



Safe Injection Sites – The Decision Has Real Life Consequences

On its face, the notion of allowing drug addicts to visit a ‘safe needle injection’ site to continue their unending need to ‘get high’ seems inherently contradictory to the general population. The debate among the professionals is raging on, while the government decision-makers, colored by the political ramifications, are ‘kicking the proverbial can’ down the road as far as they can. In the meantime, the drug addiction crisis and its collateral consequences continues, but for the traditional approaches of ‘education, prevention, interven-

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EDITORIAL

The Calendar Says It's Spring. Well, We're Waiting

Ok, the calendar says it is spring. And yet, some of our neighbors are complaining that their furnaces keep running steady into the second week in April and they don't like it. Is there anyone out there who actually likes paying high heating bills this time of year? If there are, please let us know, because we know many who will gladly send you theirs to pay as well. If there really is such a thing as Global Warming, there are many who would like a bit of it here and now.

But it's ok. Experience has taught most people that in some years winter takes a bit longer to give up its grip but soon, the warm weather and sunshine will grace us with its presence and cause the leaves on the trees to sprout, the flowers to bloom and the robins to make their arrival with more frequent appearances. We all just need to have a little patience and we will be rewarded with pleasant weather. At least, that is the hope.

Springtime in the city, but especially in South Boston,

reminds us that we have our beautiful parks and beaches and playgrounds in our own back yards to enjoy. While most people must get in the car or jump on a bus to get to well-kept recreation areas, South Bostonians are fortunate to have them all within walking distance, which is perhaps one of the reasons that so many people find our neighborhood suddenly so desirable and want to move here.

So in the meantime, while the temperatures hover in the forties, the clouds block



out the sun and the wind keeps howling, why not use that time to plan your activities for when it all turns around and we can enjoy the great outdoors? Oh yeah, the forecast for the weekend is for temps in the 60'.

"I like to say what I think. If that happens to push buttons, sorry" - Miranda Lambert

South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors

'Youth Anti-Vaping Initiative'

Earlier this year, the FDA launched "The Real Cost" Youth E-Cigarette Prevention Campaign in an attempt to educate kids and teens about the dangers associated with e-cigarettes and vaping. The main message: e-cigarettes like JUUL put young people at risk for addiction and other health consequences- just like traditional cigarettes.

More than two million middle and high school students were current users of e-cigarettes in 2017 and ad-

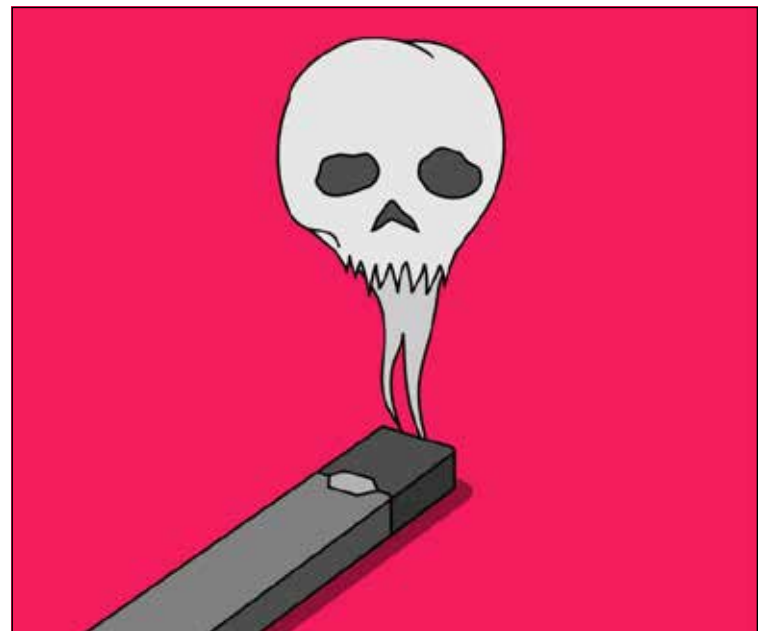
ditional research shows that the number nearly doubled in 2018. Based on those numbers, FDA now believes youth use of e-cigarettes, especially JUUL, is reaching epidemic proportions.

In response to these alarming statistics, the South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors have created a "Youth Anti-Vaping" initiative to share facts about Juul with youth in the South Boston community. The goal of the initiative

is to prevent under-age use of Juul and other nicotine related products through peer education workshops and support organized by the Youth Ambassadors program. In the workshops youth learn the facts and health risks associated with nicotine addiction. They also practice resistance skills and learn how to say no to these substances.

In Massachusetts alone, tobacco companies spend 2.59 million dollars every week to market their products. Education about the dangers of nicotine found in JUUL is an important step in the prevention of youth addiction.

Youth Ambassadors and their adult mentors are available to facilitate informa-



tional workshops about Juul for youth groups ages 9 and older. The workshops are offered free of charge and are fun, informational and interactive. For more information

or to schedule a workshop please contact Linda Doran – Youth Program Coordinator at the South Boston Community Health Center 617-464-7463.

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Most of us have known larger than life figures over the years. As South Bostonians, current and former, we may be blessed to know a larger number of them than most people from other places. It's the nature of our community. We've had and still do have perhaps more than our share of great people to call friends and neighbors. Sad to say, we lost yet another one of the greats this week. Ed Hamilton passed away at the age of 93 and the town will hardly be the same without his smiling, familiar face.

Most residents, including many of our newer arrivals knew Ed. He was often out and about walking up and down L Street, along Broadway, at the markets, at Cumberland Farms, pretty much everywhere, meeting and greeting locals with that friendly smile ready to make polite conversation with anyone around. People happily responded to him, because he was such a sincere and pleasant guy. In fact, in recent years, someone thought enough of him to post fliers on lamp posts, trees and in windows wishing him Happy Birthday each year, when the day came around. He was that popular.

And while South Boston was his home town, he also had an impact, a positive impact, in many other places as well. Because as we all know, Edwin 'Ed' Hamilton was a genuine war hero, like so many of our other local vets, who have served and continue to serve our country with honor and valor. He was a World War II veteran, a member of what's accurately called The Greatest Generation, who served with distinction in the United States Navy. He was a veteran of many battles in the Pacific and was highly decorated for his service. Ed served on the USS Bennet DD-473. He held the rank of Seaman 1st Class, Gunners Mate and Helmsman. He helped play a role in landing the US Marines at Iwo



Jima and Okinawa. In fact, he was in 9 major battles during his time in the Navy and received many medals; including for bravery for his actions.

So impressive was Ed Hamilton, that he had been invited by the Navy to be a participant several times for events in Hawaii during the annual Pearl Harbor Day ceremonies. He was even the invited guest of honor and asked to speak and share his stories and experiences with the young students at Hawaiian schools while there. The kids were fascinated and held spell bound listening to Ed and were thrilled at the way he was able to relate to people of every age. He even had local TV cameras following him around the Island of Oahu happy to interview him.

I was honored to know Ed for many

years. I can still remember first being introduced to him as a boy by my father who also served in WW II as a United States Marine. While walking to the corner store one day, my Dad and I ran into him. They knew each other well and greeted one another with that brotherly warmth that is so often shared by fellow vets. They both served in the Pacific during that war and had much in common. The mutual respect between the two of them was apparent and it was then that I was introduced to this good man. He was tall in stature with that military bearing but spoke kindly and with a genuine sincerity. After that, it was always a treat to run into Mr. Hamilton who politely instructed me to call him 'Ed' once I reached the age of 18. And I did. I took it as an order to be obeyed.

Ed Hamilton had many good characteristics and chief among them was being a loving husband to his late wife Melba and a great father to his children, Melba, Laura, Patricia and Leslie. His family will miss him dearly as will this entire community.

There are some people who you meet in life that you feel will always be around, maybe because it's just too difficult to imagine them not being here. But while Ed Hamilton may no longer walk among us on Earth, his spirit and memory will remain. There is no doubt that he has gone on to his special place in Heaven that he surely deserves. Rest in Peace Ed. Thank you for being a great neighbor, a good friend and a positive influence to so many of us. Thank you also for your service to our country. God Bless You.



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.

Rollins: 'I admit I could have handled things differently, too'

The local media is still trying to sort out who said what and when regarding the Charlie Baker-Rachael Rollins kerfuffle over the latter's controversial "do not prosecute" list. There's this from the Globe's Matt Stout and Maria Cramer: "Baker is on unfamiliar ground in flare-up with Rollins." And then there's this from the Herald's Mary Markos: "Charlie Baker on defense after Rachael Rollins criticizes cabinet diversity."

