



## Residents Remain Concerned About Traffic And Its Long term Impact

*Development continues and the effect on traffic is increasingly evident. Elected officials are all working on solutions, but it seems an overwhelming task.*

The Seaport has been taking shape and looks to be an extension of downtown Boston. The Northern Avenue bridge reconstruction and design process has been met with mixed opinion by pedestrian and bicycle-oriented advocates and the corporate interests that pro-

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# EDITORIAL

## ICE Agents have a Tough and Dangerous Job

For more than a year, members of ICE or Immigration and Customs Enforcement have been getting roadblocks thrown at them in certain states around the country, primarily in California and New York for just trying to do their jobs. So it is distressing to see legal action being filed here in Massachusetts by the District Attorneys in Middlesex and Suffolk Counties to further hinder them.

ICE is one of this nation's most important federal law enforcement agencies, giv-

en the task of keeping our country safe from people who would try to do harm to Americans and of course making sure that the only people who enter the United States do so legally and are properly vetted. It's what they do, and they do it well, at least when they are allowed to. The men and women who are part of ICE are not "Nazis" or "Fascist Storm Troopers", as some elected officials who should know better have labelled them. In some cases, as we've all seen, there have even been

irresponsible people in the positions of authority calling for ICE to be abolished.

The job of an ICE agent is difficult and dangerous enough, without the resistance they are getting from certain officials and being demonized on a daily basis. Blocking them from entering court houses in their efforts to apprehend dangerous criminal illegal immigrants puts American citizens in danger when these violent criminals are allowed to walk free and return to the neighborhoods to possibly commit



even more violent crimes. Just let them do the jobs they have been trained so well to

do. The safety of American citizens and yes, even non-citizens depends on it.

*Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential." - John Maxwell*



U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch (D-MA) recently spoke to members of The New England Council at a Congressional Roundtable Breakfast in Boston, MA. The New England Council the nation's oldest regional business association - regularly hosts members of the New England Congressional delegation at roundtable events throughout New England.

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# The Information Center



## *Running out of things to Ban, so now it's Hot Dogs?*

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In last week's column, it was mentioned how elected officials of the 'Progressive' persuasion, no matter where they reside, seem to feel it's in their job description to wake up each morning and ask themselves which taxes to raise, what new regulations and restrictions on personal liberties they can impose and yes, even what else they can ban. Well, if it's a contest, I'd say California was way ahead of the competition. Out there, they ban straws, bags, washing your car, how high you can put your heat, how low you can keep your air conditioner, what words you can and cannot use and so many other prohibited things that the list of what isn't banned is probably shorter than what is. And for all that state's ridiculous and radical environmental activism, they continue to have the most polluted air, tainted water supply and filthy cities. The number of places in 'Cali' that resemble Third World countries continues to grow. And as was stated, their state legislature and crazy governor are always on the lookout for new things to ban. Rest assured, probably the only thing that won't be on that list is late term abortions.

Well, not to be out done by the 'Golden State', New York City's Mayor DiBlasio is compiling his own absurd list of what to ban and his latest target is the hotdog. Yup, you read that right, the all-American favorite, the hot dog. You see, DiBlasio feels that hotdogs are not good for people and he doesn't much like them anymore, so he has decided that he will try his hardest to make sure no one else can have them or at least make

it more difficult to get them. A reminder: The former NYC Mayor tried to ban 16-ounce sodas and whole milk. Isn't that just typical of a radical progressives or liberals as they were once called? Whatever they don't like must be banned. Everything they DO like must be mandated, declared a human right and paid for by others. With the sky-high taxes in New York City and constant chipping away of freedoms taking place there, we could almost feel sorry for the residents of New York for having to live under increasingly tyrannical Socialist rule. But, if people are going to keep voting for people like Mayor DiBlasio, I guess you can say they deserve what they get and should just stop complaining. The smart ones are fleeing that city by the thousands. Let's hope Massachusetts puts the brakes on its own slide toward Socialist rule. Though I bet politicians here wouldn't dare try to ban hotdogs. There would be a mass riot every spring in front of Sully's Restaurant on Opening Day.

Well, much like the last 2 years, members of the media, particularly those in the Washington DC Press Corps, are 'outraged' and had their egos hurt yet again. President Trump has refused to attend the annual White House Correspondents Dinner. He again chose to attend a huge pro-Trump rally and be among thousands of his supporters and it was a deliberate slight and message aimed at the media. This, right after attending and addressing the massive National Rifle Association Convention attended by tens of thousands of NRA members.

The response by some members

of the media was that Trump's actions were another attack on the press. Well yes, they got it right. But look at it from the President's perspective. Why would he want to attend the White House Correspondence Dinner filled with a bunch of reporters and Hollywood airheads who are stuffy, boring egotists who seem to believe that the world revolves around them and who make it clear each and every day that they despise this president? By not attending, he not only makes it clear that he has

no respect for them because he believes so many of them deserve none, but that he much prefers the company of real Americans – the working class, families and the patriotic who love their country. There aren't too of them that could be found at the Correspondents Dinner, but plenty at the Trump Rally and the NRA Convention. In my opinion, the decision which events to attend was a no brainer. Keeping company with real people rather than phonies is always preferable.

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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.

## Wynn wins: Company to keep Everett casino license, though it will cost it \$35M

From Kaitlyn Locke at WGBH: “The Massachusetts Gaming Commission has fined Wynn Resorts \$35 million but will allow them to keep their state gaming license, the commission decided Tuesday after a year-long investigation into allegations of sexual assault and misconduct within the company.” The company’s CEO Matt Maddox was also fined \$500,000 as part of the commission’s ruling. The Herald’s Jonathan Ng and Commonwealth’s Andy Metzger have more on the not-so-surprising decision by the apparently divided commission.

