



Bayside Expo Center To Become A Mixed Use Life Sciences-Based Development

The University of Massachusetts System has approved a \$235 million deal to lease Bayside Expo Center, the 20-acre waterfront site that sits next to the Boston campus. UMass officials on Thursday described the selection of Accordia Partners as the first major step toward redeveloping the 20-acre waterfront site that sits next to the UMass-Boston campus. Accordia plans to build a mixed-use “urban innovation” project that will

include commercial space and housing. Proceeds from the deal will go to UMass-Boston, which has faced serious financial issues in recent years. University president Martin Meehan

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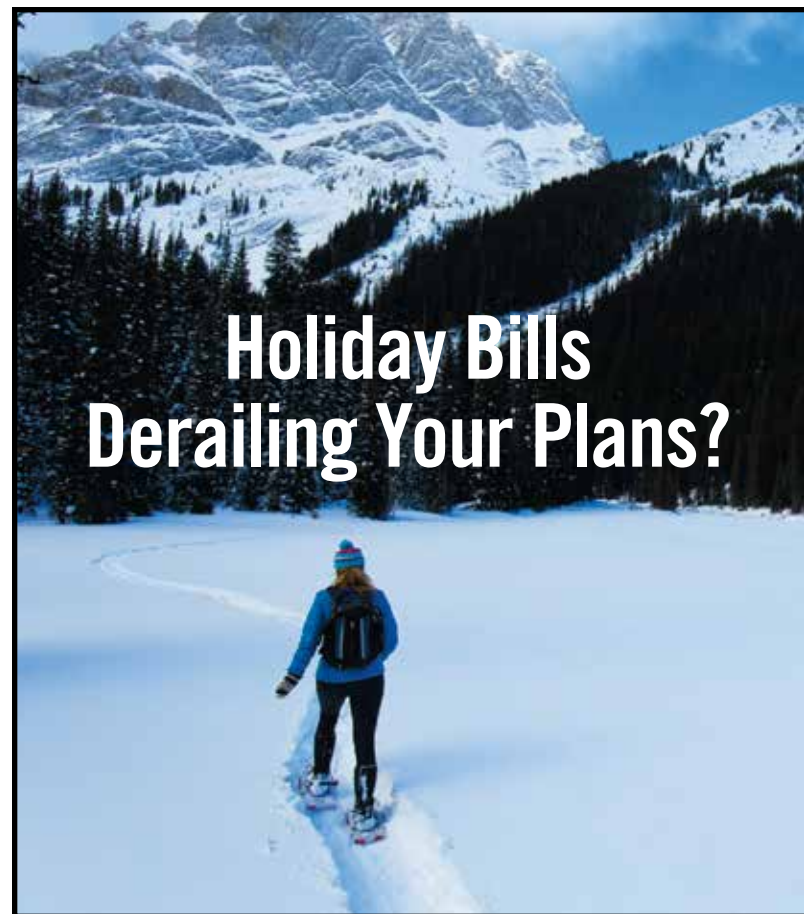
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EDITORIAL

Invasion of the Critters

Living in the city, particularly here in South Boston, we've long ago become accustomed to having squirrels and the occasional chipmunk hanging out in our back yards, seeing them run across the tops of fences and often squawking at us from tree tops and power lines demanding we toss a few treats in their direction. But if you happen to be touring the Green Mountains of Vermont, the White Mountains of New Hampshire or even the Blue Hills of the

South Shore, it's no surprise to see many other types of critters roaming wild and free. In recent years, South Bostonians have noticed growing numbers of raccoons and possums, turkeys and geese taking up residence here and being part of the neighborhood. We've learned to accept them as part of the population.

Now the hawks are coming in and filling the gap of the dwindling pigeon population; dwindling we're told by the influx of hawks.

The visits we are getting by coyotes are increasing in number and who can forget the deer that swam in from one of the harbor islands causing hundreds of locals to follow it around taking photos and videos until the Environmental Police caught it and relocated it to the Berkshires. Now the rabbits are turning up all over the neighborhood and the best word to describe them is 'adorable'. And the consensus seems to be that most locals are enjoying the growing numbers of wildlife sharing the town with us,



although most are not too thrilled about the skunks.

Most of we city dwellers are showing a willingness to 'coexist' with our new winged and furry neighbors and in many cases enjoy

their company. As one of our readers stated "It's turning into a wild kingdom of sorts around here and I kind of like it. But I just hope the bears aren't the next species to arrive". Good point.

"A country without borders will no longer be a country" - President Ronald Reagan



Boxing Show Tryouts

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Peter Welch's Gym

Tryouts for the Annual St. Patrick's Day Evacuation Day Boxing Show began on February 14th and will be ongoing each Tuesday and Thursday starting at 7:30pm and on Saturday 1pm and on Sundays at Noon until March 7th. The date for the Box-

ing Show will be Saturday March 9th at Peter Welch's Gym at 371 Dorchester Ave in South Boston as will the tryouts as well.

All tryouts and training are free to every young man or young lady participating in this year's show. All boxers will be matched by age

weight and experience and must report to Peter Welch's gym with mouth guard, sneakers and shorts.

The annual Boxing Show is one of the big highlights among all the great activities and shows during the St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day holiday season. The action is fast and the talent on display is always a crowd pleaser with the safety of the participants always a top priority.



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John Ciccone

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Usually, in the dead of winter, with the exception of news about storms and severe cold waves and maybe the occasional flare-up in the Middle East, things are pretty calm, as Americans are trying hard to keep warm, but not so this season. We're not even through the second month of the New Year and nearly every group and organization seem to be in shrieking melt down mode.