If you want to know what's ultimately at the heart of the brawl (besides the harsh words), there's this via the Globe's Tra-

vis Andersen: "What's it all about? A primer on the spat between DA Rollins and Baker administration."

But we also highly recommend Kevin Cullen's column in the Globe. He's not exactly impressed with the way Rollins has handled the situation – and, btw, neither is Rollins, who shows a lot of class, in addition to guts, by saying: "I admit I could have handled things differently, too." Her words, as well as apologetic words of the governor, are not going to end this dispute. There are indeed legitimate public policy questions at stake. But both, in their own way, seem to be trying to

get beyond this controversy. That's encouraging, at the least.

More talk of taxes for the T

CommonWealth magazine's Bruce Mohl and SHNS's Chris Lisinski (pay wall) report that T officials yesterday unanimously approved a new \$2.1 billion budget for the transit agency, but only after a discussion on how the MBTA needs to raise new revenues. One idea floated: A 1 percent increase in the deeds excise tax, which could raise hundreds of millions of dollars for the T and regional transit authorities.

Paul Regan, executive director of the T's Advisory Board, said officials "can't wait" any longer

to discuss new revenues. But wait they shall. House Speaker Robert DeLeo indicated yesterday that a debate over new taxes will probably come towards the end of the session, not now, reports SHNS's Matt Murphy.

Eew. What's that smell?

Besides approving a new budget and talking taxes, MBTA officials yesterday addressed another highly sensitive topic: The odor emanating from station bathrooms, subway cars etc. And all the litter at T properties, too. Bruce Mohl at CommonWealth has more on the coming offensive against smelly and messy T properties.

Safe Injection Sites continued from front page tion, treatment, recovery... relapse? and it starts all over again.

Mayor Marty Walsh is conflicted. In January, he reported that he had "been impressed" by the facilities he toured in Canada, which he visited along with the mayor of Cambridge, where people struggling with addiction can inject drugs under medical supervision. He considered it 'eye opening'. However, within days he told the Harm Reduction Commission, a 15-member group advising the Legislature about the feasibility of opening such facilities in Massachusetts, that Massachusetts is "not ready" to open a facility where people can inject illicit drugs under supervision. He went on to state that the Commonwealth lacks the infrastructure to accomplish what those much larger Canadian cities have done and faces many open questions about who would fund and operate such sites. The Canadian programs are government funded, and the nurses who work there are government employees, he noted.

In March, Governor Charlie Baker dismissed the recommendations by the Harm Reduction Commission regarding approving these

sites stating, it is a "non-starter". Baker said there was a simple reason for his opposition to safe injection sites: The federal government considers such sites to be illegal. That includes Andrew Lelling, the U.S. attorney for Massachusetts. He went on to state that "we need to do a better job of helping people keep from getting addicted in the first place — which as a nation we failed miserably on for 20 years. We're finally getting to the point where we're starting to do some things that I think will make a difference there."

Are safe injection sites a real solution? In February, the federal government went to court to stop a small Philadelphia nonprofit, Safehouse, from moving forward with its plans to open the nation's first safe injection site as a response to the opioid crisis. Safehouse responded in a court filing, arguing forcefully that Washington is wrong, that they are on firm legal ground, and must be allowed to move forward.

Safehouse's founders state that they are driven to save lives in a city with one of the highest death rates from opioid overdoses in the nation. Their approach is simple: If addicted

persons are going to be using drugs, it's better to encourage them to do so at a place where help is available. At the location, drug users would be allowed to bring and take illegal substances under the supervision of medically trained personnel. Clean needles, anti-overdose medication, counseling supports, and access to further medical treatment would be provided by Safehouse.

The federal government views this approach as abetting criminal behavior and dismisses any life-saving potential. The Washington Post says the government's suit likens Safehouse to a crack house. Federal officials say allowing the use of illicit drugs with impunity enables and exacerbates the intractable opioid problem; the US Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania argued that opening Safehouse would violate the Controlled Substances Act, which makes it illegal to open or run a place where illegal drugs are knowingly used.

In their brief, Safehouse wrote, citing several studies, that 'Medically supervised consumption sites are not a new phenomenon; they have been in operation for more than 30 years. More than 120 sites operate

openly worldwide, and not a single fatal overdose has been reported inside any similar facility. Extensive public health research of medically supervised consumption sites reports a decrease in overdose deaths in their immediate vicinity, a decrease in the public use of drugs, a decrease in discarded drug paraphernalia waste, and a decrease in the transmission of infectious diseases. That research also shows that medically supervised consumption sites encourage long-term treatment for opioid addiction and do not contribute to increased crime. USA Today noted, Safehouse recognizes that their "intervention will not solve the opioid crisis, but it will provide a critical life raft."

While the Philadelphia court battle proceeds, Safehouse plans to move forward, working to raise funds to underwrite the program, secure a site, and line up the local support to gain the zoning and other local regulatory approval against the expected NIMBY opposition.

Real life consequences are at stake and this issue will not be going away. The 'can-kicking' in Massachusetts will soon run out of road. Decision time is approaching.

Young Colin McGrath Remembered at Boston Marathon

'Team Colin' to Run in Boston Marathon to Support 'Colin's Joy Project'

Following up on the WBZ Channel 4 TV Report, Team Colin to Run Boston Marathon: It was 9 months ago when tragedy struck a South Boston Family, as well as the entire neighborhood and beyond. Residents remember well the day 2-year-old Colin McGrath's young life on Earth came to an abrupt end, as a result of an accident on L Street. It happened as two cars collided; one of which came onto the curb and hit the stroller Colin was in. It also seriously injured Colin's older sister Sloan who was lucky enough to survive. Colin was a beautiful, fun loving and energetic child who brought smiles to all who met him.

This was an accident that touched the hearts and souls of every South Bostonian, as well as people all over the nation who saw the story reported on many TV networks. It was something that was a call to action for residents, who had been complaining about the dangerous traffic situation on South Boston's streets, including L Street, for many years. It was an incident that may have been the turning point that caused the complaints to turn to action and demands for action with no let up until real changes and precautions were made, and they were.

To make sure Colin and what happened to him would be remembered, blue ribbons appeared on homes all over the neighborhood and this year's Boston Marathon will also serve to remember that beautiful young child who was taken



much too soon and has left his family heart broken.

Colin's parents, Kerry and Brendan McGrath have organized 'Team Colin' and that team, Colin's mom among them, will be running in this year's Boston Marathon to help raise money for 'Colin's Joy Project'. The runners will seek sponsors and raise awareness for the project and the funds raised will go to helping families in need, as well as doing things like building neighborhood playgrounds in memory of Colin McGrath.

The goal is to raise \$600,000 within 2 years. However, what happened to Colin and the emotions it has brought to so many has tapped into the generosity of people everywhere who want to help this wonderful effort. According to Kerry McGrath, who was interviewed for a story on WBZ TV's Channel 4, in just a couple of months, they have almost reached that goal. It's not only amazing, but heart-warming as well. And the more money raised the more good Colin's Joy Project can do for families in need.

What happened to young Colin will hopefully never be forgotten as it has stirred people into action who are determined and committed to the stance of NEVER AGAIN. Whatever it takes, whichever actions need to be taken must become priority so that a tragedy such as this will never be repeated in this community.

For those who would like to donate to Colin's Joy Project, you can go to www.colinsjoy-project.org. You can learn more about it by going to the following link: tbf.org/donors/forms/colins-joy-project.

Flynn Discusses City Budget with SB Civic Groups

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn held a meeting with the leadership of the South Boston Neighborhood Associations & community stakeholders to discuss neighborhood concerns and the city budget. The meeting was held Monday evening at the Boy & Girls Club and included members of the Andrew Square, City Point, West Broadway, Fort Point and Dorchester Heights, and St. Vincent's Lower End Neighborhood Association.

Flynn discussed the FY 2020 budget and issues related to Vision Zero and pedestrian safety, Moakley Park, public safety, transportation, clean streets and other quality of life concerns. "I'm happy to have had the opportunity to discuss these key issues that affect the residents of South Boston on a daily basis," said Flynn. "However, it is critical that we continue to maintain an ongoing dialogue about



these areas of concern to help us all find ways to improve the quality of life for our residents."