Here’s one group of people happy with the commission’s finding: the folks in Everett, where more than 5,000 people will be employed once Encore Boston opens next month, as the Globe reports. But here are two institutions that can’t be happy: Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods Resort, as the Herald reports. From the Herald’s Joe Battenfeld: “Wynn Resorts got away with a massive cover-up and paid a hefty price but well worth it to keep their lucrative license for the Encore Boston Harbor casino in Everett.”

## Is Cassellius the lead candidate for superintendent?

We’ll know the answer to the question today. From James Vaznis at the Globe: “As the School Committee prepares to vote on a new superintendent Wednesday night, many educators, parents, and community activists are coalescing around one candidate: Brenda Cassellius, a former Minnesota commissioner of education whom they describe as a consensus builder with a strong commitment to remedying educational inequities.”

We do know this: A lot of activists and community leaders aren’t happy with the superintendent search process in general, as this multi-bylined opinion piece at Commonwealth magazine makes clear. Meanwhile, Joyce Ferriabough Bolling at the Herald has a suggestion: “Elected Boston school board would provide accountability.”

## McGinn says he was the scapegoat in environmental-police scandal, vows to file whistleblower claim

From the Globe’s Matt Rocheleau: “The former head of the Massachusetts Environmental Police, who was fired last fall for allegedly fixing two traffic tickets, claims he was ousted in retaliation for reporting misconduct in the agency and was made a scapegoat during the gubernatorial campaign. Former colonel James McGinn asserts he repeatedly flagged unethical and illegal conduct under his watch, but his complaints went unheeded by his superior, outgoing state Environmental Secretary Matthew Beaton, according to letters released Tuesday by McGinn’s attorney.” WCVB and MassLive report he’s now planning to file a whistleblower claim against the state

### Is Hasbro Worcester bound?

We knew that the Baker administration was trying to lure Rhode Island-based Hasbro to Massachusetts. But it appears Worcester, in particular, is making a push to lure

Hasbro’s world headquarters to the city, offering up a newly revealed office building that will feature future views of the future Polar Park, as well as manufacturing space, Grant Welker reports at the Worcester Business Journal, citing emails obtained through a records request. If you recall, Worcester also recently lured the PawSox to the city, so this is yet a second raid attempt on poor Little Rhody.

## Hampshire College cuts another 82 positions as it fights for survival

Jim Kinney at MassLive reports that 82 jobs are being eliminated at Hampshire College, as the small western Massachusetts school continues to grapple with a budget crisis that threatens the college’s survival. Hampshire College had already announced nine layoffs among its administrative staff. Fyi: UMass obviously isn’t facing anything like Hampshire College’s financial meltdown, but students, educators and advocates yesterday were almost

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# REP. BIELE VOTES TO PASS \$42.7 BILLION HOUSE BUDGET

*Targeted Investments in Substance Use Treatment, Education, Housing, & Other Initiatives*



**Rep. David Biele (D-Boston)** joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives to pass its budget for fiscal year 2020. Funded at \$42.7 billion, the House budget makes major investments in education, housing, and substance use services.

To fight the opioid epidemic, the House budget invest **\$143.9 million for the Bureau of Substance Addiction Services**, which will help create five new recovery centers across Mas-

sachusetts, and allocates **\$49.4 million for the Substance Use Disorder Trust Fund.**

In terms of education, the House budget provides \$5.1 billion in Chapter 70 funding for public education while increasing Unrestricted General Government Aid (UGGA) by \$30 million. For the City of Boston, the House budget allocates over \$221 million in Chapter 70 funding for education and over \$201 million in UGGA, both increases from last fiscal year.

The FY20 House budget makes key investments in housing by providing \$117 million for rental voucher programs, including \$110 million for the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program, and \$53.4 million for homeless shelters.

Locally, the House budget also included an amendment filed by **Rep. Biele** that allocates \$500,000 for the Boston Fire Department Training Academy.

Other initiatives in the House budget include allocations of \$46 million for state parks and recreation and \$500,000 to create a specialized unit in the Attorney General's office to investigate and enforce prevailing wage law violations on construction projects.

"This year's House budget balances the need for crucial investments in recovery, local aid, education, housing, and emergency services," said **Rep. Biele**. "These funds will support individuals and families impacted by the opioid crisis, enhance our children's education, and maintain programs and services that residents rely on every day."

The FY20 budget was approved by a vote of 154-1 in the House and now heads to the Senate for consideration.



## Councilor Flynn Calls For Hearing On Construction Safety

Following the crane collapse in Seattle that tragically took the life of two ironworkers and two motorists, Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn called for a hearing regarding the safety of construction sites in the City of Boston. Flynn called attention to several fires and injuries at job sites in recent years.

"With the recent tragic events in Seattle and an unprecedented building boom in our city, we need to ensure that our construction workers are as safe as possible," said Flynn. "Given the densely populated neighborhoods of Boston and the close proximity of heavy machinery and tall cranes, we also need to make sure safety is the top priority for our residents and workforce."

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vide employment along the Boulevard seeking improved bus access, as well. Both seek reduced automobile traffic. Some see Seaport construction of new buildings as only for the wealthy, but others express how appealing it is to travel there for their jobs, despite the commute.

However, for the rest of South Boston, they are adding up the future plans for the former Bayside Expo Center site at UMass Boston, projects at the Flynn Industrial Park and the Convention Center area, the Edison Plant, the chronic Kosciusko Circle dilemma and the ingrained daily travel behavior during the rush hour commute that takes drivers through the streets of South Boston. To them, it seems unmanageable.