The border wall is high on the list of topics that have folks in frenzy. In last week's column, I made my position pretty clear. I'm in favor of building it very tall and building it quickly. And as one reader wrote in who said that, at first, she didn't know how she felt about it, when she realized who is against building the wall, she made up her mind that she was definitely for it. She put it this way – "As I read the list, I made my choice. Among those against finishing the wall are the Cartels, MS-13, rapists, sex traffickers, drug smugglers and all the lunatics running for President from the democratic party".

Does the term lunatic properly describe those announced candidates and is it fair? Well let's take a look at what they say they are supporting, most of which is unaffordable and impossible to do, but they don't care.

They want to pay people, who are able to work but refuse to work. Abolish ICE, have open borders, defund the Department of Homeland Security, eliminate air travel, stop cows from farting, stop Americans from eating meat, have the right to abort babies, not only just before they are born at the end of 3rd trimester, but even after they are born, dismantle and renovate every building and structure in the country, raise taxes as high as 70, 80 and even 90 percent, eliminate school choice, shrink the military and of course, change the American system one

of freedom to Socialism modeled after Venezuela's where the inflation is over a thousand percent, the people are now starving and in many cases forced to eat their dogs (sorry about mentioning that last one. But it's that bad).

What would John F. Kennedy say if he were to come back and see what the leaders of his former party have done to it? It's a good guess he'd be shocked by the freak show they are turning it in to. Said another reader, who wrote in regarding the current crop of announced candidates: "I have this image of all of them pulling up to the site of the first debate together, all 20 or 30 of them piling out of the same tiny clown car, like it's done at the circus. Then while up on stage, screaming at each other in an embarrassing display, jockeying to claim the title of "Most Insane". I guess this is what happens when you let the children sit at the grownup's table.

Also in the news last weekend was Hoda Muthana. Ms. Muthana left America to join ISIS some time ago, but now that ISIS has been pretty much demolished by our military, she's had a change of heart and is pleading to be allowed to come home to the good old USA. Personally, I say yes, bring her back and set her up with free room and board at Gitmo, which still has some vacancies, to live out her remaining years.

Oh, and who could forget Jussie Smollett? If he wanted publicity, as most Hollywood types do, he sure has it now. As we all know, he recently claimed he was attacked, beaten, splashed with bleach and had a rope put around his neck by MAGA hat wearing Trump supporters, screaming racist and homophobic slurs at him. And of course, without waiting for details or proof, the Hollywood and news media types and certainly, the Presi-

dential candidates along with Pelosi jumped in with both feet condemning Trump supporters and bigotry as they stood in solidarity with Smollett. But police, after investigating the incident, now say they believe this was no attack at all. It was a staged hoax by Smollett, who it's now believed hired people to attack him and paid them thousands of dollars for the job. Busted! If it turns out he did fake the incident, will he get jail time? Or will this sham be allowed to quietly fade from memory, as the media quickly buries the story like

we've seen happen in the past when things turn out not how they wanted them to be? Another question to ask is, will all those Hollywood types, those in the media and those left-wing politicians apologize for their rush to judgment and willingness to condemn and aim blame at a whole group of people they dislike, because they wanted so badly for the story to be true? This is doubtful. Because being famous and liberal means never having to apologize, no matter how wrong you are or how foolish you look.

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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.

Finished attacking our waitress? Stay for another drink

The headline at Universal Hub says it all: “Manager at waterfront club loses job after he let guy who’d just sexually attacked a server stay for more drinks with his pals.” Pretty amazing. The bar in question is the Grand on Northern Avenue.

You don’t say: ‘Adult entertainment industry is a very powerful lobby in R.I.’

We’re not picking on Rhode Island. We like Rhode Island. We vacation in Rhode Island. But ... The Providence Journal stirred up things in Rhode Island over the weekend by revealing that strip-club owners have allegedly been funneling campaign contributions to top Democrats via a law firm with its own ties to the adult-entertainment industry. It appears Dems didn’t know where the money ultimately came from, but Republicans are still having a field day. “This sounds like another sad episode of Rhode Island Vice,” state Republican Party chairman Brandon S. Bell says.

GOP’s Lyons slams ‘socialist’ and ‘corrupt’ Dems at national and state levels

Maybe Gov. Charlie Baker, a moderate Republican who stresses

bi-partisanship at the State House, has an opinion on this. From Joe Battenfeld: “Taking a cue from President Trump, Massachusetts Republican Party chief Jim Lyons slammed Democrats for ‘pushing a socialist agenda’ and called the Democratic-controlled Legislature ‘corrupt’ in a blistering attack on the opposition party.” Actually, his assessment of House Speaker Robert DeLeo is not that much different from the views of progressives.

High rents, high eviction rates, high tensions

There are two good stories this morning about the terrible housing crunch in Massachusetts. The first, by Jennifer McKim and Alejandro Serrano at the New England Center for Investigative Report (the story is available at both WGBH and at the Boston Globe), looks at how high rents have led to high eviction rates in Massachusetts. How high is the eviction rate? It averages out to about 43 evictions per day in Massachusetts.

Meanwhile, Qainat Khan at WBUR looks at how the changing demographics in Boston’s Egleston Square are leading to housing displacement pressures. Again, it’s all about higher rents.

The ‘win or die’ state: Warren and Sanders to duke it out in NH

U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders made it official yesterday: He’s running for president again. And that means he’ll be taking on U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a fellow progressive and New Englander, in the “win or die” New Hampshire primary battle for both candidates next year, reports the Globe’s James Pindell.