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

All Are Welcome to the Gate of Heaven Parish Coffee and Conversation Hour



All are welcome to join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Gate of Heaven Parish Coffee and Conversation Hour, downstairs in the Lower Hall, following the 9AM Mass at Gate of Heaven Church on East 4th Street. Looking forward to seeing old and new friends this Sunday, April 14, 2019.

Fight For The Environment! 5 Ways Young People (And Everyone Else) Can



Climate change continues to draw attention globally, from governmental debates on pollution solutions to people protest-

ing against a lack of action.

In Europe, teenage girls and young women are leading a large student environmental movement, and organiz-

ers in the U.S. are planning to join an international day of action on March 15. Against this backdrop, those engaged in environmental issues say that while there is strength in numbers during protest events, the difference often starts with individuals doing the right things daily for clean air and water – when no one is watching.

“Creating awareness on a massive stage is wonderful, but how many realize the responsibility each of us has in this critical battle and how it can’t be won unless we all make the necessary changes?” asks Leslie Landis (www.chendell.com), author of *Chendell: A Natural Warrior*, a fantasy novel with environmental themes.

Landis hopes her novel will expand awareness of climate change and inspire young people to work together and foster environmental improvements. The characters in her book have a special relationship with nature and that leads to a superhero who fights for environmental issues.

“Anyone can be a hero in the fight against pollution; anyone can step up for any of the environmental problems that plague us and be a natural warrior,” Landis says. “From everyday habits to small lifestyle changes, doing those things daily can make a huge difference.”

Landis lists five ways to be a natural warrior for the environment:

• **Take a tote.** “Ditch the plastic shop-

ping bag and opt for a more versatile alternative like a reusable tote bag,” Landis says. “States like California are already doing their part to reduce the use of plastic bags, and you can help carry that movement forward by keeping a handful of reusable bags in your house and car.”

• **Think before you drink.** “Say goodbye to plastic water bottles by getting a reusable canteen or thermos,” Landis says. “Not only do these items help Mother Nature by cutting down on plastic waste, they also reduce your exposure to BPA and help keep your beverages insulated.”

• **Get thrifty.** “The fashion industry creates a lot of unnecessary waste,” Landis says. “But you can help slow it down by giving discarded clothes a second chance. Shop at thrift stores, second-hand shops and vintage boutiques. By sporting looks from the past, you’ll actually be helping the environment in the future.”

• **Don’t put the pedal to the metal.** Environmental experts talk about how we all leave carbon footprints by the modes of transportation we use. “It’s a lot larger than you think,” Landis says. “Fortunately, there are many alternative means of transportation. Whether you ride your bike to work, carpool to school, or walk, you’ll be saving yourself from the high price of gas while helping reduce carbon emissions in our air.”

• **Grow green.** Whether you’re planting trees to combat the carbon emissions or planting an edible garden to cut back on store-bought waste, Landis says, “Putting your green thumb to good use will always have a positive effect on the government.”

“It’s great to see young people in particular get involved in large numbers regarding climate change,” Landis says. “But it’s amazing how simple it is for everyone to get involved to save our most precious resources.”

About Leslie Landis

Leslie Landis (www.chendell.com) is the author of *Chendell: A Natural Warrior*. She holds an M.A. in psychology and is a licensed marriage and family therapist. Landis also has been a legislative assistant to a U.S. senator, a teacher, financial planner, and associate director in television.

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Where Have They Gone?



By Brian P. Wallace

A few weeks ago I wrote an article about my memories of Broadway, and I want to thank all those people who sent me a card or a letter telling me how much the article meant to them. I ran into a Southie guy last week. He was a retired firefighter, and we began to talk about the article. He was older than me, and his memories of Broadway were different than mine. But, that is the whole point. Not everyone has the same memories or even sees the same thing in the same light. Memo-

ries are as mutually exclusive as fingerprints. What might be special to me, might mean absolutely nothing to the next person. The same holds for this article. It deals with some of the people, places, and things that I miss. I hope some of them hit home for you.

Any article about me must always start with my parents Helen and Bobby Wallace. They were the best and let me do and explore my first loves, sports and the Boys Club. I will always appreciate them for that.

- I miss a very special friend who died too early in the line of duty. His name was Tommy Connolly and he was a great basketball player who taught me a lot. RIP Tom.

- I miss Dorgan's on Friday afternoons, the Broadway Show and Mrs. Gagin's tubby's.

- I miss Kelly's Landing. I miss Abe's and tuna spuckie's from Pete's at E and 5th and John's on Old Colony Ave.

- I miss the big three of Bobby Thompson, Stretch and Bobby Nichols at the L. I miss Knocko. I miss the 4th of July fireworks down the stadium.

- I miss Southie Day. I miss going to games at White Stadium and the

Arena. I miss Doc Reid, Charlie Ray and Jimmy Poor.

- I miss Mike Pano and Satch Crowe. I miss all the old bars/taverns, Churches and schools. I miss the clock on St. Augustine's steeple that was my compass.

- I miss knowing everyone at Castle Island. I miss the Quarry's. I miss Tuffy O'Hare and Vinny Trasky. I miss Jimmy Condon's farm.

- I miss Tom Gailunas and the gang down F Street. I miss the druggie and Boob and Weed. I miss Del's pizza truck.

- I miss playing stickball, halfball and bar ball in the Gavin Schoolyard. I always wondered what happened to Bobby McGuire, Ronnie and Bobby Patterson.

- I miss Kenny Franco. I miss listening to "The Boston Mass" I miss the incredible talents of Leo Stapelton, Bobby Guitar Dunlap and Cat Morris.

- I would give anything to hear Louie Sasso, Leo McCarty, Casey and DL sing again. I miss watching Dom Gentile, Pat Flaherty and Wally Quigg carry the football.

- I miss the quarterback wizardry of Teddy Cunniff, Frannie Coughlin and Eddie Walsh. I miss watching Tommy Connors, Danny Long, Peter Welch and the Shea twin's box.

- I miss the legendary drives to the hoop by Leo Mahoney, the dribbling of Satch, the shooting of Ray and Paul Flynn and the coaching of Injun.

- I miss the passing of Chrissy Aylward and the speed of Gerry Etro. I miss Brian Coughlin scoring on a pass from Richie Fowkes and the defense of Bobby Fowkes. I miss Paul Wilson and Brian Walsh in the nets and their coach Tom Apprille.

- I'd love to see a Jimmy Barrineau or Bob Cat Dooley fastball one more time or a curveball from Billy Paulsen and Jimmy Higgins. I miss Park League Football and George McCarthy. I miss Bobby Lerro.

- I miss watching Chicka Noonan pitch and Hoppa catch. I miss watching the towering drives by Bobby Dunkle, Jackie Farrell, Nino and Jimmy Ridge.

- I miss the Quietman, the Cornerstone and Todda. I miss the Chipewas. I miss Gorins, the 5&10, and the old bowling alley on West Broadway. I miss Blinstrub's, and Kostik's Deli...

I miss all my dear friends who never returned home from Viet Nam, as well as all the others who passed away too early. I miss a place I grew up in called Southie which was our own private Camelot.

Tax Filing Scams

The New Year means the start of tax season. The Federal Trade Commission is warning people to be on the lookout for suspicious calls that claim to be from the Social Security Administration. Scammers are ramping up their efforts to steal Social Security numbers to use in filing fraudulent tax returns.

How the Scam Works

You answer the phone, and it's someone alleging to be from the Social Security Administration (SSA) or another government entity. The name on your caller ID may even back that up that claim. The caller says your social security number has been used to fraudulently apply for a credit card or commit another crime. In order to fix the situation, the caller needs you to confirm your SSN and other personal information.

If you don't cooperate, the caller threatens to take you to court or have your Social Security number blocked or revoked.

No matter the details, the stories are designed to induce fear. Scammers hope that under pressure you will tell them your SSN and other sensitive personal information. Scammers can use SSNs to commit identity theft and file tax returns in your name to steal your refund.

How to Avoid the Scam

- Never give personal information to unsolicited callers. If someone contacts you without your permission, refuse to tell them any personal information.

- Remember, the SSA will never call you asking for your Social Security number. They will never ask you to pay anything, nor will they threaten your benefits.

- Don't trust your caller ID. The internet has made it possible for scammers to use fake IDs when they call your home. If you receive a suspicious call, don't make any important decisions based on what your caller ID says.