While several stakeholders including the City of Boston, the MBTA, the Department of Transportation, transportation experts, advocacy groups and south Boston Civic Organization have all identified the issue as “mission critical”, the question remain

— who is at the helm insuring that pet projects, vested interests and the community result in an achievable, fair and affordable long term plan that also addresses short term needs. As stated, it is an overwhelming task, but South Boston wears its impact every single day. And will forever and ever.

Currently, there are more than 24 projects approved by the Boston Planning & Development Agency and under construction in South Boston and by the waterfront. South Boston is in a Catch-22 — really popular but a lot of traffic. One of the mistakes with Seaport, in hindsight, is that there was active public transit in the beginning but it's not adequate and close enough to where a lot of the dense development is occurring. Commercial real-estate firm Cushman & Wakefield in its 2018 reports on trends, market data and analysis state that the Seaport is a tenant magnet for companies looking to open in Boston and shows no sign of abatement. It is quotes therein that, “Demand shows no signs of abatement — particularly in the Sea-

port. Economists may be watching for a slowdown, but all signs in Boston point to continued strength ... As the pace of downtown leasing continues to accelerate, we are seeing effective rents rise monthly. This is especially true in the Seaport where triple net leases are rapidly becoming the norm and yearly rent escalations of a dollar per square foot have been replaced by 3% annual increases.”

WGBH recently reported on the draft plan released by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and MBTA, titled Focus40, that lays out plans for the MBTA for the next 20 years, and the report says it “reflects what the region will need to be sustainable, livable, equitable, and economically competitive.”

In addition to high priority hubs in the transportation network, the 65-page report also focuses on “other priority places” that need and can support higher quality transit: Kendall Square, Logan Airport, the Longwood Medical Area, and the South Boston Waterfront. Also considered prior-

ity places for future transit growth are communities lacking rapid transit like Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury, South Boston, Everett, Chelsea, and Revere, and the urban gateways of Lynn, Salem, and Waltham. But transportation advocacy groups like A Better City, told WGBH News that although it encourages all discussion of transportation issues, it is concerned that the Focus40 Report is “not as detailed and substantive as it should be,” and fears “it just may end up on a shelf.” The document “may be relevant in terms of ideas,” said its CEO Rick Dimino, “but has no financial resources or commitment to do anything.” It also expresses disappointment that the Focus40 plan doesn't mention proposals already on the books, like extending the Silver Line to the Seaport District and the future of the West Station commuter rail stop in Allston.

Meanwhile, South Boston shoulders the short-term impact. Stay tuned and become involved is the only advice available right now.

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pleading with lawmakers to allocate more state funds to the UMass system to keep tuitions affordable, reports SHNS's Katie Lannan (pay wall).

### 'Some warning signs for Elizabeth Warren'

File under 'You don't say ...' The Globe's James Pindell reports that the latest Suffolk University/Boston Globe poll of likely New Hampshire primary voters may have additional “warning signs for Senator Elizabeth Warren's 2020 campaign,” beside the fact that she's running fourth in the Granite State. Among voter concerns about Warren: She's not the one who can beat Donald Trump. Meanwhile, the Globe's Adrian Walker is not so sure the current Dem frontrunner, Joe Biden, is the guy to beat Trump. He hopes he's wrong about Joe.

### Why Seth Moulton's candidacy matters - empirical evidence aside

David Bernstein writes at WGBH that U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton may not be attracting headlines and big crowds as he travels across

the country as a Democratic candidate for president, but Moulton is going after college students and veterans — and those voters matter in this campaign, Bernstein says. Meanwhile, Peter Lucas at the Lowell Sun gives former-Marine Moulton a big “Oorah!” for at least emphasizing foreign policy and veterans in his bid for president. Fyi: Pete Buttigieg, also a veteran running for president, is pushing for generational change as well. Arjun Singh at WGBH has the details.

### Report: Massachusetts is top state for high schools

Spencer Buell at Boston Magazine has the details on U.S. News and World Report's latest survey showing that Massachusetts, on average, has the best high schools in the nation, even though none of our high schools landed on the top 30 list.

But there was one tiny New England school that not only cracked the top 30 list, it nearly led the list, i.e. the Maine School of Science and Mathematics, as the Globe's Matt Rocheleau reports.



# Metropolitan Beaches Commission Public Hearing in South Boston May 6th

The Metropolitan Beaches Commission (MBC) will hold nine public hearings in the winter and spring of 2019 in waterfront communities from Nahant to Nantasket to receive public input about the state of the Commonwealth's public beaches. The hearing for DCR's Carson Beach in South Boston will be on Monday May 6th from 6-8pm at the Tynan Community Center.

South Boston's legislative and local Commissioners Representative David Biele and Kenny Ryan invite the public to attend and share their thoughts and ideas for DCR's Carson Beach.

"The region's public beaches are important recreational, economic, and educational assets," said State Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn and Nahant, Senate Co-Chair of the MBC. "Working together we have made our beaches cleaner, safer and more accessible, and I am looking forward to continuing our work together this year."

The Metropolitan Beaches Commission was created in 2006 by the Massachusetts Legislature to make findings and recommendations on ways to strengthen the Boston metropolitan region's 15 public beaches in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull which are managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The Commission is comprised of elected officials and community, civic, non-profit, and business leaders from Boston and the metropolitan region's waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities.

In 2013, the Commission reconvened to examine the impacts of the reforms and recommendations made in its first report and issue additional findings and recommendations to better leverage these resources for residents in the future. The MBC was made permanent in 2015. Each year the Commission holds public hearings at the State House and in waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities from Nahant to Nantasket, and issues an annual report of its

findings and recommendations to the Legislature and to DCR.

