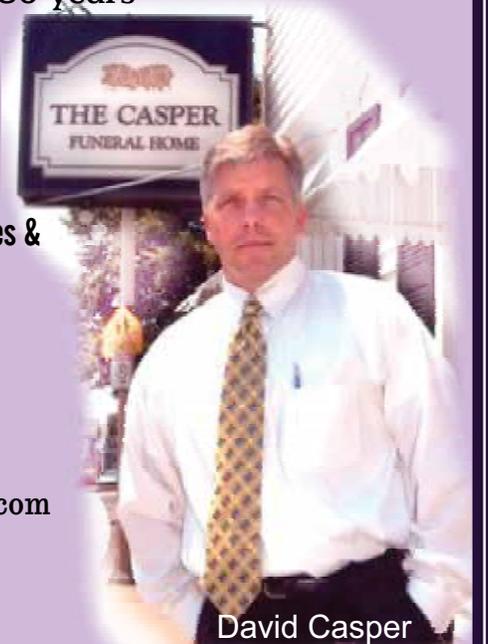
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Window Into The State House

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

SJC: Cops can arrest stoned drivers based on observations

The state's high court isn't waiting around for policymakers to come up with new laws on how to deal with suspected drugged drivers. From Scott Croteau at MassLive: "Police in Massachusetts can still arrest people for driving under the influence of marijuana if the officer observes signs of use. The state Supreme Judicial Court made that finding in a ruling issued Monday as more and more retail marijuana shops pop up across Massachusetts."

In Vermont, high-court justices have reached, it appears, a somewhat different conclusion, ruling that the "faint scent of burnt marijuana is no longer justification for a police officer in Vermont to search or seize a person's property," writes Felicia Gans at the Globe. Granted, they're two different things: Arrests versus searches/seizures. But still ...

The consensus: Warren's off to a good start

Four Globe political reporters -- Jess Bidgood, Liz Goodwin, Victoria McGrane and James Pindell -- answer all the questions you may have about Elizabeth Warren's now two-week-old presidential campaign. The consensus among the four reporters: The campaign has gone better than expected for Warren, as she preaches the gospel of populist economics. Meanwhile, the big question is whether U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders, a potential progressive rival to Warren, will even run -- or, if he does, whether he can catch his old 2016 mojo. The Globe's Michael Levenson has the details.

Americans are now more likely to die from opioid overdoses than traffic accidents

This is just incredible -- and depressing. From Ian Stewart at WGBH: "For the first time in U.S. history, a leading cause of deaths, vehicle crashes, has been surpassed in likelihood by opioid overdoses, according to a new report on preventable

deaths from the National Safety Council. Americans now have a 1 in 96 chance of dying from an opioid overdose, according to the council's analysis of 2017 data on accidental death. The probability of dying in a motor vehicle crash is 1 in 103." One in 96 will die from overdoses?

Georgia company to acquire Bay State pot retailer

Speaking of marijuana, Surterra Wellness, a rapidly growing pot company based in Atlanta, is acquiring New England Treatment Access, a marijuana firm that only recently opened its first pot shop in Massachusetts and that owns other cannabis businesses in the state as well. SHNS's Colin Young at Wicked Local has more.

More delays for Charlton marijuana farm proposal

One more pot item and it comes down to this: Chill. That's the message from the Charlton Planning Board, which has delayed until March a decision on a subdivision proposal for land being eyed for a massive and controversial marijuana cultivation operation. Valley Green Grow agreed to the two-month deadline extension even as it considers whether to appeal an unfavorable ruling from the board made earlier this month.

Rollout of new Orange Line cars delayed again

What can you say? From Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine: "A holdup in the testing of a new vehicle signal system will delay the introduction of new Orange Line cars by at least six to eight weeks, MBTA officials said on Monday. The MBTA had hoped to begin introducing the new vehicles into service this month, but Jeffrey Gonville, the T's deputy general manager, said a vehicle signal system developed by a subcontractor on the project needs to be fully checked out by an independent third party and that process will not be

completed until mid-March."

SHNS's Colin Young at WBUR has more on the latest T delay. And, what the heck, we might as well squeeze this T item into the post, from Mark Williams at the Globe: "MBTA pension crisis should be a priority."