But does Bernie still have his 2016 mojo? This time around he won’t be going head-to-head with only one Democratic candidate in a primary. He’ll be going up against a number of progressive Dems, reports the Globe’s Michael Levenson. The Globe’s Adrian Walker wonders if Sanders appreciates “just how hotly disputed” the Democratic primary will be this time around.

Btw, from the Daily Hampshire Gazette: “Valley residents ready to ‘feel the Bern?’ Yes, no and meh.” Btw, II: The Herald’s Adriana Cohen says it all probably doesn’t matter: “Hold the presidential election today — Trump wins in a landslide.”

But is the real Dem battle between Warren and Harris?

The Globe’s Liz Goodwin and Jess Bidgood report that U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris may

share a lot of progressive views as candidates in the Dem race for president. But one thing they don’t share is the way they approach politics, i.e. Warren as revolutionary, Harris as restorer of decency in politics.

For the Globe’s Renée Graham, she wants to make one thing clear: Harris is “black enough.” Period. Now on to more pressing political matters, please.

Bill Weld: True NeverTrumper or mere stalking horse for Charlie Baker? You decide

Speaking of local presidential candidates: Liz Mair writes at the NYT that former Gov. Bill Weld’s preliminary move to run for president as a Republican offers a “glimmer” of hope that the NeverTrump movement may still be alive. But she admits GOP opponents of President Trump are “now the political equivalent of a doomed exotic species.”

Meanwhile, columnist Peter Lucas at the Lowell Sun wonders aloud whether Weld, consciously or unconsciously, might be acting as a stalking horse for moderate Republican Gov. Charlie Baker to run for president. Then he all but dismisses the notion but asserts Weld may yet “spur anti-Trump Republicans to look for a more viable candidate to dump Trump.”

Btw: Baker isn’t saying whether he might support Weld for president, the Globe’s Matt Stout reports. Btw, II: Weld was on “Morning Joe” yesterday pounding away at Trump’s foreign policy, reports the Globe’s Jeremy Fox.

World Trade Center At Commonwealth Pier To Get Makeover

Fidelity Investments is undertaking a long-planned renovation of its World Trade Center complex in the Seaport with plans that show a newly modern look and more open space on the waterfront for public use, as reported in the Boston Globe.

The changes would occur in the sight lines along Seaport Boulevard. Its Commonwealth Hall exhibition space will be eliminated, and a 25,000-square-foot waterfront courtyard will be added that will feature small outdoor events and markets throughout the year. There

will also be 56,000 square feet of event space. Fidelity has occupied the 800,000-square-foot complex, on the 19-acre Commonwealth Pier, through a long-term lease with the Massachusetts Port Authority. It employs about 1,500 people there. Fidelity would become the sole office tenant. The revised office space will be nearly 640,000 square feet, while the amount set aside for shops and restaurants will increase five-fold, to 45,000 square feet.

Pembroke, Fidelity’s real estate arm, has no plans to increase the height of the two- and three-story



building. Fidelity said it would also update the Harborwalk that encircles the building by adding new open spaces around the perimeter, carving niches out of the building to break up the linear wall, and

adding new lighting, furnishings, and artwork. Construction would begin in the first half of 2020, after Pembroke obtains the necessary city and state permits, with a goal of completing the work in 2024.

Councilor Flynn & Councilor Flaherty Schedule Public Hearing For South Boston Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) & Neighborhood Wide Zoning

Boston- Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn and Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty have scheduled a public hearing for **Monday, March 4, 2019 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Joseph P Tynan Elementary School at 650 East Fourth Street in South Boston.** The public hearing will discuss the existing zoning deficiencies in South Boston. Representatives from the Boston Planning & Development Agency, Boston Inspectional Services Department, Boston Transportation Department, Parks & Recreation Department, Boston Housing Authority, neighborhood and civic groups and other interested

parties are invited to attend.

The South Boston Interim Planning Overlay district (IPOD) and the expansion of Article 68 was intended to advance the City's housing-creation goals within a zoning code framework respectful of the day-to-day living conditions of South Boston residents who have been significantly impacted by a period of unprecedented neighborhood development, residential expansion, and growing traffic congestion. While the extension of the IPOD and the new zoning is an improvement of the previous zoning schemes, there are existing deficiencies, particu-



larly pertaining to minimum lot size, in the new zoning schemes that require consideration in light of the multiple major development proposals for the area.

"South Boston residents have called upon their elected officials for a better South Boston zoning blueprint," said Councilor Michael Flaherty, "Our residents deserve to understand and have a voice in what the master plan for South Boston is in light of all the intense neighborhood growth."



"Councilor Flaherty and I seek to ensure responsible development that fits the character of our neighborhood and looks to address quality of life concerns for our neighbors and residents," stated Councilor Flynn.

Councilor Flynn and Flaherty encourage all South Boston residents to attend this important public hearing. The hearing will be held by the City Council's Committee on Planning, Development & Transportation which is chaired by Boston City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu.

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Food Bank and Eversource Partner to Cut Energy Use at Yawkey Distribution Center

Installation of thermal energy storage system allows the Food Bank to provide 10,500 more meals every year



The Greater Boston Food Bank is starting the year off with a 75 percent reduction in energy use and substantial cost savings thanks to a partnership with Eversource and the installation of a new Viking Cold Solutions thermal energy

storage (TES) system. The TES system for the Food Bank's refrigeration units was installed at its 117,000 square-foot, high-efficiency Yawkey Distribution Center in South Boston.