- Contact the Social Security Admin-

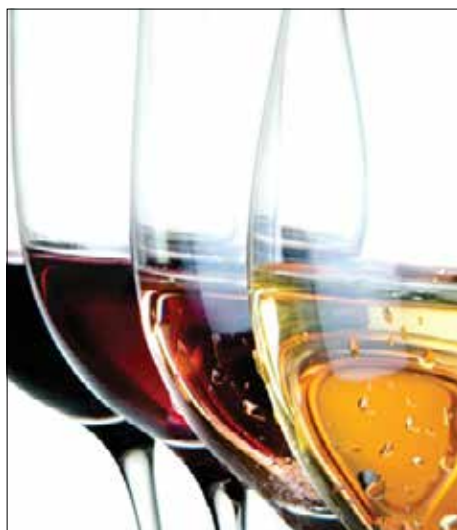
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The Wine Guy Winefully Incorrect



It's probably better to be safe than "out there" in just about every aspect of our lives today—like it or not. Even what kind of wine to serve with what foods; it's like wearing white after Labor Day—some people wouldn't be caught dead in it, while others aren't so constricted. To those who feel obligated to serve nothing but white after Memorial Day or reds only from Labor Day on, I say, "Resist!"

You have nothing to lose but your limited food options. Maybe we have to be afraid of what we say, but that doesn't mean we have to be afraid of what we drink!

Go bold or don't go out to the grille! **Lapostolle 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon, Cuvee Alexandre, Apalta Vineyard, Colchagua Valley, Chile, (\$19.95)**, is made by the family that owns Grand Marnier and their ability to put real body and taste in a wine shows here. The Apalta Vineyard is the gem of the Lapostolle estate

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. Surrounded on three sides by hills and a river on the fourth side it has its own unique micro-climate. Planted back in 1920 it also has deeply rooted grapevines averaging 60 years old. The Cabernet grapes for this wine comes from an old block of Cabernet planted in 1920 with high density that provides low yields of less than 2 tons per acre and grapes with deep complex flavors. It's also certified organic and biodynamic. This one is probably the best value red you'll serve all summer.

I want to recommend another Chenin Blanc wine here because it continues to grow in variety and quality and because it's a great supplement to both Chardonnay and Sauvignon Blanc. With an important wine renaissance in full swing, impressive red and white bargains abound in South Africa. The country has a particularly long and rich history with winemaking, especially considering its status as part of the "New World." **Ernie Els Big Easy Chenin Blanc 2016, Stellenbosch, South Africa, (\$17.99)**, is emblematic of today's South African wines and like friend Greg Norman, Els loves wine almost as much as he loves golf. In 1999, Els chose the Stellenbosch, South Africa's most storied wine region, to produce his wines and brought on the award-winning Louis Strydom to oversee winemaking. In 2000, the first grapes were crushed for the inaugural vintage of Ernie Els Signature Wines. This white is

refreshing and balanced, with notes of melons and mango and a pleasant finish. Great with an array of foods or just by itself.

Beringer Luminus Chardonnay 2016, Oak Knoll District, Napa, California, (\$37.99), is spectacular. The lovely citrus in the Beringer Luminus Chardonnay is perfect for a fluke crudo drizzled with fresh lime juice and flaky sea salt. Follow that with salmon cakes with a mango salsa and you've got yourself a winning combination. The pert acidity of this Napa Chardonnay will go nicely opposite a pasta primavera dish with a light cream sauce too. For a casual dinner or lunch, make it chicken salad with toasted macadamias on a bed of Boston lettuce. Or, get your spicy on with a big platter of chicken makhani; it's mild and buttery and just right for this Luminus.

Got some ribs or salmon that are headed for the grille? Well, make sure you've got a couple of bottles of **Lazy Creek 2015 Pinot Noir, Lazy Day, Anderson Valley, California, (\$19.95)**. Anderson Valley in Mendocino County has warm, sunny days and cool, foggy mornings and nights creating the ideal microclimate for producing this wine. This sustainably-farmed, medium-bodied Pinot Noir has attractive aromas of bright red fruits, plum, berries and a hint of licorice, followed by flavors of juicy cherry with notes of cola, spice and toast on the finish.

Don't let anyone tell you what's "okay" to drink; tell them quality, value and flexibility don't have a calendar.

Talk To The Wine Guy at
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Hippity Hop, Hippity Hop
on up and say Hello to
the Easter Bunny



**The Dorchester Heights Annual
Easter Egg Hunt and Challenge**

Saturday April 20

10AM



Sponsored by our State Representative - David Biele

The Easter Season Traditional Egg Hunt Continues

Dorchester Heights, an iconic symbol of Boston's history and situated at the apex of urban South Boston with dramatic panoramic views, is once again the venue of the Dorchester Heights Association's Annual Easter Egg Hunt and Challenge sponsored by State Representative David Biele.

On Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 10:00AM, with the help of our own

South Boston JROTC, outdoor games, sidewalk chalk, "Pick a Prize" Eggs and Spring activities will be captured on film by professional photographer, John McGoff, and his assistant, The Easter Bunny. This South Boston Easter tradition brings excitement, friendship, community, fun and enjoyment to our families. It is always a fun time and plenty of eggs are awaiting the children.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales					
Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
469 East Fourth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$1,273,200	1/31/19	4	3.5	2,075
30 B St UNIT 201 Condo	\$985,000	1/31/19	5	2	1,460
101 Bolton St UNIT 1 Condo	\$800,000	1/31/19	4	2	1,138
101 Bolton St Condo Townhouse	\$800,000	1/31/19	4	2	1,138
2 Cottage St UNIT 1 Condo	\$735,000	1/31/19	5	2.5	1,292
428 East Eighth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$645,000	1/31/19	5	2.5	1,193
486 East Third St UNIT11 Condo	\$599,000	1/31/19	4	1	824
499 East Seventh St UNIT 3 Condo	\$435,000	1/31/19	3	1	581



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Patriots’ Day/Boston Marathon Special Commuter Rail Pass and MBTA Service Information for April 15

On Patriots’ Day, Monday, April 15, the MBTA is offering a special \$15 Marathon Pass valid for all-day, unlimited travel on all Commuter Rail lines through all zones. This special \$15 Marathon Pass is available for purchase today through April 15 on the mTicket app and Wednesday, April 10, through April 15 from ticket offices at North, South, and Back Bay Stations. The \$15 Marathon Pass is also available aboard trains via cash or credit card on April 15 only.

CharlieCards preloaded with \$5 roundtrip subway fare will also be available for purchase by credit or debit card only from Transit Ambassadors at Alewife, Back Bay, Braintree, Fenway, Quincy Adams, or Riverside Stations on April 15. Customers traveling around Boston on Marathon Monday are also encouraged to purchase a \$12 1-Day Link pass valid for unlimited subway and bus travel, which are available from any station fare vending machine and valid for twenty-four hours after purchase.

To find the best Marathon viewing location on the T, customers are encouraged to visit the MBTA’s Boston Marathon Guide, which highlights MBTA stations closest to the Marathon route and includes helpful information on purchasing fares, parking, and more.

Due to safety concerns, Copley Station is closed for the entire day on April 15. Customers are instead encouraged to use Arlington Station (serving all Green Line branches), Prudential Station (Green Line E branch), Hynes Convention Center Station (Green Line B, C, and D



branches), or Back Bay Station on the Orange Line. From approximately 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., above-ground Green Line stops at South Street (B branch), Kent Street (C branch), and St. Mary’s Street (C branch) will be closed.

The Red, Orange, Blue, and Silver Lines will operate a regular weekday schedule with rush-hour levels of service before and after the race with no scheduled station closures. Buses and trackless trolleys will operate a regular weekday schedule on April 15, though some bus routes will be detoured to accommodate the Marathon and other festivities. Pre-marathon events are also scheduled the weekend prior, resulting in route adjustments to various bus routes in and around Copley Square. Customers are encouraged to subscribe to T-Alerts and check the MBTA website for more information on these changes.

All commuter rail lines will operate a regular weekday schedule with additional trains on the Framingham/Worcester Line to support additional crowds. All commuter boat and ferry service as well as The RIDE service will operate a regular weekday schedule. Customers planning to park in an MBTA garage or lot should allow additional travel time and note that some garages and lots may fill very quickly due to heavy parking demand. Real-time parking capacity information for Alewife, Beverly, Braintree, Route 128, Salem, Quincy Adams, Wonderland, and Woodland continues to be tweeted from @MBTA_Parking. Bicycles are prohibited onboard all MBTA vehicles (including folding bicycles) for the entire day on April 15. Backpacks, coolers, cans, bottles, and large items are not permitted at the Marathon.