Baker on shutdown: 'My pox is on all the houses down there'

Republican Gov. Charlie Baker, once again caught in the middle of a partisan brawl in Washington, is making it clear he's sick of the federal government shutdown: "My pox is on all the houses down there," Baker said yesterday. Shira Schoenberg at MassLive and the AP's Steve LeBlanc at the Herald have more.

Btw: LeBlanc reports the administration is exploring ways to offer state unemployment benefits to federal workers and contractors now going without paychecks. But the idea faces a number of hurdles, not least whether federal workers even qualify for unemployment benefits.

Btw, II: The shutdown headlines keep coming. From Worcester Magazine: "Worcester's Heard Marketing goes viral with shutdown offer to federal employees." From MassLive: "Israeli singer forced to postpone Boston show because of government shutdown."

Lawmakers push to pay Coast Guard members amid shutdown

Here's another way to help at least some federal workers. Mary Whitfill at Wicked Local reports that state Rep. Patrick Kearney, a Democrat, and Sen. Patrick O'Connor, a Republican, have formed a bi-partisan team to draft legislation that would have the state pay local Coast Guard members who haven't been paid in more than three weeks. The state would, hopefully, get reimbursed after the shutdown ends.

Massachusetts business confidence hits two-year low, thanks to shutdown and stock gyrations

Not good. From SHNS's Katie Lannan at the Worcester Business

Journal, via an AIM survey: "Confidence levels among Massachusetts employers hit a two-year low in December, driven by national factors like the federal government shutdown and the largest one-month stock market decline since the Great Depression. Closer to home, employers have their eyes on the cost of health care and fees imposed by the state."

Angie's List for Medicaid patients

It's odd this hasn't been done before: The state, for the first time, is seeking the opinions of thousands of Medicaid recipients about the quality of their experiences in doctors' offices, allowing the state to determine how well patients are served and, perhaps eventually, allowing patients to compare the quality of provider networks. The Globe's Liz Kowalczyk has more.

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

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January 09, 2019
Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

January 17, 2019

LEGISLATURE, GOVERNOR ACT TO REDUCE BURDEN ON BOATING COMMUNITY

*Legislature passes,
Governor Signs legislation
to limit increases in DCR
lease costs*

The State Legislature recently enacted legislation aimed to curb the rising cost of leases for boating clubs in the Common-



wealth. Following years of back and forth between boating-club members and the Department of Conservation about the appropriate price of a lease, the Commonwealth stepped in to cap the rising costs at 3% a year.

Boating clubs across the state began to be issued lease agreements in 2015 with 20% to 30% increases in the price, prompting concerns about long term viability and threatening

their mission to enhance access to the Commonwealth's waterways, provide boating education, and make capital improvements on public land. In a November 2017 meeting organized by then State Rep Collins and his colleagues on Beacon Hill, many members pointed out that their clubs were moved by the state through eminent domain at some point.

While the term "Yacht Club" may conjure images of mega-boats with elite members, the reality of boating clubs in Massachusetts is that most members are retired or on fixed income, and the clubs often provide community benefits that the DCR would otherwise incur, including park cleanup, tree maintenance, and water management. One recent DCR proposal of

5% annual increases, compounding annually, would have limited membership to only the wealthier, and undercut the clubs ability to perform its programs that benefit the wider community.

"Simply put, this was the right thing to do," said Senator Nick Collins. "We have many boating clubs in the First Suffolk District, from South Boston, to Savin Hill, to Port Norfolk and beyond, and these clubs provide immense public benefit and are excellent stewards of the public land on which they sit. I was glad to work with my colleagues to find a middle ground that works for everyone involved."

The Governor signed the bill on January 7th, after Senator Collins and the legislature had pushed for the provision to be included in last year's budget.

Boston Police Foundation To Honor Jim Brett At Annual Gala



In Boston, being a member of the Boston Police Department is more than a job, it means being part of the community. Recognizing this relationship between police and residents, the Boston Police Foundation works to support some of the department's most successful initiatives such as Officer Wellness and Safety, New Technology, New Equipment and Community Policing. The Foundation's mission is to "Back Up Boston's Finest." This, too, is a community effort. Police officers make a difference every day by going beyond what is required to serve their community and ensure public safety.

Individuals who help support these

initiatives are also making a difference in the lives of Boston residents. This year, the Boston Police Foundation will honor New England Council President Jim Brett as its Civilian Honoree for the organization's fifth annual gala. In addition to this special award, the Foundation honors members of the Boston Police Department who have gone above and beyond the call of duty throughout the year.