"As the Commissioner from Revere Beach, the nation's first public beach, I know how important these resources are," said State Representative RoseLee Vincent, House Co-Chair of the MBC. "Beaches like Revere Beach are premier destinations for millions of visitors from across the Commonwealth and the country, and enhance the lives of the community members who live along their shores."

The Commission will release its third report on the state of the metropolitan beaches in late spring after the hearings are completed. During the last round of hearings more than a thousand people participated, helping the Commission understand what's working and what could use improvement.

"One of the most important lessons we have learned is that the region's residents really love their beaches, and have great ideas about how to make them better," said Bruce Beraman, Director of Strategy and Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, which has helped to lead and manage the Commission since its inception. "We look forward to hearing from the residents of South Boston and all those who love DCR's Carson Beach."

Each hearing will give community members and beachgoers the chance to share their thoughts on the state of their beach, and share their ideas and recommendations to make them even better. The Commission will hold a hearing in late May to review its draft findings with the public before releasing their final report in June. The Commission will hold hearings in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, and Hull between February and May 2019. The MBC held a hearing in Quincy in August of 2018, and the feedback received will also be included in the Commission's report.

The 2019 Metropolitan Beaches Commission hearings will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday March 5th – Hull



- Tuesday March 19th – Lynn and Nahant
- Saturday March 30th – Dorchester
- Tuesday April 9th – East Boston
- Tuesday April 30th – Revere
- Monday May 6th – South Boston
- Tuesday May 14th – Winthrop
- Saturday May 18th – Regional Review

- Tuesday June 4th – State House Hearing
- If you love your beach, but can't attend the MBC Hearing, you can share your thoughts by taking part in the MBC online survey at [tinyurl.com/BeachesSurvey](http://tinyurl.com/BeachesSurvey), available also in Chinese and Spanish.

## THE METROPOLITAN BEACHES COMMISSION



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MBC Co-Chairs Senator Brendan Crighton of Lynn and Representative RoseLee Vincent of Revere and South Boston MBC Commissioners Representative David Biele and Kenny Ryan invite you to attend a MBC hearing and share your experiences, thoughts, concerns, and ideas regarding South Boston DCR's Beaches.

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# The Wine Guy White Should Be Right

**Y**ou're outside, sitting on a sun-drenched patio, feeling that strong Spring sun on your face with a glass of ice-cold chardonnay in your hand. But, except for the ice-cold part, you're not anywhere in South Boston, let alone the Boston Metro area! This weather's the pits! On the off chance that we'll be able sit out anywhere warm some-

time before the Fourth of July, here are some whites that should be right.

**Sequoia Grove, 2016 Chardonnay, Caneros, Napa Valley, California, (\$21.99)**, is a great starter. The first aromas are of green apple and pear, followed by fresh toast, lemon custard, and toasted walnuts. Background notes of nutmeg and lemon zest fill out the nose. On the palate, this wine is elegant, with notes of caramel and fresh citrus, matched with a lemon curd mid-palate. This Chardonnay is bright, vibrant and really well-balanced.

**2018 Justin Sauvignon Blanc, Central Coast, California, (\$15.99)**, reflects the diversity of the climates and soils in the Central Coast that range from the cool, limestone-laden Templeton Gap area to the warmer, sandy, river-influenced eastern regions. Justin's combined Sauvignon Blanc from vineyards in these unique areas to give this beauty a full array of bright citrus fruit and herbal notes, balanced by a crisp, refreshing mineral structure. This is a perfect food pairing wine for an amazing range of

cheeses, seafood or light dining options, like appetizers or tapas.

I haven't mentioned Chilean wines lately, though it's certainly not because there's a shortage of wines worth mentioning. **Casas Del Bosques, 2015 Late Harvest Riesling, Casablanca Valley, Chile, (\$19.99)**, is an example of the newer segments of wines being produced in the fog-shrouded, western end of the valley. Intense flavors of apricots, honey and clementine, great balance and a super-long finish.

Think of a slightly lighter version of Eiswein, less syrup and more balance. Great value at this price!

Sancerre is a small wine district in central France, famous for its crisp, aromatic white wines made from Sauvignon Blanc grapes. It is also known for its high-quality goat cheeses, which are an excellent match for the local wine. The vineyards here surround the eponymous town, which sits atop a bean-shaped hill overlooking the river Loire. The classic Sancerre wine is white, bracingly acidic, and has pungent aromas of gooseberries, grass, nettles,



and a hint of stony minerality.

**Daniel Chotard 2017 Sancerre, Loire Valley, France, (\$28.99)**, is a classic. He and his family have been making wine for eleven generations; Daniel recently passed the reins of the cellar over to his son, Simon, who makes wines of impressive balance, finesse, and maturity for his young age. This 2017 is no exception. An intense exotic nose lures you in before the minerality channels the lightning energy of this pure Sauvignon Blanc, jostling you wide awake. Shellfish, salads and grilled chicken dishes all benefit with this one.

You've got the list; all you need now is another 35 degrees and you're all set!

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Steel Rhythm Band, Soul Estate Band, and the Honky Tonk Knights!

And on Sunday, join us for a Cinco de Mayo fiesta complete with a taco bar, a live Mariachi band, and more Mexican-themed entertainment.