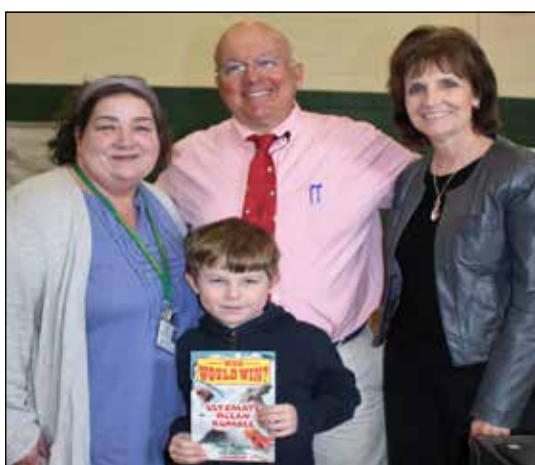
For the most up-to-date service information, please see T-Alerts, visit mbta.com/marathon, and follow the T on Twitter @MBTA and @MBTA_CR.

Author Jerry Pallotta Surprises Catholic Academy Students

Author Jerry Pallotta (known for his “Who Would Win” series and his Alphabet books) visited South Boston Catholic Academy on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, to present two special assemblies, and speak to the grade four class. The author talked to the students about his new book, “Who Would Win: Killer Whale or Great White Shark.” This presentation was filmed for a special series for Scholastic, to be aired on their web channel later this summer. We thank Mr. Pallotta for this special visit to our school, we love his books and look forward to reading his new book, as well as, future books.

On Tuesday, April 11, 2019, the students had a Free Tag Day and had a chance to wear their favorite Red Sox gear in honor of the Red Sox Opening Day Game. Go Red Sox!

We are now accepting applications online for the 2019-2020 School Year. To learn more about what makes South Boston Catholic Academy so special join us for a tour on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9am. For more information, please email Mrs. Jamie Brown, Assistant Principal at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org or phone 617-268-2326. Please check our website at www.sb-catholicacademy.org for more info.



Holy Week Mass and Service Church Schedules

Easter weekend is finally upon us. Here is a listing of Masses and Services for South Boston's Churches. It's important to note that the Albanian Orthodox Churches in the community: The Holy Trinity Church on D Street and St. George Cathedral on East Broadway are not listed here this week because the Albanian Orthodox Church will celebrate their Easter traditions during the following week

-Castle Island – Easter Sunday Sunrise Mass: 5:54am

-Gate of Heaven Church – Holy Thursday: 7pm Evening Mass of the

Lord's Supper, 8:15- 9:30pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Good Friday: 3pm, Saturday: 7 pm, Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday: 9am, 12 Noon. No Mass at 6pm.

-St. Brigid Church – 8:15-9:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Good Friday: 7pm. Celebration of the Lord's Passion with Communion. Holy Saturday: 7:30pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Resurrection Easter Sunday: 8am, 10:30pm (No 6pm Mass on Easter Sunday)

-South Baptist Church – Easter Sunday: 10:30am

-Marian Manor Chapel – Special Easter Weekend Masses; Thursday: 3:45pm, Good Friday: 3:00pm, Saturday: 3:45pm, Easter Sunday: 10:30am

-St. Monica – St. Augustine Church –Thursday:7pm (Spanish), Good Friday: 7pm (Spanish), Saturday 7:30pm Mass (Spanish), Easter Sunday: 10:30 am Mass (English).

-St. Peter Church – Thursday: 7pm Mass(English), Good Friday:

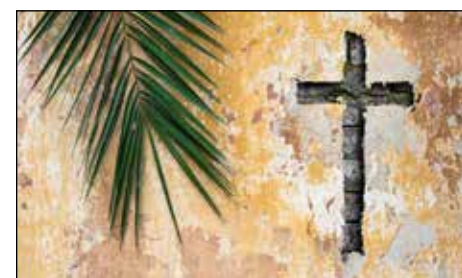
3pm (English), Saturday: Easter Vigil7:30pm (English), Easter Sunday:9am (English), 10:30am Mass (Lithuanian)

-St. Augustine Chapel – Good Friday: 4pm

-Fourth Presbyterian Church – Thursday: 6:30pm till 9pm. Saturday: 7pm Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service at McCormack Bath House, Carson Beach at 6:30am, Regular Service 10:30am

-Hub Church – (The Loft at 401 D St.) Easter Egg Hunt at Marine Park 10am Easter Sunday 10:30am Service at The Loft. – Thursday: 7:30pm, Good Friday: 3pm, 7:30pm (Celebration of the Lord's Passion). Saturday: 7:30pm Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday: 9:30am, 11:30am, and 7pm

-Waterfront Shrine of Our Lady of Good Voyage – Palm Sunday: 9:30am,11:30am, 7pm, Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm, Good Friday: Stations of the Cross 12:10pm, Passion of our



Lord Jesus Christ 3pm, 7pm. Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 7:30pm. Easter Sunday: 9:30am, 7:30am and 7pm.

(Note: Validated parking is offered for all Holy Week Liturgies at the Water Front Shrine at one Seaport Garage at a discounted rate of \$9 for all day parking with a validation sticker.

Note: This list will continue to be updated as the schedules come in. It is South Boston Today's Policy to list the Holy Week Schedules of all Churches in South Boston each year. South Boston's Albanian Orthodox Church and Cathedral will celebrate Easter the following week. We will list their schedules prior to those Services as well.

SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

May 6,7,8,9,10,11

This year we have added on a WEB site for all information www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com and we are also on Facebook. You can get a registration form for players and coaches on line AND PRINT IT OUT but you must bring it to the Curley recreation center after you fill it out and pay your fee. You cannot register online as we feel we do not want this personal info about the kids online.

Registration for the fall season of the South Boston Youth Soccer will be held the week of **May 6,7,8,9,10,11 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday the 11th at Curley Recreation Center on Day Blvd. L. Street Bathroom in the Seniors Card Room.**

Children from the ages of 3 years and up to 12 years are invited to register now for the Fall program. A new division of 3 and 4-year olds has been added to the program. Age groups and birth years for 2019 season are as follows **as of September 1st.**

4 and under- 2015, 2016
6 and under- 2013, 2014

8 and under- 2011, 2012

10 and under- 2009, 2010

12 and under- 2007, 2008

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

There will be no other registrations held. This is the only one we will be holding so if you want your child to play in the fall program than you must sign them up NOW. The fee for this year is \$30.00 per player. A separate fee of \$ 20.00 per player will be collected if you want your child to participate in the separate soccer clinics being run by the Liverpool Soccer Club. Clinics will be held for the under 8 from 6 pm to 7 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays and the under 10 and 12 will be from 7pm to 8 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays all season long.

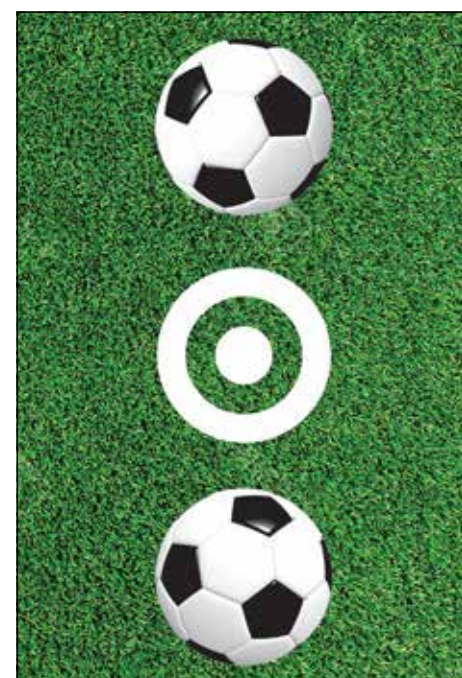
As usual we need coaches to make the program work and this year, we will be holding a mandatory coaching clinic for all coaches in order to

improve the quality of play by the kids. The dates, location and time of the clinics are the 1st two weeks of seasons when staff will be on hand to assist coaches in getting the games organized and started.

We also are in need of referees so if you have the time and would like to help the kids out, you should come down and register. Also, there is no fee for coaches or referees, but you must fill out a CORI background check form to be allowed to coach or referee.

The season is scheduled to open Thursday, September 5th, with our annual parade of "CHAMPIONS" and the games will start on Saturday, September 7th with the under 10 & 12 age groups scheduled. The under 4, 6 and 8 age groups will be starting play on Sunday, September 8th. Of course all of this happens only if we have the people to coach and referee the games. You do not have to have a child in the program to coach or referee. We need all the help we can get.