"I am honored to receive this recognition," said Brett. "The Boston Police are always there when you need them. They put their lives on the line every day to make sure we are safe. I cannot say enough about the work they do. Particularly in

Dorchester, I have seen the positive impact of programs such as Community Policing."

Brett is being recognized for many years of support to the foundation and his dedication to helping "Back Up Boston's Finest." As president of The New England Council, Brett works to forge partnerships and collaborations among business leaders to foster economic development and improve the quality of life in the region. The award will be presented at the fifth annual gala which is scheduled to take place on January 31, 2019 at the Boston Park Plaza. Past civilian honorees have included Robert Kraft, Linda Henry and David Ortiz.

DA Rachael Rollins Appoints Jennifer Grace Miller As Chief of Staff

Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins announced today that Jennifer Grace Miller will be her Chief of Staff, citing her broad experience in senior government positions, including stints at two statewide law enforcement agencies. Miller's first day will be Feb. 1, 2019.

Miller has most recently served as Counsel to the Massachusetts Senate, where she was the chief legal counsel to 40 senators and approximately 200 staff members. Prior to joining the Senate, Miller was Chief of the Government

Bureau in the Massachusetts Attorney General's office. As Chief, Miller supervised roughly 100 lawyers and staff in three divisions. She previously served as the Bureau's Deputy Chief and as an assistant attorney general in the Administrative Law Division, focusing primarily on civil appellate work. Among other high-profile litigation, Miller argued the Massachusetts buffer zone case, *McCullen v. Coakley*, at the United States Supreme Court.

Miller began her public service career as Senior Staff Counsel at the Supreme Judicial Court. She then served as Assistant Solicitor General in the New York Attorney General's office.

"Jennifer Grace Miller is a smart, dedicated public servant with deep experience managing complex govern-



ment institutions and sophisticated litigation," District Attorney Rollins said. "She has worked in all three branches of government and will bring a trusted set of skills and perspective to the District Attorney's office."

"Jennifer has been a wonderful asset to the state Senate, providing a steady hand through difficult times," stated Senate President Karen E. Spilka. "Jen-

nifer's professionalism, intellect, and caring nature will serve her well as she steps into her role with District Attorney Rollins, and we wish her all the best."

Prior to entering the public sector, Miller was a litigation associate at two national firms, Goodwin Procter in Boston and Weil Gotshal in New York. She received her law degree from Boston University in 1993 and her undergraduate degree from Columbia University in 1989.

Among other honors, Miller was inducted into the Lawyer's Weekly "Circle of Excellence" and received the Boston University Public Interest Project Pro Bono Award, given to alumni who have demonstrated a commitment to public service. She also serves as a Commissioner on the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission.

Is That A REAL Service Dog Or Your Personal Pet?

SB Staff Report

“Is that a real service dog or is it really just your pet that you want to be able to take with you everywhere you go?” This is a question being asked quite a bit. More people than not love dogs. And dogs properly trained can help humans in many ways, making life for people with real disabilities easier and much more pleasant. But the increasing practice of pretending that a pet is actually a service dog or even an emotional support animal is becoming a problem, according to an online site called ‘Wide Open Pets’ which caters to pet owners and animal lovers and in a story written and posted by Paige Cerulli.

After hearing comments from several local business owners who had questions as to what the policy is on this issue, South Boston Today did some research into it in an effort to answer some of those questions and to pass along the information to our readers who might also be curious about it.

Often, trained and certified Service Dogs can be recognized by the special service dog vests they wear and also by ID tags. More often than not, these dogs have gone through years of rigorous training that give them the skills they need to properly assist the owners they are assigned to, who have specific disabilities which their dogs are geared to help with. True service dogs are trained



to perform specific tasks for their humans. These dogs are also trained not to be distracted by their surroundings and to remain focused on the needs of their humans. Since service dogs are trained to help people in specific ways, and are highly trained to be passive, they are allowed to go into many public places where non-service dogs are never allowed, such as restaurants, airports etc.

Business owners and their employees are often unsure about how to deal with dogs being brought into their stores, especially if there are complaints by customers who disapprove of or feel uncomfortable or nervous about the presence of those dogs. In some cases, people have legitimate allergies to dogs. But the rules and regulations clearly state that workers at establish-

ments that serve the public are allowed to ask only two questions which are ‘Is that a service dog?’ and ‘What service does the dog provide?’