"Thermal energy storage systems serve as a storage medium for a building's refrigeration system and is a cost-effective solution to store and dispatch the large amount of energy required by refrigeration equipment in cold storage facilities," said Eversource Vice President of Energy Efficiency Tilak Subrahmanian. "We recently launched a program designed to install new technologies, like thermal energy storage, to lower energy use and demand during peak energy usage hours. Our partnership with the Greater Boston Food Bank will help them better manage their energy and deliver a cutting-edge solution that will benefit the organization overall and support its critical mission."

The new TES system, developed by Viking Cold Solutions, has reduced electrical consumption at the Greater Boston Food Bank's energy-intensive, cold storage facility while improving temperature stability inside their freezer. Cold storage facilities, such as frozen food warehouses and grocery store

walk-in freezers, have the highest energy demand per cubic foot of any category. During peak energy use periods, they can account for up to 70 percent of the total electric bill for commercial and industrial organizations. "As the largest hunger relief organization in New England, our goal is to provide healthy meals to those in need across Eastern Massachusetts," said The Greater Boston Food Bank SVP of Supply Chain and Food Acquisition Cheryl Schondek. "We strive for cost saving operational efficiencies, and our partnership with Eversource and the installation of the Viking Cold TES system better enables us to achieve this goal. We appreciate their commitment to our mission to end hunger here."

The energy cost savings delivered by the TES system will allow the Food Bank to provide an additional 10,500 meals per year. Since 2015, Eversource has worked with the Greater Boston Food Bank on several lighting upgrades that have saved the nonprofit approximately \$42,000 annually. They are currently working together on more energy efficiency projects, which include refrigeration, lighting and HVAC upgrades.

About The Greater Boston Food Bank

The Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) is the largest hunger-relief organization in New England and among the largest food banks in the country. GBFB provides the equivalent of 50 million healthy meals annually, distributed through its network of 526 food pantries, meal programs and shelters across Eastern Massachusetts. For more information, please visit www.gbfb.org.

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says the infusion of money would allow for campus expansion and new partnerships between the school and private companies. Some faculty members expressed concern in advance of the vote by UMass trustees that the lease could cause "long-term harm" for UMass-Boston.

The University of Massachusetts board of trustees and the university's building authority both unanimously approved Accordia Partners to develop the 20-acre Bayside Expo Center site, which could yield up to 3.5 million square feet of new mixed-use waterfront development.

Accordia and its capital partner, New York-based Ares Capital Corp. (NYSE: ARES), will pay \$235 million for the site's ground lease. That's nearly ten times the \$18.7 million that UMass paid in 2010 for the Bayside site, located at 200 Mount Vernon St. in Dorchester. The site is currently used as surface parking lots.

"This is an extraordinary game-changer for UMass Boston," Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman said. "It's like the first day of the rest of our lives at UMass Boston." Accordia and Ares have agreed to a guaranteed minimum price of \$192.5 million and will also commit \$25 million in infrastructure improvements. Lincoln Property Co. was the runner-up finalist, with an offer of \$232.5 million. Newman said Accordia's emphasis on diversity and inclusion in their hiring practices was "critical" to the university. She also praised Accordia's commitment to the community. "Any project of this kind, in a peninsula with this history, depends on that kind of engagement," she said.

Accordia is led by Richard Galvin, CEO of South Boston-based real estate development firm CV Properties, and Kirk Sykes, an architect and former chair of the Federal Reserve

Bank of Boston. Galvin said the Bayside site could host up to 3.5 million square feet of mixed-use space, including academic and life-science focused space, residential and retail, as well as opening public access to the waterfront. He spoke of first getting to know the UMass Boston campus and its students five years ago, when his firm created a program connecting 60 students with internships in the real estate industry.

UMass bought Bayside out of foreclosure for \$18.7 million in 2010 and decided in 2017 to put it on the market after a deal with the Kraft family to build a soccer stadium there fell through. University officials saw a chance to capitalize on the region's hot real estate market and offered it up to developers to build a mixed-use campus some have likened to a mini version of Kendall Square.

According to a Boston Globe report, Rob Griffin, head of capital markets

at real estate firm Newmark Knight Frank said, which brokered the sale, 30 developers toured the site. Six filed bids. From those, Accordia — whose principals developed One Channel Center in Fort Point, Crosstown Center near Boston Medical Center, and a variety of other projects around Boston — emerged as a clear winner, Griffin said. "It wasn't close," he said.

One key reason why: the willingness of Accordia and its financing partner, Los Angeles-based investment firm Ares Management, to pay more money up front. Of the \$235 million Accordia offered for the 99-year-lease, \$192 million will be paid when the company's development plans receive initial state and city approvals — a milestone Accordia expects to hit within 18 months. Runner-up Lincoln Property Co. offered \$232.5 million but wanted to spread the payments over a longer time period, according to Newmark's presentation to the school's board.

MAYOR WALSH, BHA BREAK GROUND ON PHASE THREE OF OLD COLONY REDEVELOPMENT

Beacon Communities to build 305 affordable apartments in South Boston, replacing 250 public housing apartments and adding another 55

Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Boston Housing Authority Administrator Bill McGonagle, Beacon Communities LLC, and community residents broke ground for the third phase of redevelopment of the Anne M. Lynch Homes at Old Colony. Phase Three represents a \$150-million investment in this affordable housing project, including \$25 million contributed by the City of Boston. Beacon Communities will replace 250 outmoded apartments with 305 brand new affordable, sustainably-designed apartments, which includes an addition of 55 new affordable homes.

“In Boston, our goal is to build more opportunity for all as we continue to invest in Boston’s future,” said Mayor Walsh. “This project is an important milestone that will improve lives for hundreds of families in South Boston and build homes that will last at Old Colony for another century.”