The banquet location has been shifted to the Boys and Girls Club at 230 West Sixth St. on Sunday, November 24th.



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

Erin Rogers Of South Boston Running the 123rd Boston Marathon

Erin Rogers lost both an aunt and a friend to suicide and is raising money and awareness for suicide prevention as part of the Samaritans Marathon Team. All proceeds generated from this year's team will benefit Samaritans' suicide prevention services. This includes their 24/7 Crisis Services phone and text Helpline, suicide prevention workshops for schools, businesses, and community groups, and Safe-Place support groups for those who have lost someone to suicide.

This is the 12th consecutive year that Samaritans, a suicide preven-

tion organization serving the Greater Boston and Metro West communities, has received bib numbers for their Marathon Team. The donation was made to help Samaritans generate awareness about the issue of suicide, educate the public about suicide prevention, and raise much-needed funds.

"Each of our team members have been touched by suicide and are passionate about raising awareness and educating the public about this important issue," said Executive Director of Samaritans Steve Mongeau. "The stigma and misinformation that surrounds the discussion of suicide and suicide prevention is an unfortunate reality. Our Marathon runners are performing a tremendous service to our organization and the community at large and are helping to save lives."

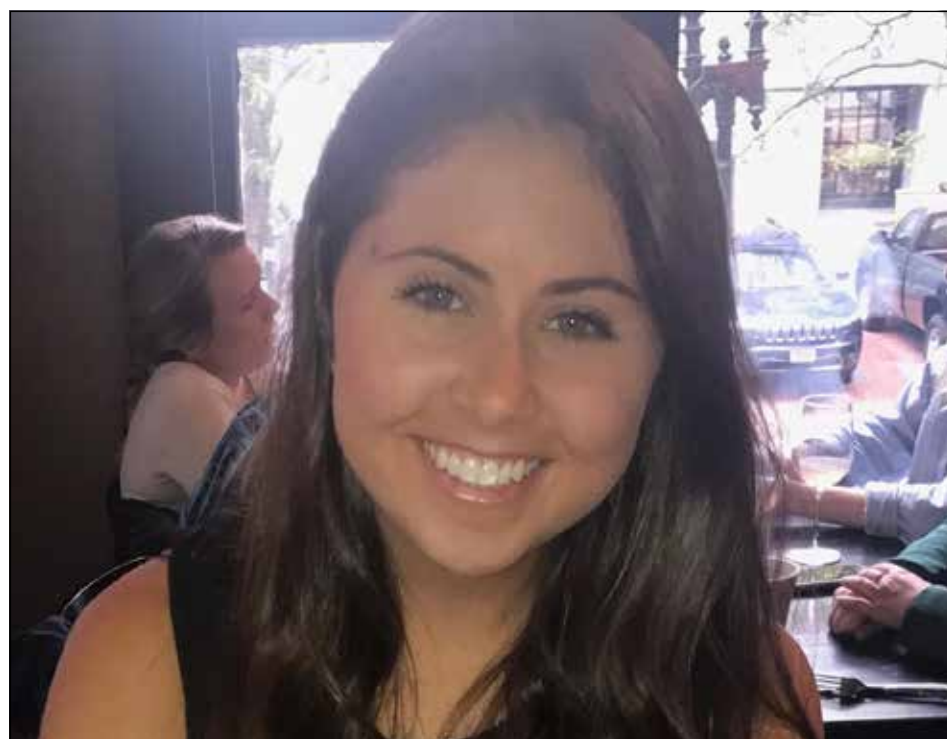
For over 40 years, Samaritans, Inc. volunteers have answered more than 2.5 million phone calls. The agency has trained more than 4,500

volunteers and instructed more than 100,000 individuals through its Community Education and Outreach Program and has supported over 10,000 individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide.

For more information about Sa-

maritans, please visit

www.samaritanshope.org<<http://www.samaritanshope.org>> or contact Samaritans' business office at 617-536-2460 or info@samaritanshope.org<<mailto:info@samaritanshope.org>>.



MAYOR WALSH LAUNCHES ONLINE BIRTH CERTIFICATES



more accessible,” said Mayor Walsh. “Birth certificates are needed by many of our residents, and this new system will allow greater transparency and convenience, allowing residents easier access to their vital records.”

Mayor Walsh has worked to create easier access to individuals’ birth certificates, including partnering with Massachusetts State Representative Michael Moran to file legislation to make it easier for residents to access their birth certificates.

“Making critical documents like birth certificates more accessible to every person born in Boston is vital to ensuring equity and improving a resident’s ability to obtain a driver’s license, secure housing, and get a job,” said Representative Michael Moran. “This announcement of progress by the Mayor is a great step forward and I am eager to build on it with our legislation to remove even more barriers to accessing these critical documents that some of our most vulnerable residents face.”

Building off his commitment to ensure Boston’s services are easily accessible to all, Mayor Martin J. Walsh launched a web application, allowing residents to order Boston-based birth certificates directly from the Registry Department. This follows the success of the death certificates online launch in March of 2018.

“In Boston, we’re committed to using technology to make our residents’ lives simpler, and public documents

The Registry Department has seen a 30 percent increase in requests in the past year largely as a result of the REAL ID Act; federal legislation passed in 2005. This act mandated that an “enhanced driver’s license” be issued separate from standard licenses to citizens. Soon, U.S. Citizens will need either this enhanced driver’s license or a passport to enter certain federal buildings and to fly in the United States. Here in Massachusetts, residents need their birth certificate to get a license. For this reason, the Department of Innovation and Technology partnered with the Registry Department to ease the process and cost burden on constituents, and the operational demand as we near the federal deadline for compliance with the law. The law will go into full effect on October 1, 2020.

Previously, the process of ordering birth certificates online was only available through a third-party service contracted by the state to find vital records, but the average cost per request was typically more than \$40, not including shipping and processing fees. In addition, orders could take more than a few weeks to process. As the main source of truth for birth certificates in Boston, the City was well positioned to offer a quicker, easier, and more cost-effective option. Both mail and in-person options will continue to be available through the Registry Department.

Since the launch of the death certificates application, the City has seen online fulfillment overtake in-mail and in-person, and requests are often processed same day. This past Febru-

ary, 42 percent of death certificates processed were ordered online, and Boston anticipates similar efficiencies gained for constituents and City staff processing the birth requests. Birth certificates cost \$14 per copy, and that price includes shipping.

“The Registry Department is thrilled to provide this new online, affordable option for Boston birth requests. With the success of our online death request option last year and the increased demand for birth certificates for the REAL IDs, our customers will find the birth option quick and efficient,” said Patty McMahon, City Registrar.

Mayor Walsh has been committed to bringing more equity and choice to residents throughout Boston through the Department of Innovation and Technology, from launching Boston’s first-ever Digital Equity Fund; to bringing WiFi hotspots to the Boston Public Library’s lending program; to Boston’s Wicked Free WiFi program; to working to protect Net Neutrality rules that ensure a fair and open internet.

About the Department of Innovation & Technology

The Department of Innovation & Technology works to engage, empower, and improve life for residents in the City through technology. The focus areas of their work include digital engagement and services, data and analytics, and broadband, cable and digital equity. The department oversees the development and implementation of new digital tools, open data, Wicked Free Wi-Fi, mobile apps, and cybersecurity practices.



Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship for \$5,000



High school seniors who reside in South Boston and are interested in applying for the Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship must have community service experience and must submit a 1,000-word essay. To be considered, all academic and residency criteria must also be met.

Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2019. For more information on the Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship, including an application checklist, please visit: www.massport.com



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What's in a Word?

By Lisa Gilbert, Principal, St. Peter Academy

The fourth and fifth grade students at St. Peter Academy are learning about words. And not just any words! Using the popular and time-tested series, Wordly Wise, as their base text, they are taking a deep dive into academic vocabulary. They're learning definitions, roots, synonyms, antonyms, and parts of speech.

Each week they read an informational written piece with the current vocabulary words embedded in it. Students choose one or more unfamiliar word to depict in an artistic manner on a large banner posted in the school community room. They

are creating a word wall with all the new words they are learning each week. Being the oldest in the school, they then go back and teach the younger students the new words they have learned during one of our morning assemblies. One student who attend the after-school Vocabulary Club stated, "It's actually kind of fun!" Who said vocabulary was boring?!

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.