The rising problem is that some people are passing off their pets as service animals, when they are actually not. And getting your dog certified as an ‘Emotional Support’ animal is becoming easier all the time, even though in many cases the animals don’t have anywhere near the training, if any at all, to be considered safe in public areas with people they don’t know or in areas where other animals are and aggressive behavior might take place. This can put real service dogs in danger of being attacked and nearby humans in harm’s way. While emotional support dogs also perform services

in the cases of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), there are different requirements and benefits for their owners to have their dogs certified as an emotional support dog. To get more information on the differences in certification requirements you can go on the Americans with Disabilities Act website at www.ada.gov/service_animals_2010.htm.

That there is growing abuse by some people who deliberately mislead by trying to pass off their pets as legitimate service animals is undeniable, and it seems to be happening with ever increasing frequency. As one frustrated local business owner put it “What, if someone walks in here with a Bengal Tiger on a leash or a cursing parrot on their shoulder, I’m supposed to look the other way because the accompanying human insists that they have them for emotional support?” Good question. Of course those situations would be extreme cases and stranger things have happened, but not often, yet a good question just the same.

There are efforts being discussed regarding ways to curtail this practice, including the fines that go with committing these acts. In the meantime, experts on the matter believe it would be better for all involved, especially for people with true disabilities who need to have their service animals by their side when out in public and for the service animals themselves if everyone followed the rules and the practice of ‘faking it’ comes to an end.

Walsh Agenda continued from front page
transportation and health and safety initiatives in an effort to link the booming economy of Boston to the neighborhoods and residents of Boston beyond the downtown and South Boston’s Seaport. He says the goals of the 14-bill package that he shipped to state lawmakers are to help preserve neighborhoods threatened by soaring housing costs, stabilize vulnerable households, support small businesses and removing barriers that keep people in poverty. Among Walsh’s proposals are bills that would provide low-income tenants facing eviction with a court-appointed attorney and ban no-fault evictions of persons over age 75.

Pointing the finger at the new administration in Washington DC, Walsh stated “What happens in

Washington, we feel on the streets of Boston. But here’s what matters more: What we do in Boston can change this country. We’ve done it before, and we’ll do it again, because in this time of uncertainty and division, Boston offers a way forward. There is no federal housing policy, but Boston has created more affordable homes during his administration than “any time on record,” the mayor said. The nation has no infrastructure plan, but in Boston workers are “rebuilding roads and bridges, making our streets work for bikes and buses, and opening parks and libraries all across our city.”

Walsh said he and Gov. Charlie Baker are “going on a road trip” to Washington D.C. “We have a Republican-led Senate and a Democratic House. So we’ll go to

Washington with a united front and call for the investments in housing, transit, and the environment that our future depends on. Instead of building a wall, let’s show them how to build bridges,” Walsh said.

The mayor went on to lay out a plan focused on certain goals for his sixth year in office. The city will launch a Mobile Economic Development Center to provide job training and business workshops in “every neighborhood.” He said he’ll create 1,000 new homeowners in the next five years by building affordable housing and giving out more money.

Shifting to public safety, Walsh also highlighted the work of the Boston police department which he said has committed to “lifting people up, not locking people up.” Officers have taken more than 4,100 guns off

the street since he became mayor, Walsh said. On other issues, he added, “The White House turned its back on climate change, while Boston has a strategy to be carbon-free by 2050”. On homelessness, Walsh reaffirmed his commitment pointing out that in the last five years the city has housed more than 1,600 people experiencing homelessness.

The Mayor ended by saying, “To the people of Boston: thank you for the privilege of serving you these past five years. I love my job. Every day, I get to go out into the neighborhoods to talk, listen, and work with the people of Boston. And every day, Bostonians walk through the doors of City Hall and share their hopes and dreams with me. They remind me how grateful I am to live my dream and walk through those doors as the son of immigrants.”