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52 Athens St UNIT 3	\$875,000	2/28/19	4	2	1,293
15 Sleeper St UNIT 204	\$849,000	2/26/19	4	1	1,120
28 P St UNIT 2	\$780,000	2/25/19	5	2	1,146
248 C St UNIT 1	\$725,000	2/21/19	5	2	1,259
366 Dorchester St UNIT 7	\$720,000	2/28/19	4	1	1,183
174 M St UNIT 1	\$650,000	2/28/19	5	2	896
13 Knowlton Street	\$550,000	2/28/19	7	2.5	1,416
68 Middle St UNIT 3	\$512,000	2/28/19	4	1	700
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# South Boston Catholic Academy News

## ART ON THE STREET: THE HISTORY OF STREET ART AND THE IMPORTANCE OF AN ARTS EDUCATION

By Annie Wilson

As a graduate of South Boston Catholic Academy and currently a senior at Boston Latin School, I have always held South Boston Catholic Academy in such a high regard which is why I wanted to do something that would give back to the students here. I took an independent research class this year at Boston Latin School called, Senior Capstone, where I was able to explore any topic that I wished, which was very daunting at first. I knew that I wanted to do an art related project and something that isn't commonly taught about in schools, so I decided to pursue a project on the history of street art which was comprised of interviewing local artists, researching more about the origins of it, as well as, making a curriculum,

that I ended up using at South Boston Catholic Academy and writing a zine, or a short and informal magazine made up of all of my research, as well as, many pictures of street art, from Boston and beyond. I also made an interactive map that you can find on my website, <http://artistsof-boston.weebly.com>, which also has information about local artists from interviews that I had with them.

I decided to research more into street art because I think that it is a perfect medium, one where people are encouraged to take pride in their individualism and self-beliefs. I am a firm believer of an arts education and I soon realized that the perfect idea would be teaching an Art Class at South Boston Catholic Academy, with my former art teacher, Mrs. Putnam, who I owe so much to. She is probably one of the reasons for why I have loved art so much, basically throughout my whole life. I remember sitting in her art class completely enjoying it, and probably being a bit too loud laughing with all of my friends. I have some of my best memories from South Boston Catholic Academy and from that Art Class, which made coming back to teach so enjoyable for me. It was like everything had come full circle.

For the workshops that I taught, I decided that I wanted to have a portion where I focused primarily on street art, starting from the prehistoric ages, including cave paintings and the Nazca lines of Southern Peru, even though many people wouldn't con-

sider this to be street art. I wanted to show that people have been expressing themselves on surfaces way before street art came into the world, starting with the painting of freights in the 80s in New York City. I showed examples of specific artists, such as Banksy, Keith Haring, and Basquiat, a lot of artists with which the students already knew about. I also talked about the importance of political art as shown through JR's, Woman are Heroes Project in Brazil, where images of woman were plastered on the houses, empowering them and therefore decreasing violence in the favela. I knew that I wanted to do more than teaching about the history of street art however, which is why I decided to also paint a mural in the school cafeteria with the sixth grade class, taking inspiration from works of Keith Haring. Each student chose an individual figure to paint and decorate, expressing individuality, as well as, the unity of the class as a whole. I am happy that this mural is going to always be on the walls of South Boston Catholic Academy and the class of 2019 will have a lasting legacy.

The responses that I got to this workshop from the students were very positive. A lot of them told me that they hadn't learned about this type of art before and that they thought it was very interesting and useful to learn about because it is going to be the future of art. Activism through expression, the beautification of neighborhoods, and the focus on spreading awareness and taking

pride in one's individuality are all things that street art encompasses. I am so happy that the students took something from these workshops and that I had the chance to teach them things that they hadn't completely learned about before.

I am going to be attending and swimming at Smith College in the fall, and I hope to continue studying Art History. I am so grateful to have had this opportunity. Thank you to Mrs. Deb Putnam, the Principal, Mrs. Helenann Civian and the sixth grade teachers Mrs. Denise Moriarty and Mrs. Terry Evens and all the students in the sixth grade class for being so enthusiastic about my project. I had so much fun!

Quoting Mrs. Deb Putnam, our Art Teacher, "Annie did a great job! Both in this news article and in her project with the kids who absolutely loved her." Thank you, Annie! From all of us at South Boston Catholic Academy.

South Boston Catholic Academy is an academically rigorous, supportive Catholic Elementary School accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C). Applications for PreK-Grade 6 are still being accepted. We offer small class size, Before and After School Programs and Summer Camps. Please contact Mrs. Jamie Brown at [j.brown@sbcatholicacademy](mailto:j.brown@sbcatholicacademy) for more information or to schedule a tour or phone us at 617-268-2326. Please check out our website at [sbcatholicacademy.org](http://sbcatholicacademy.org), too.





# The Sendoff in Memory of John 'Jack' Dever was a Beautiful Thing

By John Ciccone

It brought shock and sadness to so many current and former residents of South Boston, Dorchester and beyond when the news broke 2 weeks ago that John 'Jack' Dever had passed on. But after a while, when the initial effect of being stunned at that news that 'Jack', a man well-known and much loved, no longer walked among us settled in, the fond memories began to kick in and the stories, oh so many stories, began to be shared about this unique guy who touched the lives of literally thousands in such positive ways.

It was rare that Jack's name came up in conversations, and it came up often year after year and probably still will, when a smile didn't cross the faces of those who spoke of him. The smile came because, along with being so many things in his life - a US Army veteran, a school teacher, the world's most famous life guard, a coach and even the guy who helped start the South Boston Youth Hockey

League and helped keep the famed L Street Brownies the prominent organization that it is - he was a character who could find humor in almost anything.

In fact, Jack's own smile was contagious, and it always seemed to be there. He could turn a boring or dry event or conversation into an adventure. He had the knack of putting all he came into contact with at ease and hanging out with him would often be a memorable experience for people of every age group.

