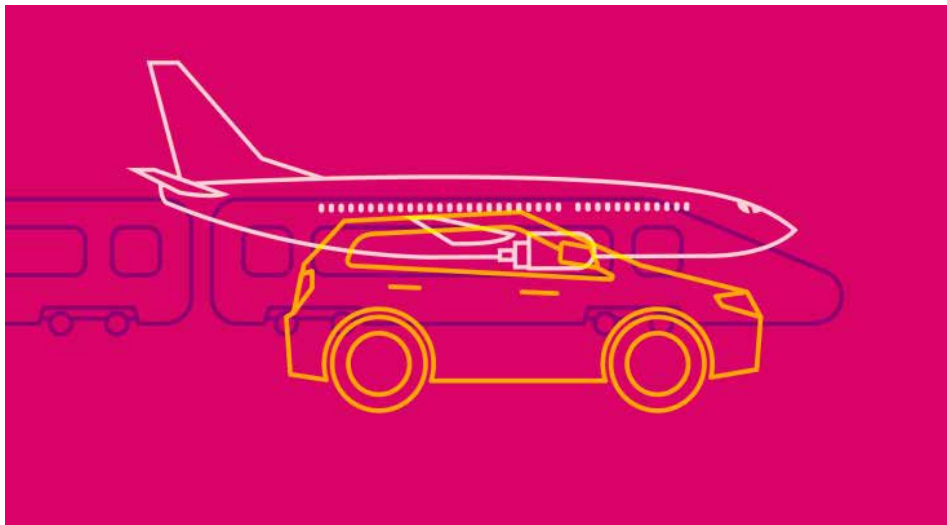


Affordable Transit - Oriented Development Has Promise

Massachusetts developers and transportation officials want the public to know transit-oriented development is about more than just building skyscrapers over downtown train stations. “Transit-oriented development is not so much of what happens in downtown Boston and the urban core, but what can happen beyond that,” Federal Realty Investment Trust Vice President of Development Patrick McMahon said at a Bisnow’s Boston Transit-Oriented Development Boom event. “I think of the opportunity to spread density out and beyond from where we know and see density today.”

Federal Realty is behind Assembly Row, a mixed-use development on the Orange Line north of Boston in Somerville. McMahon points to projects like Assembly and NB Development Group’s



Boston Landing in Brighton as ways to extend density throughout the region rather than zeroing in on costly, transit-oriented development in the urban core.

More transit-oriented development is also a key opportunity to tackle Greater Boston’s affordability issues. More than 400,000

new units of housing are needed in the region by 2040 to sustain its economic growth, according to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Panelists at the Bisnow event said transit-oriented development is the best catalyst to hit that target and make meaningful improve-

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EDITORIAL

May is Military Appreciation Month; God Bless Them All

Quite often this newspaper has been told by veterans and their families how much they appreciate the positive coverage it gives to those who have served and still do serve in the United States Armed Services. South Boston Today takes those comments as a badge of honor, because along with the other local South Boston media, both print and social, we do appreciate the tremendous sacrifices those who serve make on behalf of all of us.

The month of May was

designated by the Congress of the United States back in 1999 as Military Appreciation Month. This was done to give the nation the opportunity to express its gratitude to those who have served in all branches of the military throughout America's history. Whether they serve(d) in the US Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard, from every war, conflict and humanitarian assignment, they deserve our praise and support. It goes without saying that if not for the US

Military, America would not exist today. They are what protects our freedom our liberty and our very way of life.

Every man and woman in uniform should know that their country respects and honors their service. Saying 'Thank you for your service' whenever we cross paths or come in contact with a member of our country's magnificent military goes a long way in showing them how much we really do care about and appreciate what they do.



"I think character is real important. And you know, I think the public does too" - Tom Selleck

About Omni Boston Hotel in South Boston

370-430 Summer Street, Seaport District, Boston, MA

Upcoming 1,055-room Omni Hotel located on a 2.1-acre parcel across from the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC). The new 788,500-square-foot hotel will feature two new 21-story towers connected by a three-story ground-floor podium. The hotel will include 746 standard rooms 386 square feet in size, as well as 278 innovation rooms 250 square feet in size. The hotel will also include 120,000 square feet of meeting and event space including two large 25,000-square-foot and 15,500-square-foot ballrooms, 35,000 square feet of restaurant space, 5,000 square

feet of retail space and an 8,500-square-foot spa and fitness center. Guest amenities will include a rooftop pool; the hotel could also include an above-ground skating rink.

The hotel will be connected to the BCEC via an existing underground tunnel below Summer Street, and to the World Trade Center MBTA Silver Line station and upcoming South Boston Waterfront Transportation Center (SBWTC) via a covered walkway along World Trade Center Avenue. No parking will be constructed as part of the Omni Hotel; approximately 400 parking spaces in the SBWTC will be reserved for the

Omni Hotel. A porte-cochere for valet parking and pickup/dropoff will be located off of Summer Street within the Omni Hotel's building footprint. One Omni Hotel tower may include a large LED sign.