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

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313 Silver Street Single Family	\$765,000	8/1/18	6	1.5	1956
45 West Third St UNIT 518 Condo	\$760,000	7/30/18	4	1	774
45 West Third St UNIT 520 Condo	\$755,000	7/27/18	4	1	774
45 West Third St UNIT 319 Condo	\$725,000	7/27/18	4	1	774
113-115 N St UNIT 3 Condo	\$725,000	8/1/18	5	1	927
45 West Third St UNIT 218 Condo	\$715,000	7/30/18	4	1	774
595 East Fourth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$650,000	7/31/18	4	1.5	974
148 West Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$645,000	7/27/18	4	1	904
45 West Third St UNIT 303 Condo	\$620,000	7/24/18	3	1	658
656 East Eighth St UNIT 6 Condo	\$620,000	7/30/18	5	1	849
279 Athens St UNIT 1 Condo	\$605,000	7/30/18	5	1	1238
161 West Sixth St UNIT D Condo	\$585,000	7/30/18	4	1	915
412 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$549,000	8/1/18	4	1.5	721
106 I St UNIT 1 Condo	\$501,000	8/1/18	4	1	694

The Wine Guy

Something To Stew About

Since it looks like we're about to get the first snowstorm of the season, it might be a good time to look at a couple of hearty reds. Not only can you have these with a bowl of Beef Barley or Lamb Stew, you can pour a little into them as well!

Petalos, 2016, Bierza, Spain, (\$19.99). The body of this magnificent Mencia-based wine won't need food to satisfy; the delectable array of flavors and its fresh, balanced nature will do that all by itself. However, it's a great wine to have with a hearty stew; its notes of espresso, black olive and graphite, along with a core of black cherry and licorice, keep this beauty balanced, harmonious and graceful.

Lapostolle 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, Cuvee Alexandre, Apalta Vineyard, Colchagua Valley, Chile, (\$24.99). The Apalta Vineyard is the gem of the Lapostolle estates in Chile's Colchagua Valley. It's where they source the fruit for one of Chile's greatest wines, Clos Apalta. The Cuvee Alexandre Cabernet is also sourced from this

extraordinary vineyard. Planted back in 1920, it has deeply rooted grapevines averaging 60 years old. The style of this Cab is very French, which shouldn't be a surprise, since this vineyard is owned by the same family that makes Gran Marnier.

Locations E Red Blend, Dave Phinney, Spain, (\$18.99), is a part of the "Locations" series made by Dave Phinney, whose "Prisoner" wines are legendary. If there is such a thing as a miracle worker in the wine biz, winemaker Dave Phinney would fit the description. He continues to amaze with non-vintage red blends that dazzle. The E5 is sourced from Spain, from multi-vintages of course, and it exhibits remarkable complexity and drinkability. This one's a blend of Grenache, Tempranillo, Monastrell and Carignan and it is unequivocally mouth-watering and delicious, with a core of ripe black fruit and supple tannins. The price is beautiful, too.

Chianti Classico Riserva 2015 Castello Di Monsanto, (\$24.99), is a great wine for any hearty stew. When owner Fabrizio Bianchi purchased this ancient estate 1962, he began a transformation that continues to this day. The vineyards have all been revitalized and the wine-making is modern and up-to-date. He was one of the first to eliminate white grapes from his Chianti blend. The blend is 90% Sangiovese, 7% Canaiolo and 3% Colorino. This is an earthy, big-bodied Chianti that you'll want to have not just with stews, but with grilled mat and roasts, too.

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Metro Energy Finishes First

By Kevin Devlin

On Sunday, January 13 at the McDonough gym located within the Walsh Community Center, the Metro Energy Club defeated the Jack McDonough Club, 42-38, to finish in first place for the regular season in the Gate of Heaven

CYO cadet basketball house league. It was a close tilt but the McDonough Club, missing sharpshooter, Ed Murray, couldn't contain Jake (aka "The Distributor") Harrison who scored sixteen points and dished out six assists, and slick lefty guard, Owen Donovan, who contributed ten points. To round out the scoring for

the Metro Energy Club, Sam Heller and Ethan Clark had five points apiece, while shifty guard, Alex Polena, knocked down two three-pointers from the corner. For the Jack McDonough Club, Robert Wisniewski was in the zone netting twenty points (including four treys) while Lydon McGarrell, Nolan Callow, and Tommy White, had five points apiece.

The Metro Energy Club finished

with a 6-3 record to edge out the McDonough Club (5-4) and the Boston Home Inspector Club (5-4) for the regular season divisional title. The second season starts Sunday, January 20. At 11 a.m. the P.S. Deli Club (2-7) will battle the Metro Energy Club, and at noon, the Boston Home Inspector Club will play the Jack McDonough Club. The championship game will be played on Sunday, January 27 at 11 a.m.