Phase Three builds on the tremendous success of two previous phases of redevelopment. Nearly a decade ago, BHA and the residents of Old Colony teamed up with Beacon Communities Development to implement the master plan. The 2010 Old Colony Master Plan, which was the result of broad stakeholder participation, reimagined the historic public housing community and laid out a strategic vision to knit Old Colony back into the fabric of the South Boston neighborhood.

Phases One and Two, completed in 2011 and 2015, created 285 new affordable apartment homes plus the new Tierney Learning Center,

which promotes education, wellness and community building among Old Colony residents and the entire South Boston community. Phase Three continues the transformation, and the net gain of 55 affordable housing units in this third phase of the redevelopment helps achieve progress towards Mayor Walsh’s 2030 Boston housing goals.

The redevelopment replaces buildings that are more than 75 years old and no longer meet families’ needs. The new apartments will be energy efficient, accessible, and designed to meet “healthy homes” standards. Phase Three will comprise three subphases. Phase Three A and Three B will replace the 250 existing units with 135 and 115 apartments, respectively. Phase Three C will create 55 new apartments for seniors and people with disabilities, adding to the City’s affordable housing stock. Phase Three of the project will create more than 200 construction jobs.

Phase Three of Old Colony continues the Walsh Administration’s work to increase affordable housing through the city. In 2018, Mayor Walsh increased the City’s overall housing targets from 53,000 to 69,000 new units by 2030, including 15,820 income-restricted units, to meet Boston’s population growth. These income-restricted units will include purchasing 1,000 rental housing units from the speculative market and income-restricting them through an expanded Acquisition Opportunity Program. In addition, the City announced awardees of an affordable housing funding round that included more than \$16 million in city affordable housing funds, and the first awards of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding for affordable housing development projects.

As the City continues to make strides towards creating more affordable housing, it is also working with regional partners to ensure affordable housing is a reality throughout the region through the Metro Mayor’s Regional Housing Task Force. Mayor



Walsh helped spearhead the execution of a recently-released regional housing production goal, which aims to create 185,000 new units of housing across the region by the year 2030. The proposed bills will enhance the work of the Metro Mayors Coalition.

Earlier this year, Mayor Walsh also announced his legislative housing package, focused on housing security and economic mobility, expanding the work Boston has done to address the region’s affordable housing crisis and proposing new and existing tools to leverage Boston’s prosperity and create sustainable wealth opportunities for a more inclusive and equitable city. The housing security bills proposed seek to help existing tenants, particularly older adults, remain in their homes, and create additional funding for affordable housing.

“Hundreds of families are already seeing the benefits of our efforts to revitalize Old Colony, and this project promises to make a significant difference for hundreds of future residents,” said BHA Administrator Bill McGonagle. “Phase Three will continue to improve lives and create opportunities in South Boston.”

In addition to the financing from the City of Boston, Phase Three-like Phases One and Two before it is receiving support from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development and from MassHousing. Demolition to make way for the 135 new apartments in Phase Three A will begin in the

coming weeks followed by construction which will last approximately 18 months. Residents who have been relocated will have the right to return to the community. “Beacon is excited about not only replacing the outdated remaining buildings in Old Colony with beautiful new buildings but also adding an additional 55 affordable apartments that will endure as quality housing resources long in to the future,” said Beacon Communities CEO Dara Kovel. “We are proud of our long partnership with the Boston Housing Authority and grateful to the many city, state and federal agencies and other partners who made this transformation possible.”

About the Boston Housing Authority

The Boston Housing Authority (BHA) provides affordable housing to more than 58,000 residents in and around the City of Boston. Residents are assisted through a combination of public housing and federal and state voucher subsidy programs that provide a wide variety of housing opportunities. As the largest public housing authority in New England, the BHA houses close to 9 percent of the city’s residents. Our mission is to provide stable, quality affordable housing for low and moderate income persons; to deliver these services with integrity and mutual accountability; and to create healthy living environments which serve as catalysts for the transformation from dependency to economic self-sufficiency.

The Wine Guy

Still Some Winter To Go

I'm not sure how right that groundhog ever is, but as I'm writing this, it's 14 degrees and Spring still seems a long way away. Still plenty of time to enjoy stews, hot meat pies, soups-and some hearty wines to go with them.

Big Smooth Old Vine Zinfandel, Lodi, California, 2015, (\$26.99), this wine opens with some big, unmistakable notes of blackberries, figs and vanilla, all

in smoky overtones thanks to the American oak aging. Like many higher-quality Zins, the texture of the late-harvested grapes in the blend gives it a long, rich finish-try this with a big bowl of Beef Barley stew on a cold wintery afternoon.

Domaine de Beurenard, Cote du Rhone, 2016, (\$19.99), is a French wine with a Boston connection. When the Popes moved from Rome to Avignon, the Papal household set out to find the best wines for them. One of the favorites of the Papal residents were the wines from the Bois Renaud, today known as Beurenard and still owned by the Coulon family, there since 1695. A branch of the family moved to Boston in the early 20th century and opened the Vendome Hotel in the Back Bay. This wine and other family wines were prominent in their menus. It's full-bodied and earthy, but with a balance and acidity that won't overwhelm food, especially

a Lamb stew and a nice baguette to go with it.

2016 Richard Hamilton, "The Smuggler" McLaren Vale, Shiraz, (\$26.99). In its last vintage, it won 93-point ratings from both James Halliday (Australia's No. 1 critic) and Sam Kim and the 2016 release is just as impressive. Crafted with estate-grown Shiraz and barrel aged for 18 months, it overflows with luscious blackberry and plum, plus notes of nutmeg, cinnamon, and chocolate. A perfect match for hearty barbecue, roasted meats, or rich vegetarian casseroles, not to mention a good, hearty beef stew.