Jack Dever, being the type of guy he was, prompted his many friends and family members to make a decision. They decided they weren't just going to honor him with the traditional wake, funeral and burial, which they did, but rather they wanted to give him a special sendoff worthy of the special man he was and one that Jack himself would have loved and surely did. So on the Saturday before Easter, dozens of his friends and family members gathered at Woody's L Street Tavern and made a toast in Jack's honor and in his memory, swapped a bunch of great stories and then they all walked down to the L

Street Bath House/ Curley Recreation Center, led by Michael Casper playing the bagpipes, where there were more of Jack's friends and family waiting to join in. A wreath was thrown into the water dedicated to Jack and then the group went in for a traditional L Street Brownie style swim. The weather was cold, it was raining, and the ocean water was frigid, but no one cared at all. They did it for Jack. Swimming year round was one of Jack's greatest pleasures and it's a pretty sure bet he was with the crowd in spirit, loving every minute of it.

This was a wonderful tribute and send off to a one of kind, good man who will be missed. To the Dever Family, this community is very sorry for your loss which was also a loss to Jack's many fans and the legions of friends he made over the years. Yet, it is surely the case that the memory of Jack Dever will occupy a special place in the hearts of all who knew him forever. God Bless you Jack and thank you for all you did.





## The South Boston Spring Stroll

Thursday evening May 9th  
Starting at 5 pm

## Shop, Sip & Save at the South Boston Spring Stroll

**C**elebrate Spring at the 4th annual South Boston Spring Stroll that will be taking place on Thursday evening May 9th starting at 5 pm. Come on out and stroll along East & West Broadway with your neighbors, friends and family for an enjoyable evening of shopping, dining, music, and art – while supporting the local business community. This is a great time to start your Mother's Day shopping!

The South Boston Chamber of Commerce and South Boston NDC invite you to leisurely stroll along our neighborhood business district and enjoy incredible one night only discounts, refreshments, and other promotions from



unique shops, boutiques, restaurants and salons. Start or end your evening with a bite to eat or beverages at one of your favorite restaurants or taverns.

This one night- event will once again include the New Orleans Dixieland Jazz Band (fun, family friendly music) that will be strolling along Broadway from 6:00-8:00pm.

Pedicabs will be available from 6:00-9:00 pm. to whisk you along East and West Broadway, to and from your favorite shops, salons, boutiques and restaurants, compliments of Dedham Savings.

More than 40 businesses along East and West Broadway will be participating!

For more information and updates visit: [sbndc.org/spring-stroll](http://sbndc.org/spring-stroll) • #SpringStroll19

# BOSTON BUBBLE FESTIVAL COMING TO BOSTON COMMON MAY 11



**T**he air will be filled with fun as Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department bring the Boston Bubble Festival back to Boston Common on Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Building on the popularity of "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter's presentations at previous Parks Department children's events, the Boston Bubble Festival will offer free outdoor activities in and around the historic Parkman Bandstand at 167 Tremont Street.

The celebration will include gi-

ant floating bubble demonstrations from various bubble performers, a DJ, live entertainment, giveaways, and more.

The Boston Bubble Festival is presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with sponsors Uncle Bubble, HP Hood LLC, "A Dog's Journey" in theaters May 17th, "Spirit Riding Free" and "She-Ra and the Princesses Of Power" now streaming on Netflix, and partners Country 102.5, Ameriprise Financial, KIND Snacks, Polar Beverages, Power Crunch nutrition bars and "Bubble Guy" Jim Dichter.

This event is weather permitting. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit [www.boston.gov/parks](http://www.boston.gov/parks) or go to [www.facebook.com/bostonparks-department](http://www.facebook.com/bostonparks-department).



## RETURN OF THE SWANS MAY 10

**B**oston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook welcomes Boston's most popular waterfowl back during the 31st Annual Return of the Swans event on Friday, May 10. The celebration in the Public Garden begins with entertainment at 10:15 a.m.

After wintering at the Franklin Park Zoo, Romeo and Juliet will reside during the summer months in the Public Garden. The swans will be returned to the lagoon following a parade that begins at the Beacon and Charles Street corner of the park near the "Make Way for Duck-

lings" statue. Carts beautifully decorated by Boston's Winston Flowers will help usher the swans to the release site.

Led by a brass band, the parade will continue to the George Washington Statue at the Commonwealth Avenue/Arlington Street entrance, over the pedestrian bridge, and end on the Boylston Street side of the lagoon for the official Return of the Swans ceremony.

The accompanying entertainment program, sponsored in part by the Friends of the Public Garden, begins at 10:15 a.m. The celebration will include a brass band, face painters, a reading of "Make Way for Ducklings" led by the Boston Park Rangers, and children's activities presented by the Four Seasons Hotel Boston. In-kind sponsors HP Hood LLC and the Four Seasons Hotel Boston will provide refreshments.



# Butterflies and Freedom

By Lisa Gilbert, Principal St. Peter Academy

St. Peter Academy students launched dozens of butterflies last week. The toddler classes through first grade had been harboring butterfly eggs in their classroom for the past month. Excitedly, they watched as the tiny eggs hatched into caterpillars and then progressed into their chrysalises. As the days passed, the students eagerly watched as, one-by-one, beautiful butterflies began to emerge from their chrysalises. At long last, it was time to release the flutter-

ing insects into the great big world. The entire St. Peter Academy student body gathered outside to observe the liberation of the winged creatures. Hundreds of butterflies swarmed around the garden, playground, and students. A few children were literal butterfly magnets, attracting butterflies like sand on wet skin. Some of the younger students were apprehensive, unsure what to make of so many free-flying bugs. All in all, it was a fun way to spend a lovely spring day.