Pictured at the Walsh Center gym is (from left) Aldo Noury-Ello, Alex Polena, and Owen Donovan, who play on the Metro Energy Club in the cadet house league. They are coached by Chris DiMaggio.



Pictured at the McDonough gym is (from left) Lydon McGarrell, Jareth Frith, and Nolan Callow, who play on the Jack McDonough Club in the Gatey cadet house league, coached by Bobby McGarrell.

Gate of Heaven CYO League Standings

Boys Cadet League	Won	Loss
Metro Energy	6	3
Jack McDonough Club	5	4
PS Deli	2	7

Boys Midget League	Won	Loss
Ryan Club	7	0
Blasi's Café	5	2
East Boston Savings Bank	3	4
Joe Evans Club	2	5
Iron Worker Local #7	1	7

Girls Cadet League	Won	Loss
Jacqueline Madden Club	5	1
Nick Collins Club	4	2
Ed Flynn Club	3	3
George & Mary Lally Club	0	6



Girls Midget League	Won	Loss
Sister Pat Club	5	1
O'Brien Funeral Home	4	2
Barbara Caputo Club	2	4
Kelly Collins Club	1	5

Travel Teams

Boys	Won	Loss
3rd & 4th Grade	7	0
5th & 6th Grade - Massport	4	2
5th & 6th Grade - Blue	1	7
7th & 8th Grade	1	6
9th & 10th Grade - Red	8	0
9th & 10th Grade - Blue	4	4
11th & 12th Grade	6	1

Girls	Won	Loss
3rd & 4th Grade - Dedham Savings Bank	5	1
5th & 6th Grade	4	5
7th & 8th Grade	7	1
High School - Red	4	2
High School - Blue	1	5

“Three Before Me”

By Lisa Gilbert

Reflections of a First-Grade Classroom

Classical music played softly in the background as I walked into the first-grade classroom at St. Peter Academy. The students were seated in a circle on the carpet in the front of the room, while their teacher, Ms. Laura Heseck, sat in her rocking chair nearby. Ms. Heseck was quizzing students aloud on their sight words, which tended to possess the short ‘u’ sound surrounded by consonants. In her kind, yet serious way, Ms. Heseck called upon students with rapid precision, never skipping a beat. To their credit, her students followed right along, keeping beat to Ms. Heseck’s very own first-grade cadence.

The eager first-graders were following Ms. Heseck’s lead. One could observe children as they anticipated their upcoming turn- they would sit a little taller on the rug, shift a bit in their places, all in preparation to “go next.” All the students were engaged except one little guy. I felt for him as he fingered the rim of his clipboard, probably imagining the tree that the wood came from or his own self romping through the woods where the tree

grew. We ask so much of young lads who would just as soon be out hunting and exploring than domesticated inside a classroom. Still, with the same loving kindness that Ms. Heseck emanated for all her students, she calmly redirected her wayward dreamer to the task at hand. “Spell dug,” she said, as if this was a question one would get asked on a regular basis. As if awakened by a charming princess, our little dreamer quickly rose to the occasion, spelling the word with accuracy.

Before sending the students to their seats, Ms. Heseck took great pains to explain their seatwork to students. With eagle like precision, Ms. Heseck honed in on students as she described each step of the multi-step directions. “Eyes on me,” she said with the same even tone that she had been speaking all along. Then - as if it were the last second of instruction ever to be given - Ms. Heseck waited. She waited for what seemed like days. Wordless. Still. Neutral. Suddenly, like a brood of wandering ducklings who fell into line, the students fixed their eyes on Ms. Heseck. With a knowing smile, Ms.



Heseck began to instruct again before sending her fledglings to their seats.

Once seated, students rushed up to Ms. Heseck for clarification as if they had never heard her in-depth instructions. “Three before me,” she would say as eager learners stormed her desk. “Did you ask three of your classmates before you came to me?” Ms. Heseck noticed the bewilderment on my face. “I want the children to be independent learners,” she said. In this era of instant gratification on social media, it’s helpful to prompt children to slow down and work for their

knowledge. Sometimes they discover that they don’t really need to go to their peers for help. They knew the answers all along.