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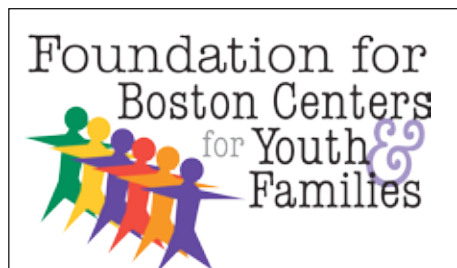
GYM NOTES:

YOUTH HOCKEY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Blue Jackets took on the Flames in the 2019 Championship game. The Blue Jackets came out strong to take a 4-0 lead after the first period. In the next period the Flames gave it their all and came back to score 3 goals but ran out of time. The Blue Jackets took the victory and championship title, by the score of 7-3. Sammy Flood had



Snap Shot Teen Photography Program For Boston Teens



Boston youth ages 16-18 are invited to apply now for Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) Snap Shot Teen Photography Program. This unique summer job program is made possible via a partnership between BCYF and the John Hancock MLK Summer Scholars Program. The BCYF Snap

Shot program teaches youth about photography while they explore Boston's neighborhoods, museums and historic sites. The young people also photograph many BCYF community centers, programs and events. Youth receive a paycheck while participating in the program.

"This is a great summer employment opportunity for teens that are interested in learning photography while exploring our City and making new friends," said William Morales, Commissioner of BCYF. "I want to thank John Hancock's MLK Scholars Program for being a longtime supporter of this program."

A professional photographer teaches the program. Participants learn about different techniques, equipment and concepts. They are also introduced to a variety of professional photographers through books, websites and exhibitions in art galleries and museums around Boston. The program also includes field trips to different neighborhoods in Boston. At the end of the summer, their work is showcased at an exhibition.

"Last summer she had an opportunity to work with the Snap Shot Program where got to go out into the city and photograph nature, land-

scapes, people and more depending on the project for the week," said Aury Aquasvivas, age 16, from Hyde Park who participated last summer. "Because of the program, I became a little less shy and made new friends and even reconnected with a childhood friend."

The program will run from Monday, July 8 through Friday, August 16. Participants will work 20 hours each week. Interested young people can apply by visiting BCYF's website at Boston.Gov/BCYF. Deadline for applying is Friday, May 10. For more information, contact Donna. Reeves@Boston.Gov.

Frustrating To Watch NBA games

By Kevin Devlin

I've been watching NBA games for a long time and love the Boston Celtics, but watching these games has become a frustrating experience. Yet even considering my gripes listed below, I'll still watch NBA games. I just wish NBA players, coaches, and referees would clean up their act, because hoop is a great game played by incredible athletes.

Number One: Players palm the ball a lot, especially when they make their crossover moves while attempting to freeze their opponents. Officials should be consistent with making the call or the league should just allow the players to palm the ball and not consider it a violation any longer.

Number Two: Players travel all the time. It's actually laughable. I think it's because they've gotten sloppy and lazy; and the amount of traveling in games solidifies this contention. I don't think the league wants too many traveling

violations called, even though they occur, because it slows down the game.

Number Three: Some players complain all the time about fouls being called against them as if they've never committed a foul in their entire careers. Some feign innocence-protest-even though they're obvious calls. I understand it's the nature of the beast to complain but this incessant nonsense, ad nauseam ad infinitum, is exasperating. And, watching players (as well as coaches) subsequently looking up at the big screen to see what happened is absurd. They already know what they did.

Number Four: Players need to simply tone it down and stop questioning every other call, that's the coach's job. And the "stars" shouldn't be allowed more leeway to abuse officials. Complaining during these hoop games (again, the nature of the beast) has nevertheless reached a ridiculous level that's annoying to watch.

Number Five: The artificial semi-circle area in front of the basket which

dictates whether it's an offensive charge or a defensive block should be eliminated. It's was a bad idea to implement it in the first place. A block is a block and a charge is a charge, it's as simple as that.

Number Six: I don't know what a two-shot foul is anymore. A player should only get two shots if he's in the act of shooting (like in college ball) not when he's still dribbling the ball or hasn't even started a try for goal. The way they're called now is so arbitrary and should be simplified to avoid confusion, doubt, and uncertainty.

Number Seven: With three game officials it baffles me that they miss or make bad calls. Ticky tack fouls are made when blatant ones are missed or simply ignored. I just don't get it. And when they review a particular play, involving two players acting out, to determine what penalties should be assessed, they inevitably call a double technical and bail out the player initiating the incident.

They take the easy way out.

Number Eight: On the flip side, it also makes me wonder why some fans and coaches are baffled about some calls, especially the coaches who supposedly understand the game, and know it's an obvious foul, yet cry foul instead.

Number Nine: An offensive player should not be allowed to jump forward or sideways into a defensive player to draw a foul if that defensive player maintains his position via the league's rule of verticality. Otherwise it puts the defensive player at a disadvantage. The onus should be on the player initiating the contact in this instance and it should be ruled as an offensive foul, or perhaps a violation and loss of possession, or a jump ball. It needs to be addressed one way or another.



Tynan Happenings continued from page 13

a superb game for the Blue Jackets, scoring 4 goals. Christian Devlin lead the Flames with 2 goals. Congratulations to the Blue Jackets!!

COED VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Hawkes Club took on the Turner Club in this years' championship game. The Hawkes Club took the first two games, by the scores of 21-9 and 21-13. Turner Club regrouped to win the next match in a close one 22-20. Hawkes came back to win the following game and claimed the 2019 Championship

Title. Congratulations to all!!

APRIL SCHOOL VACATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Tuesday April 16th Wiffleball 1 tournament starting at 2pm. Ages 8-11 and 12-16. Teams will be formed the day of, and we will have a cookout following the event.

Wednesday, April 17th Tierney Center Collaboration for a Flag Football game and schoolyard recreational games and activities, followed by a cookout.

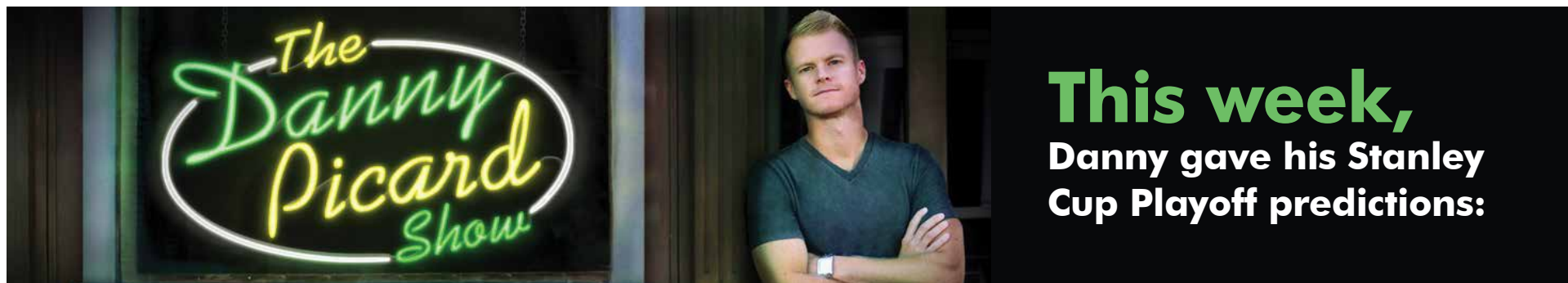
Thursday, April 18th Baseball Clinic 5:30 -6:30 ages 9-13 and 6:30-7:30 ages 14-17.

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This week, Danny gave his Stanley Cup Playoff predictions:

The NHL began its playoffs this week, and I'm here to tell you who will be hoisting la Coupe Stanley when it's all said and done.

It might have seemed like I was ignoring the NHL this year, but I wasn't. I don't subscribe to the "if you don't tweet about it, then you didn't do it" lifestyle. I watched a good amount of hockey this year. Unfortunately for the sport of hockey, when you run a show that requires you to react to the top stories in the world of sports, the NHL doesn't normally become a top story until the playoffs begin.

Whether you agree with that or not, there's no denying that that Stanley Cup Playoffs provide more excitement than any other sport's respective playoffs. That's part of what makes the Cup the toughest trophy to win in sports. It goes from 60 mph in the regular season to 100 mph in the playoffs. The game is faster and the hits are harder. Because the ultimate reward that's waiting for them is the greatest reward that professional sports has ever seen: the Stanley Cup.