If you're feeling like a good helping of Beef Bourguignon, you might want to pair it with a nice merlot. **Novelty Hill Merlot 2015, Columbia Valley, Washington, (\$21.99)**, is a great candidate. It's got the earthy, leathery notes you'd expect to find in edgier wines, but the fruity notes you



like in a food wine. If you're stuck inside due to the weather, have some of this on hand and it won't be too hard to take.

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Red Cross issues emergency call for blood donors

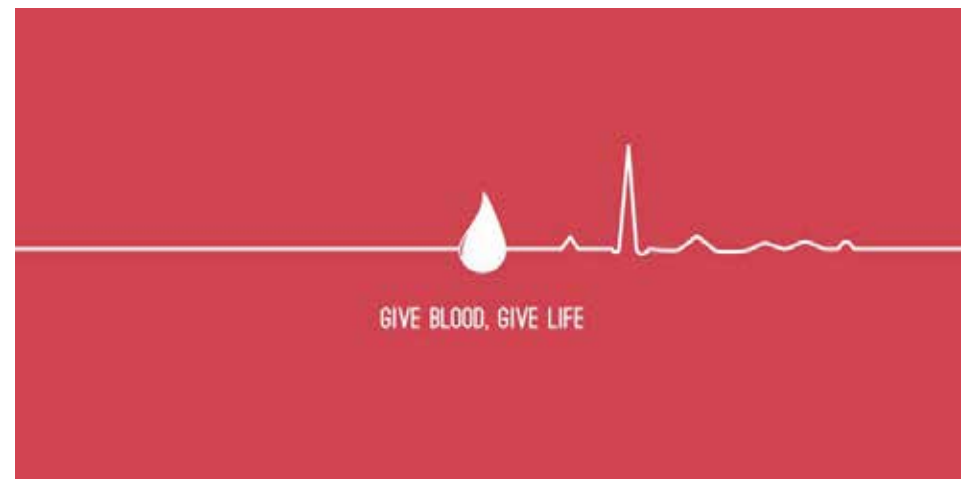
Fewer drives, busy holiday schedules lead to blood shortage

A donation shortfall over the winter holidays is prompting the American Red Cross to issue an emergency call for blood and platelet donors to give now to prevent a blood shortage from continuing throughout winter and affecting patient care.

"Many people may not realize that blood products are perishable, and the only source of lifesaving blood for patients is volunteer blood do-

nors," said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "When donations decline – as they did around the holidays and may further decline if severe winter weather and flu season pick up – lifesaving medical treatments could be delayed."

Right now, the Red Cross has less than a three-day supply of most blood types on hand, well below the ideal five-day supply needed to respond to



emergencies and daily hospital needs. Blood products are currently being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in.

All eligible donors, especially platelet donors and blood donors with type O blood, are urged to make an appointment to give in the coming days to help restock the shelves for hospital patients. Eligible donors can find a blood or platelet donation opportunity and schedule an appointment to donate by using the free Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Volunteer blood drive hosts are also critically needed to prevent the shortage from worsening this winter.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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St. Peter Academy Valentine's Week

St. Peter Academy kicked off Valentine's Week with a Sweetheart Dance to remember! Students, Parents & Teachers wore their fancy attire and danced the night away! Thank you all for joining us, it was a fab-

ulous night. Valentine's Day was filled with fun parties, sweets and plenty of learning (check out first grade graphing with conversation hearts). On Friday we celebrated our favorite Tag Day: Pajama Day! We raised funds for the Mar-

ian Manor Activities Department. Thank you all for contributing! Enjoy February Vacation!

St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces

available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Join us!

Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Main Office at 617-268-0750 or by emailing SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.



Map of the 2019 South Boston St. Patrick's Day / Evacuation Day Parade
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Broadway Station marks the start of the parade. Follow West Broadway to Perkins Square and continue onto East Broadway. Follow East Broadway to P Street. Turn right onto P Street and follow it to East Fourth Street. Turn right onto East Fourth Street and follow it to K Street. Turn left onto K Street and follow it until East Fifth Street. Turn right onto East Fifth Street until G Street. Turn left on G Street and follow it past the front entrance to Excel High School until the 2nd right onto to Thomas Park. Take the 2nd right onto Thomas Park and follow it to Telegraph Street. Follow Telegraph Street to Dorchester Street and continue through the intersection at Old Colony Avenue until reaching Andrew Square, where the parade will continue onto Southhampton Street, finishing at Ellery Street.

Gatey Instructional All-Star Game By Kevin Devlin

On Sunday, February 10, the Gate of Heaven CYO boys' instructional basketball league all-star game was played at the Walsh Center. The players had a great time and are already looking forward to play again next season.

"Mike (Donovan) and I had another great year," said Gatey Commission-

er, Sean Monahan. "We had tremendous help from Fred Haddad and our high school volunteers, Eddie Murray, Owen Donovan, Connor Strickland, James Buzzell and Tommy White.

"These first and second graders this season were a very attentive group," Monahan added. "We started at the end of October, and through the win-

ter, these kids learned the basics of basketball, dribbling, shooting, passing, zone defense and offense. It's unusual for players of this age to pass so well, using both sides of the court and trying to pass the ball inside the three-second zone. The zone defense was perfect, with each player staying disciplined and defending their zone.