Located in the heart of South Boston, and serving students ages 15 months to sixth grade, St. Peter Academy is a family oriented, forward thinking learning community providing academic excellence while educating the whole child. We are hosting an OPEN HOUSE on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, from 9-11 am and 3-6 pm. Please stop by and visit our school. We always have room for you.

Teens - Become A SB Community Health Center Youth Ambassador!

The South Boston Community Health Center is pleased to announce that spring semester Youth Ambassadors meetings will begin on Tuesday January 22, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m. The location of the meetings is 386 West Broadway – 2nd floor (SB-CHC Dental and Eye Care building).

Youth ages 12 – 15 are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about joining Youth Ambassadors, a group of teens that are engaged in a wide variety of activities designed to promote a healthy and more fulfilling life. Since 2005, Youth Ambassadors have participated in community service projects,

health related trainings, art-based activities and so much more. It is a great way for teens to meet new people and get involved in their community!

Meetings are held every **Tuesday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m.** Applications to become a **Youth Ambassador are being accepted January 22 – 29, 2019.**

If you would like more information about the Youth Ambassadors program, please contact Linda



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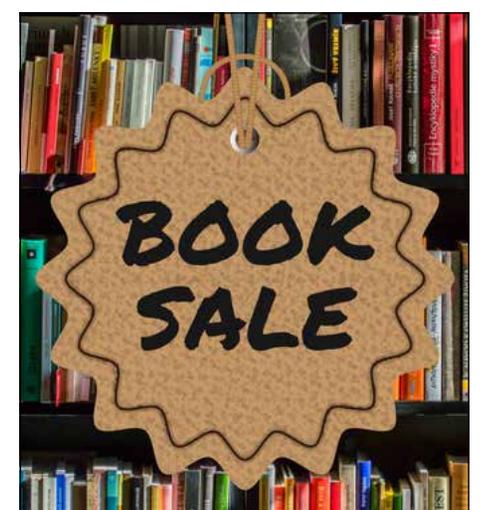
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SPORTS WHAT TO WATCH

NFL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

SUNDAY, JAN. 20 • NFC CHAMPIONSHIP • LA Rams at New Orleans (-3.5) 3:05 P.M. FOX
AFC CHAMPIONSHIP • New England at Kansas City (-3) 6:40 P.M. CBS

NHL SATURDAY, JAN. 19

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Tweet of the Week



Logan Ryan

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BETTS GETS \$20 MIL FROM RED SOX

SBT Staff

Mookie Betts avoided arbitration and agreed to a one-year, \$20 million deal with the Boston Red Sox late last week, nearly two months after being named American League MVP.

Betts, 26, is arbitration eligible next year as well, and will be a free

agent after the 2020 season.

In 2018, Betts went to a salary arbitration hearing after the Red Sox offered him a one-year, \$7.5 million offer. Betts was awarded with a one-year, \$10.5 million deal.

The \$20 million salary is highest that any second or third-time arbitration eligible player has received.

FLORES LEAVING FOR MIAMI

SBT Staff

New England Patriots linebackers coach Brian Flores is expected to become the new head coach of the Miami Dolphins, according to reports.

Flores is in his 11th season as a coach with the Patriots, and his third season as the linebackers coach. Before that, he served as New England's safeties coach for

four seasons. He joined the Patriots organization in 2004 as a scouting assistant.

In December, the Dolphins fired former head coach Adam Gase, who has since been named the new head coach of the New York Jets.

Reports also say that Flores is planning to add former Detroit Lions and Indianapolis Colts coach Jim Caldwell to his staff in Miami.

MURRAY DECLARES FOR NFL DRAFT

SBT Staff

Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray announced on Monday that he has declared for the 2019 NFL Draft. The quarterback is a two-sport athlete at Oklahoma, and is already under contract with the Oakland Athletics of Major League Baseball, which includes a \$4.66 million signing bonus that he signed last summer. Murray was drafted No. 9 overall by the A's in 2018.

All underclassmen had to make their decision on the 2019 NFL Draft by Monday. Now declared, it's still unknown as to whether

Murray will ultimately choose to play professional football or professional baseball.

It's been reported that MLB has given Oakland the "OK" to re-work the initial deal with Murray, as the A's are currently in the process of trying to convince Murray to choose baseball over football.

Murray's sudden interest in the NFL could be nothing more than a negotiation ploy with the A's. But we should know by next month. Oakland begins spring training on Feb. 15, while the NFL combine begins on Feb. 26.