Here in Boston, all eyes will be on the Bruins, who finished in second place in the Atlantic division with 49 wins and 107 points. The B's lost to the Tampa Bay Lightning in the Eastern Conference Semifinals last year after beating the Toronto Maple Leafs in the

Eastern Conference Semifinals. They'll once again take on Toronto in the first round this year, and there's a pretty good chance they'll have a second-round rematch with Tampa Bay.

The Bruins haven't made it out of the second round since they went to the Stanley Cup Final in 2013. Two years ago, the B's lost in the first round to the Ottawa Senators. The two years before that, they didn't even make the playoffs. And in 2014, they lost to the Montreal Canadiens in the second round.

When it comes to the two Boston teams that'll begin their playoff runs this week — the Bruins and Celtics — you have to give the B's a better chance to win it all than the C's. More than anything else, the reason for that is the way the Stanley Cup Playoffs work. Everyone has a chance. If your goaltender gets hot, then you have an opportunity to make a serious run.

In the NBA, can you honestly say that every team in the NBA Playoffs has a chance to win the Larry O'Brien Trophy? No way. In fact, out of the 16 teams that will be involved in the NBA Playoffs, there's probably only four or five teams that actually have a shot at winning the NBA Championship. And that might even be a stretch.

It's not like I'm going to bet against the Golden State Warriors. They're the clear-cut favorite, and they'll probably win it

all once again. In fact, I'd be shocked if Golden State didn't win it all again.

In the NHL, I do have a prediction as to who will win it all, but would I be shocked if any one of the 16 teams in the tournament is hoisting the Cup in the end? Not at all.

But who is my pick? Here you go: **NHL**

Eastern Conference Quarterfinals:

- (1) *Tampa Bay Lightning over (WC2) Columbus Blue Jackets*
- (2) *Boston Bruins over*
- (3) *Toronto Maple Leafs*

- (1) *Washington Capitals over (WC1) Carolina Hurricanes*
- (3) *Pittsburgh Penguins over*
- (2) *New York Islanders*

Western Conference Quarterfinals:

- (1) *Calgary Flames over*
- (WC2) *Colorado Avalanche*
- (2) *San Jose Sharks over*
- (3) *Vegas Golden Knights*

- (1) *Nashville Predators over*
- (WC1) *Dallas Stars*

- (2) *Winnipeg Jets over*
- (3) *St. Louis Blues*

Eastern Conference Semifinals:

- (1) *Tampa Bay Lightning over*
- (2) *Boston Bruins*
- (1) *Washington Capitals over*
- (3) *Pittsburgh Penguins*

Western Conference Semifinals:

- (2) *San Jose Sharks over*
- (1) *Calgary Flames*

(2) *Winnipeg Jets over*

(1) *Nashville Predators*

Eastern Conference Final:

(1) *Washington Capitals over*

(1) *Tampa Bay Lightning*

Western Conference Final:

(2) *Winnipeg Jets over*

(2) *San Jose Sharks*

Stanley Cup Final:

Washington Capitals over
Winnipeg Jets

-That's right, I'm going with a Stanley Cup repeat for the Capitals, who had 48 wins and 104 points as the first-place team in the Metropolitan division. If I end up picking the Stanley Cup Final matchup correctly, then it's safe to say that I'll be rooting for Dorchester's own Kevin Hayes and the Winnipeg Jets to take home the Cup. Hayes was traded from the New York Rangers to Winnipeg at this year's trade deadline. Barring a Jets vs Bruins Stanley Cup Final, there won't be a single person in Boston not rooting for Hayes, if he has a chance to hoist the greatest trophy in sports. Unfortunately, I think Alex Ovechkin has become obsessed with the Stanley Cup. And I think he gets to party with it for the second straight year.

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SPORTS TODAY

BRUINS, CELTICS SET TO BEGIN PLAYOFFS



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It's that time of year. It's time for playoff hockey and playoff basketball.

Once again, both the Boston Bruins and Boston Celtics will take part in their respective playoffs, with the Bruins taking on the Toronto Maple Leafs, and the Celtics going up against the Indiana Pacers.

The Bruins finished the season as the No. 2 seed in the Atlantic Division with 107 points. Toronto finished as the No. 3 seed in the Atlantic with 100 points. The winner of the series takes on the winner of the No. 1 seed Tampa Bay Lightning and Wild Card Columbus Blue Jackets.

Here is the entire schedule for the Bruins/Leafs first-round series:

Game 1: Thursday, April 11 at Boston, 7 P.M.

Game 2: Saturday, April 13 at Boston, 8 P.M.

Game 3: Monday, April 15 at Toronto, 7 P.M.

Game 4: Wednesday, April 17 at Toronto, 7 P.M.

Game 5 (if necessary): Friday, April 19, TBD

Game 6 (if necessary): Sunday, April 21, TBD

Game 7 (if necessary): Tuesday, April 23, TBD

The Celtics finished their season as the No. 4 seed in the Eastern Conference. Indiana finished as the No. 5 seed. The winner of the series takes on the winner of the No. 1 seed Milwaukee Bucks and the No. 8 seed, which was still unknown at the time this edition of the paper was published.

The NBA Playoffs begin on Saturday. The NBA Finals will begin on May 30. The favorite to win the NBA Championship is the Golden State Warriors at -200, followed by the Milwaukee Bucks at +600, the Toronto Raptors at +1000, and the Celtics and Houston Rockets at +1200.

In the NHL, the favorite to win the Stanley Cup is the Tampa Bay Lightning at +200, followed by the Bruins and Calgary Flames at +900, and the Nashville Predators, St. Louis Blues, Vegas Golden Knights, and Washington Capitals all at +1200.

Tweet of the Week



Conor McGregor
@TheNotoriousMMA

Congrats to Irelands Becky Lynch, the WWE's first Champ Champ.

Wow!

What a match these ladies put on! Ronda Rousey is something special in that ring, as is Charlotte Flair of the Flair dynasty! Stephanie McMahon you are right, I could not do what these athletes do.

Or could I...

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WHAT TO WATCH

NHL THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Gm 1 East Conf Quarterfinals

Toronto at Boston

7 P.M. NBCSN

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Gm 2 East Conf Quarterfinals

Toronto at Boston

8 P.M. NBC

MLB FRI, APRIL 12 -

MON, APRIL 15

Baltimore at Boston - NESN

NBA SATURDAY, APRIL 13

NBA Playoffs

Indiana at Boston

TBD

PGA THURS, APRIL 11 -

SUN, APRIL 14

The Masters

2 P.M. ESPN/CBS

VIRGINIA WINS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

SBT Staff

The No. 1 seed Virginia Cavaliers won the National Championship on Monday night, defeating No. 3 seed Texas Tech, 85-77, in overtime.

Virginia sophomore De'Andre Hunter buried a game-tying three pointer with 12 seconds left in regulation, sending it to overtime, where Virginia outscored Texas Tech 17-9 to capture its first NCAA basketball Championship.

It comes just a year after Virginia became the first No. 1 seed to lose to a No. 16 seed in the NCAA Tournament. Last March, No. 16 seed UMBC shocked the world by upsetting No. 1 seed Virginia, 74-54.

This year, Virginia defeated No. 16 seed Gardner-Webb, No. 9 seed Oklahoma, No. 12 seed Oregon, No. 3 seed Purdue, No. 5 seed Auburn, and then Texas Tech on Monday.

Virginia has the third-best odds to win next year's NCAA Tournament at +750, according to BetOnline. Kentucky is the favorite at +600, with Duke having the second-best odds at +650.

RED SOX STRUGGLE ON THE WEST COAST

SBT Staff

This wasn't how the World Series title defense was supposed to begin.

As the defending champion Boston Red Sox got their World Series rings on Tuesday at the Fenway home opener, there were many questions surrounding the team's struggles to begin the season, entering this six-game home stand, the first home stand of the year.

The Red Sox opened the season on the West Coast, going 3-8 in their first 11 games. They lost three-of-four in Seattle, then lost two-of-three in Oakland, and finished the road trip by losing two-of-three in Arizona.

Among the concerns on the trip was Chris Sale's velocity, which at times was down around 89-90 mph on the radar gun. As for a glass-half full approach to the disappointing start, the Red Sox closed out the 11-game road trip with a 1-0 win over the Diamondbacks, thanks to a solo home run by Mitch Moreland in the seventh inning.

It's a long season, and after the Sox' brief two-game series against the Toronto Blue Jays, they'll host the Baltimore Orioles for four games, before heading to New York and then Tampa Bay.



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