"These kids showed up every Saturday to work on their skills and you could see the results in that game," he further stated. "We were thrilled with the skills these players displayed for the all-star game. Many parents were astonished at how much these kids improved since last fall and so were we. These kids had fun all year and that made it fun for us as well. And, we're looking forward to see how much they improve again next year."



TOP LEFT: The Gatey instructional league all-stars coached by Fred Haddad. This team was also coached by James Buzzell and Eddie Murray (not pictured).

TOP RIGHT: The Gatey instructional all-stars coached by Mike Donovan and Conor Strickland.

BOTTOM LEFT: Sean Monahan, Mike Donovan, Fred Haddad, Conor Strickland, Dermot Murray, Eddie Murray, Frank Murray, and Owen Donovan.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The instructional league all-stars and coaches, holding their hands to their hearts, while listening to the national anthem.



Maren Tober Prepares to Run Boston Marathon for YES

There will be a 'Sip and Shop to benefit the Youth Enrichment Services(YES) on February 27th from 5-8pm at Deirfiur Home located at 735 E. Broadway in South Boston. Enjoy shopping for curated home goods in a relaxed atmosphere. There will be wine, refreshments and appetizers complimentary.

15% of the sales that evening will be donated to YES. Admission is free. There is a suggested donation of \$10 but not required. The evening will include raffles including a \$10,000 scratch ticket raffle. The goal is to raise \$10,000.

On April 15, 2019 nearly 30,000 runners will start the running of the 123rd Boston Marathon®. One of them will be Southie resident Maren Tober (40). This will be her first Boston Mara-

thon®. Maren is originally from Germany and has lived in Southie with her husband and three kids for 15 years.

You might know Maren from the Southie Farmer's Market, where she managed the market for the SBND from 2016-2018 or from her community health work with the South Boston Action Center and the Boston Public Health commission around community health issues.

Maren will be running for YES, a non-profit organization that provides affordable and impactful sports-based youth development and leadership programming for Boston children and teens. YES was founded in 1968 and has served over 100,000 youth over its 50-year history.

The organizations executive director, Bryan Van Dorpe, is another

well-known Southie resident.

Maren's three boys have been involved with YES programs for over 10 years, and they have been able to have many new experiences through YES, such as downhill and cross-country skiing, outdoor adventure camp, including kayaking, fishing, mountain biking, paddle boarding etc, rock climbing, completing a kids triathlon, going to their first Red Sox game and much more. Without YES, her kids wouldn't have had access to any of these. Please support Maren in her quest to raise (the minimum required) \$10,000 for Southie and Boston kids to have access to these fantastic programs.

To donate, please go to www.yeskids.org/maren. To help Maren raise funds or for fundraising ideas,



please contact her at marentober@gmail.com. Maren is especially looking for businesses interested in donating some of their sales to her cause, items to raffle off and fundraising event sponsors.



This week, Danny shared his reaction to WWE Elimination Chamber:

For pro wrestling fans, this is the best time of year. It's the Road to WrestleMania.

This will be the 35th installment of the WWE's version of the Super Bowl. It's the Showcase of the Immortals. And it takes place Sunday, April 7 at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey.

There's still one more "Pay-Per-View" event before WrestleMania 35, but this past Sunday was the "Elimination Chamber" PPV, which gave us a little more clarity on some of the top story lines, entering WrestleMania.

That road to WrestleMania isn't crystal clear just yet, but we're getting there.

Here are my top takeaways from Sunday's Elimination Chamber event:

Kofi Kingston gets a major push

-As one-third of "The New Day," Kingston got pinned by WWE Champion Daniel Bryan on Sunday night. Bryan retained the title, but it's clear that Kingston is being seriously considered to challenge Bryan for that WWE Championship on the grandest stage of them all. Kingston has held other championships in the WWE, but being involved in the WWE Championship picture is a new type of push. And it's about time. Kingston's athleticism is his strength, but he's also great

on the mic. If he were to win the prestigious WWE Championship at WrestleMania, MetLife Stadium would erupt. Unfortunately for Kingston, the WWE Championship is no longer promoted as the most coveted prize in the company. That would go to the Universal Championship, which is currently held by Brock Lesnar. Seth Rollins won the Royal Rumble and chose to challenge Lesnar for the Universal Championship at WrestleMania, which is more confirmation that the WWE Championship is clearly the less important championship in 2019. Still, Kingston's push here can't be ignored, even if he ends up never winning the title. It's a great story either way.

Becky Lynch works her way back into the Main Event

-That's right, I said "Main Event." For those who haven't watched the WWE in the last 10 years, you'd probably be shocked to hear that the Main Event at this year's WrestleMania will be for the Raw Women's Championship, which is currently held by Ronda Rousey. Lynch won the Women's Royal Rumble, and she chose to face Rousey at WrestleMania. But the story line has worked in a way where Charlotte Flair has since replaced Lynch in

that match because Vince McMahon suspended Lynch, who is also recovering from a kayfabe knee injury. I know, there's a lot to this story line. And Sunday night added to the drama, as a suspended Lynch hopped down to the ring and destroyed both Rousey and Flair with her crutches until security had to escort her out of the building. This all came after Rousey successfully retained her Women's Championship with a win over Ruby Riott. It's looking like the Main Event at WrestleMania will most definitely be a "Triple Threat" for the Raw Women's Championship between Rousey, Flair, and Lynch. And while you may be more familiar with Rousey from her UFC days, and Flair because her father is Ric, you should know that this match will only be the Main Event at WrestleMania because of Lynch, whose nickname is "The Man" and is currently the most popular talent in the industry.