On April 23, students in grades one

through five enjoyed a morning at Dorchester Heights where they met with folks in costume retelling the events of the historic Evacuation Day, which occurred on March 17, 1776. Students learned about how the British evacuated Boston on that momentous day, which was the first victory for the Colonists during the Revolutionary War. Some students were amazed to learn that George Washington himself gave the command to secure the area. With the departure of the British troops, it was the first time in eight years that the colonists experienced freedom from British occupancy. With easy proximity to Bos-

ton's historic resources, we enjoy being able to provide our students with an authentic, community-based experience, which enhances learning.

*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.*





## CITY GOLF COURSES NOW OPEN



Mayor Martin J. Walsh has announced that the City of Boston's two municipal golf courses are now open for the 2019 season.

The City owns and operates the William J. Devine Golf Course in Dorchester and the George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park designed by Donald Ross. Both have received national accolades as must-play courses when golfing in the Boston area. Golfers can access information on rates, season permits, monthly specials and tournaments and book tee times at [www.cityofbostongolf.com](http://www.cityofbostongolf.com). For updates, the City's golf courses can be followed on Twitter @FranklinParkGC and @GeorgeWrightGC.

In 2018 the City of Boston courses were recognized with the 110th playing of the Massachusetts Amateur Championship contested over five days at both the George Wright and the William J. Devine and the Massachusetts Women's Amateur Championship and President's Cup held over four days at the George Wright. The unprecedented move was the

first time in state history that either a men's or women's amateur golf championship was held at a public municipal course.

Founded in 1938, the 18-hole par 70 Donald Ross-designed George Wright Golf Course is a hidden gem in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Boston open seven days a week through November. The clubhouse will continue their popular acoustic music series this summer on the outdoor patio. Contact PGA Professional Scott Allen at (617) 364-2300 for more information.

The second-oldest public golf course in America and part of the historic Emerald Necklace, the William J. Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park in Dorchester offers a pleasant golf experience only minutes from downtown Boston and is open year-round, weather permitting. A new patio overlooking the golf course and a new roof are two of this season's enhancements. The new outdoor patio will also feature new chairs, tables, and umbrellas with seating for up to 100 people. Contact PGA Professional Kevin Frawley at (617) 265-4084 for more information.

## 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](http://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 Bathhouse 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 .



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## This week, Danny shared his thoughts on the Red Sox' early season struggles:

If the MLB Postseason began today, the Boston Red Sox would not be involved.

I know, it's a little too early to play the "if the playoffs began today" game in Major League Baseball. We're only one month into a 162-game regular season. But facts are facts. If the postseason did begin today, the defending World Series champion Red Sox wouldn't be in.

That's mostly because of some very poor starting pitching to begin the year, even from their ace Chris Sale, who is off to a horrible start in 2019 with an 0-5 record and a 6.30 ERA in six starts. This is coming after Sale signed a five-year, \$145 million extension in late March.

It's May, and the Red Sox find themselves in an under-.500 hole, looking up at a first-place Tampa Bay Rays team that's 10 games above .500. But again, it's a long season.

On the bright side, there is a side story to keep an eye on moving forward, regardless of what the standings might look like throughout the summer. And that's the story of 23-year-old infielder Michael Chavis, who made his MLB debut on April 20.

In that game against the Rays in Tampa, Chavis pinch hit for catcher Sandy Leon in the top of the 9th

with the game tied at 5-5 and Jackie Bradley Jr on first with one out. He ripped a double to deep center, sending Bradley Jr to third, which was followed by an Andrew Benintendi sacrifice fly to give the Red Sox a 6-5 lead and an eventual 6-5 win.

Since, Chavis has spent most of his time as the Red Sox' starting second baseman, even though he's not a second baseman by trade. Chavis spent most of his minor-league career at third base, but Rafael Devers currently has the rights to that position in Boston.

So, with Dustin Pedroia, Eduardo Nunez, and Brock Holt all out with injuries, the only logical spot for Chavis was second base. And he's been OK in the field. His .313 batting average and 1.061 OPS through his first 10 games has made up for any defensive issues that might exist.

In fact, Chavis' right-handed power at the plate has been so impressive, it brings up the question, "What do they do with him when guys like Pedroia, Nunez, and Holt get back?"

There are obviously some other spots you can sprinkle Chavis in here and there. Want to give Devers or Moreland a day off against a tough lefty? Give Chavis a day at third or first base. Because after all,

those are the two defensive spots that he probably feels most comfortable. Or you want to give Bradley Jr a day off? Slide Betts to center field, put J.D. Martinez in right, and make Chavis your DH.

Point is, there are things you can do here and there to make sure Chavis gets some at-bats, if and when the infield gets healthy.

But if Chavis continues to produce, offensively, the way he's produced over his first 10 games, then perhaps Chavis is answering the question for us: he remains the Red Sox' every day starting second baseman.

Cue the Pedroia supporters who jump into my twitter mentions yelling at me about how "Chavis isn't even a second baseman!"

Please.

If you're trying to convince me that a Red Sox player can't thrive at a new position when he gets to the majors, then you clearly know nothing about the reigning American League MVP. Mookie Betts wasn't an outfielder in the minors. He was primarily a second baseman. And what's a more difficult move, going from second base to the outfield, or staying in the field and going from third base to second base?

I'm willing to bet that Chavis prefers to stay in the infield, if it

means staying in the every day starting lineup. And if the Red Sox want to keep Chavis in the every day starting lineup when the rest of the infield gets healthy, then manager Alex Cora will have a tough decision to make: Chavis or Pedroia?

It's funny because Pedroia is the guy who stole Alex Cora's job at second base back in 2007. And we all know how that turned out.