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PIC



This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Conference Championship weekend in the NFL Playoffs:

We're down to the NFL's version of the Final Four, and it's no surprise that it includes the top four seeds in the playoffs.

I went 2-2 against the spread in the Divisional Round. In the Wild Card Round, I went 2-1-1. That brings my playoff record to 4-3-1.

If you include Super Bowl LIII, there's only a total of three more NFL games to bet on this season. I mean, unless you're some kind of nut and put money on the Pro Bowl.

I'll stay away from that one and stick with the games that mean something. And that begins with Conference Championship weekend. Here are my picks for the AFC and NFC Championship Games:

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (-3) over Los Angeles Rams

-This is a rematch from early November, when the Saints handed the Rams their first loss of the season. LA entered that game in New Orleans with an 8-0 record, but the Saints pulled out a 45-35 win. They'll host the Rams once again this Sunday at 3:05 p.m. in a game against the top two seeds in the NFC.

New Orleans is coming off a Divisional Round win over the defending champion Philadelphia Eagles, while Los Angeles is coming off a win over the Dallas Cowboys. These are two evenly-matched teams, but as much as they both have the ability to put up points, they've both shown some signs of vulnerability down the stretch. If this game wasn't in New Orleans, I'd probably be picking the Rams here. But there's no way I'm betting against Drew Brees in his own building. I think the Saints got their playoff butterflies out of the way when they fell behind the Eagles 14-0 to begin last Sunday's Divisional Round game. New Orleans went on to win 20-14, and I expect them to get off to a much better start in the NFC Championship.

Before the season, I had predicted the Rams to advance to the Super Bowl. But I'm going to get away from that prediction right now. Jared Goff will have his day. But right now, I see this as Brees' moment, and his best chance to win another championship. Give me the Saints by a touchdown.

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (+3) over Kansas City Chiefs

-This will be the Patriots' toughest

test of the season, by far. The No. 1 seed Chiefs host the No. 2 seed Pats on Sunday at 6:40 in what should be an AFC Championship for the ages. It's supposed to be freezing in Kansas City, and we could even see some snow. The Chiefs won their Divisional Round game at home in the snow last Saturday, defeating the Indianapolis Colts somewhat easily.

The question that the Patriots will need to answer this Sunday will be, can they stop Patrick Mahomes? Can anyone stop Mahomes? Is it even possible?

New England already beat the Chiefs this season, back in Week 6 at Gillette Stadium. The Patriots won 43-40, not because they stopped Mahomes — they didn't — but because they just happened to get the ball last. And when they did get the ball last, Stephen Gostkowski kicked a 28-yard field goal with no time left to pick up the win. In Kansas City though, this will be an entirely different challenge. While the Patriots went undefeated at home this year, they've proven that they're a much different team when on the road. And as it's always been said, Kansas City is one of the toughest places to play in the NFL.

If you had told me a few weeks ago that the Patriots would have to go to

Kansas City for the AFC Championship, then I would've told you that I probably wouldn't bet the Pats to win that game. But after watching the way New England steamrolled a very good Los Angeles Chargers team in the Divisional Round, I have no choice but to do more than just give the Patriots "a shot" in this one, especially since they did already beat the Chiefs once this season.

So here we go. Tom Brady is an underdog, literally. He hears all the criticism. He knows that the odds are stacked against him. And if you heard him talk after Sunday's win over the Chargers, you know that he's walking into Arrowhead with a chip on his shoulder. On the other side, it's Mahomes, who's been the golden boy of NFL analysts all year long. He's favored over Belichick and Brady, mainly because he's playing at home.

But right now, I'm envisioning a Super Bowl matchup of Brady vs Brees. So give me the Patriots to beat the Chiefs by six.

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The Perry School in South Boston celebrated its 2nd Annual Friends and Family Skate Night on Saturday January 12th. The Skate Night was a huge success with a turnout of over 250 Perry School and South Boston friends and family members as well as

Perry School teachers. Once again, “Blades” from the Boston Bruins came to greet attendees, take pictures, and encourage skaters of all abilities. Guests enjoyed pizza, hot chocolate and homemade cookies. Two lucky guests went home with a pair of Bruins tickets for an upcoming Bruins game. Thank you to everyone

who laced up their skates and came out for the Perry School Skate Night.

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