The Usos get an unexpected reward

-Jimmy and Jey Uso defeated The Miz and Shane McMahon to win the Smackdown Tag Team titles. It came as a surprise because just days earlier, Jimmy was arrested for a DUI. Usually you don't get rewarded for being

in trouble with the law, but in this case, it looks like the WWE was sticking to its "what's best for business" model. The Usos' contract is up soon, and the last thing the WWE wants is for one of its most popular tag teams to jump ship and join the brand new "All Elite Wrestling" which has been launched by Cody Rhodes and the Young Bucks, and is funded by Tony Khan, son of Jacksonville Jaguars owner Shahid Khan. AEW has already signed the likes of Chris Jericho and Kenny Omega to huge contracts, and word on the street is that they're looking to pluck a few big names from the WWE with big-money deals. I'm sure The Usos would be on AEW's radar if they happened to hit wrestling's "free agent market." And the WWE knows that too. So instead of punishing The Usos for Jimmy's recent arrest, the McMahon's did what's best for business and put the Tag Team titles around their waists in order to keep them happy, and ultimately, keep them out of AEW. **Listen to "The Danny Picard Show" at PodcastOne. Also available on iTunes, Spotify, and dannypicard.com. Subscribe to Danny's YouTube channel at youtube.com/dannypicard.**



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MACHADO SIGNS MEGA-DEAL WITH PADRES

SBT Staff

Free agent shortstop Manny Machado agreed to a 10-year, \$300 million deal with the San Diego Padres on Tuesday. According to reports, Machado can opt out after the fifth year.

It becomes the largest free-agent contract in the history of American sports. Giancarlo Stanton had previously signed a 13-year, \$325 million deal with the Marlins back in 2014, but he was not a free agent. That was an extension to the deal he was

already playing under.

The 26-year-old Machado was traded from the Baltimore Orioles to the Los Angeles Dodgers last season, and helped LA advance to the World Series, where they lost to the Boston Red Sox in five games. Machado recorded the final out of the Game 5 clincher, striking out swinging on a Chris Sale slider.

Machado spent the first six-and-a-half years of his MLB career in Baltimore.

Tweet of the Week



RED SOX TALK EXTENSION WITH SALE

SBT Staff

As the Boston Red Sox get set to begin their World Series title defense, there are several players who enter the final year of their contract. One of those players is Chris Sale.

Earlier this week, Red Sox owner Tom Werner told WEEI's "Mut and Callahan" that the two sides have discussed a contract extension in "private conversations." Though, while publicly acknowledging those negotiations makes it less private, it's an obvious discussion for the Red Sox and Sale to have right now.

Sale isn't the only player the Red Sox will have to make a decision on before next winter. Xander Bogaerts and Rick Porcello will also be free agents after the 2019 season. And



J.D. Martinez has the ability to opt out after '19.

Mookie Betts and Jackie Bradley will become free agents after the 2020 season.

Sale — who turns 30 in March — has been criminally underpaid in his career. He'll make just \$15 million in 2019, thanks to an option the Red Sox picked up as part of Sale's team-friendly deal that he signed with the Chicago White Sox before the 2013 season.

He finished last season with a 12-4 record and an ERA of 2.11 in 27 starts. His workload in 2019 will be heavily monitored after multiple DL stints last year because of shoulder inflammation.

TATUM WINS SKILLS CHALLENGE, GUARANTEES CELTICS 'WIN FINALS'

SBT Staff

Get used to Jayson Tatum at NBA All Star weekend.

Tatum won the All-Star Skills Challenge on Saturday night after beating Trae Young in the final round with a half-court shot that banked off the glass and in.

After winning the event, Tatum was being interviewed by ESPN's Rachel Nicols, and she asked him if there was anything else he thought he would win this season. To which, Tatum responded: "We're going to win the Finals this year. February 16, Jayson Tatum said we're going to win the Finals this year."

Tatum did not say whether he meant the NBA Finals or the Eastern Conference Finals. But right now, neither one is a lock for Boston.

The Celtics entered the All-Star break as the No. 4 seed in the East with a 37-21 record, and five-and-a-half games behind the No. 1 seed Milwaukee Bucks.

If the playoffs began today, Boston would play the No. 5 seed Philadelphia 76ers in the first round, a series that many projected to be an Eastern Conference Finals matchup this year.

Tatum's "Finals" guarantee and his Skills

WHAT TO WATCH

NBA SATURDAY, FEB. 23

Boston at Chicago
8 P.M. CSN

NHL SATURDAY, FEB. 23

Boston at St. Louis
4 P.M. NESN

MLB SATURDAY, FEB. 23

New York vs Boston
1:05 P.M. NESN+

NCAAB SATURDAY, FEB. 23

(5) Tennessee at (13) LSU
12 P.M. ESPN

PGA THURSDAY, FEB. 21 - SUNDAY, FEB. 24

WGC-Mexico Championship
2 P.M. Golf Channel/NBC



Challenge championship weren't the only reasons he garnered so much attention during All Star weekend. All eyes were also on him because of the speculation as to what the Celtics are willing to give up in a trade package for Anthony Davis this summer. And with Davis being grilled with questions about his future — and a potential trade to the Celtics — all weekend, Tatum's performances kept the rumors flowing.

Not only did Tatum win the Skills Challenge, but he also helped Team USA to a 161-144 win over Team World in the "Rising Stars" game on Friday night, scoring 30 points in 26 minutes.

Los Angeles Lakers forward Kyle Kuzma won the game's MVP award, scoring 35 points in 22 minutes for Team USA. Kuzma has also been linked to trade rumors surrounding the future of Davis, as Kuzma was reportedly part of an offer that would've sent Davis to LA at this year's trade deadline.



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