But focusing strictly on the now, there's no denying that Pedroia's future is in question, given his recent history of the same lingering knee injury. And if Chavis is ready for an every day spot, then this Red Sox group has already proven it can win without Pedroia.

Full disclosure: I'm not a Pedroia guy. I find it tough to root for him after the whole "it's not me, it's them" exchange with Manny Machado in Baltimore a few years back, throwing his whole team under the bus. And this current situation is fluid. Perhaps it might be a little too early in Chavis' career to even have this conversation.

But then again, maybe it's not.

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## HARRY HEADLINES PATRIOTS' 2019 NFL DRAFT

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The NFL Draft is in the books, and the New England Patriots drafted a total of 10 players during the three-day selection process, which began in prime time on Thursday night.

New England closed out Thursday night's first round by drafting Arizona State wide receiver N'Keal Harry with the No. 32 overall pick. Harry was the first and only wide receiver taken in the first round.

The Patriots were said to have "drafted for need" this year, and drafting Harry in the first round would certainly signify that they were doing just that. Given the retirement of Rob Gronkowski, losing Chris Hogan and Cordarrelle Patterson in free agency, and Josh Gordon's suspension, it's clear that the Pats are a little light at the receiver position.

Harry is 6-foot-2, 230 pounds, and some NFL analysts have already compared him to Dez Bryant. He was the only wide receiver that the Patriots drafted with their 10 picks.

New England selected five total offensive players. They took Alabama running back Damien Harris in the third round (87 overall), West Virginia offensive tackle Yodny Cajuste in the third round



(101), Arkansas guard/center Hjalte Froholdt in the fourth round (118), and Auburn quarterback Jarrett Stidham in the fourth round (133).

The selection of Stidham will once again raise the question as to whether or not the Patriots have found the heir apparent to Tom Brady. But if last year serves as any indication, then all we really know is that Brady certainly has a few more years left.

Perhaps the most compelling pick by Belichick in this year's draft came in the second round, as the Patriots traded up from No. 56 to No. 45 in order to take Vanderbilt cornerback Joejuan Williams, who stands at 6-foot-3 and weighs 210 pounds. We're used to seeing Belichick trade back in order to obtain more picks in later rounds or in future drafts, so to see him trade up in the second round, it shows you how much they wanted Williams.

The Patriots drafted a total of four defensive players over the weekend. The other three were Michigan linebacker Chase Winovich in the third round (77), Maryland defensive tackle Byron Cowart in the fifth round (159), and Mississippi cornerback Ken Webster in the seventh round (252).

Their only special teams addition came in the form of Stanford punter Jake Bailey in the fifth round (163).



## CARDINALS DRAFT MURRAY, TRADE ROSEN TO MIAMI

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With the No. 1 overall pick in the 2019 NFL Draft, the Arizona Cardinals selected Heisman Trophy winner and Oklahoma quarterback Kyler Murray.

It was a move that was somewhat expected, given the amount of Josh Rosen trade rumors that had swirled during the weeks leading up to the draft. Arizona took Rosen with the No. 10 overall pick last year, and he was expected to be the Cardinals' quarterback of the future. Instead, Arizona decided to go all in on Murray and trade Rosen.

For whatever reason, the Cardinals waited until they drafted Murray to trade Rosen. On Friday night during the

second round, they pulled the trigger on a deal that sent Rosen to the Miami Dolphins in exchange for a late second-round pick (62 overall) and a fifth-round pick in 2020.

Arizona's unwillingness to trade Rosen before drafting Murray prevented them from getting a first rounder in return. But it's possible the Cardinals wanted to make sure that Murray wasn't using the NFL Draft as a negotiation tactic with Major League Baseball's Oakland Athletics.

Murray signed with the A's last summer after being drafted No. 9 overall in the 2019 MLB Draft.

Rosen will compete with Ryan Fitzpatrick for the starting QB job in Miami. The Dolphins signed Fitzpatrick to a two-year deal in March after trading Ryan Tannehill to Tennessee.

## WHAT TO WATCH

**NHL THURSDAY, MAY 2**  
Eastern Conference Semifinals  
Gm 4: Boston at Columbus  
7:30 P.M. NBCSN

**SATURDAY, MAY 4**  
Eastern Conference Semifinals  
Gm 5: Columbus at Boston  
7:15 P.M. NBC

**NBA FRIDAY, MAY 3**  
Eastern Conference Semifinals  
Gm 3: Milwaukee at Boston  
8 P.M. ESPN

**MONDAY, MAY 6**  
Eastern Conference Semifinals  
Gm 4: Milwaukee at Boston  
7 P.M. TNT

## BRUINS NOW FAVORED TO WIN STANLEY CUP

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With only eight teams remaining in the Stanley Cup Playoffs, the door is wide open for a new Stanley Cup Champion in 2019.

The defending champion Washington Capitals were eliminated in the first round, falling to the Wild Card and No. 7 seed Carolina Hurricanes in seven games. Also being upset in the first round was the Eastern Conference No. 1 seed Tampa Bay Lightning, who got swept by the No. 8 seed Columbus Blue Jackets.

Columbus is currently in a second-round battle with the Boston Bruins. And because of all the wacky first-round upsets, the B's are currently the favorite to win the Stanley Cup, at +400.

The St. Louis Blues have the second-best odds of winning the Cup, at +425, followed by Carolina and the San Jose Sharks at +450, Columbus and the Colorado Avalanche at +600, and the Dallas Stars and New York Islanders at +1100.

Like the East, the Western Conference's top-two seeds were also eliminated in the first round, as the Calgary Flames lost to Colorado in five games, and the Nashville Predators lost to Dallas in six games.



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