The Omni Hotel development team will enter a 90-year ground lease for the 2.1-acre hotel parcel with owner Massport. Construction of the Omni Hotel is anticipated to commence in the third quarter of 2018, with completion expected in 2021; construction of the hotel would take approximately 30 months. The Omni Hotel will be built to a minimum of LEED Silver sustainability specifications.



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Should the Marathon Bomber be allowed to Vote?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jciccone@southbostontoday.com

Recently, presidential candidate Bernie Sanders said something that shocked and opened the eyes of millions of Americans. Some believe it exposed a strange, even bizarre, ideology held by so many on the left side of the political divide. By now, we all know that he stated on national TV that he believes that even the Boston Marathon Bomber, convicted and sentenced to the death penalty for killing innocent people in a terrorist attack, including an 8 year old Dorchester boy, should be allowed to vote in US elections from his prison cell. The response was overwhelmingly in opposition to Bernie's beliefs among most US citizens. However, it seems there are some out there who agree with him.

So this week, if there is anyone out there who can come up with a reason why they agree with Sanders, would you be willing to write in to this newspaper using the email address above and tell us why. You won't be made fun of or verbally attacked for your beliefs. Your names will not be used, if you would prefer to remain anonymous. I'd just be curious to know what justification you would have for that opinion. It should be interesting.

The dustup over the Mueller report just keeps going on and on, as we all know. In response, the following question was recently asked on a talk radio program by a caller: "The entire Mueller report is at the DOJ for anyone to read. So why do Pelosi, Adam Schiff and Congress-

man Nadler insist that both Attorney General Barr and Robert Mueller himself must come in and explain what's in it to these 3 Congress members". The talk show host's answer: "Maybe because the report isn't written in crayon". I thought that was kind of clever.

This newspaper is fortunate that we have quite a few young local residents who attend various colleges and universities who keep in touch and feed us information on what they feel are discriminatory practices and even political indoctrination of students by certain professors and in some cases by the school administrations. The complaints include actually being penalized with lower grades, public ridicule and being ostracized, if a student dares express an opinion that doesn't go along with the left-wing leanings on so many campuses and/or their professors. There are even reported incidents, with some of them making the news in recent months, where students who express opposing views are physically threatened and attacked. Conservative invited guests get banned from speaking to students and those who are allowed are often shouted offstage with no consequences from school authorities for the disruptive students or the adults who encourage this behavior.

But according to our student sources, that seems to be changing, at least in some locations, since President Trump signed the Campus Free Speech order, which warns schools that if it does not take measures to protect the free speech of students,

he will cut off the school's government funding. The students inform us this is having a positive effect. The administrators at their colleges and universities have received the message loud and clear and definitely do not want to take the chance of losing their public funds. The last thing they want is to have to run bake sales to keep the lights on and they certainly do not want to take pay cuts to their, in many cases, outrageously high salaries. 'The Campus Free Speech

Order': Did you ever think this type of action would be necessary in the United States of America?

I'll close this week's column with a quote by Vice President Mike Pence that received thunderous applause and a standing ovation during his speech at the National Rifle Association's annual convention 2 weeks ago. "Our Founding Fathers won our freedom, certainly, with the powder in their muskets, but also with the power of their ideas."

TRAFFIC & PARKING ADVISORY Boston Marine Corps Honor Run

WHAT: On Saturday, May 11, 2019 the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the Boston Marine Corps Honor Run on William J. Day Boulevard. All four lanes on Day Boulevard will be used for the race. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: Columbia Road, Farragut Road and Shore Road will serve as a route to Castle Island. Parking will also be prohibited along Day Boulevard.

WHEN: Saturday, May 11, 2019

WHERE: Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciusko Circle to Farragut Road from 8:30 am to approximately 10:30 am. There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to Farragut Road from Friday, May 10 at 10:00 pm through Saturday, May 11 at 10:30 am.

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot beginning Friday, May 10, 2019. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.



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.

Lawmakers appear ready to ban handheld phones in cars

SHNS's Katie Lannan (pay wall) and MassLive's Shira Schoenberg report that House lawmakers appear ready to go along with the Senate in banning handheld cell phones in cars – and a vote on a ban could come as soon as next week. Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican, supports the measure. The Globe's Matt Stout reports that House Speaker Robert DeLeo is planning to discuss with other chamber leaders a "two-pronged bill" that would address distracted driving and concerns that a ban could lead to racial profiling.

Baker and Spilka on budget surplus: Handle with care

Sure, there's more than a few people on Beacon Hill who would love to spend what may be a rather large end-of-year state budget surplus, thanks to a huge influx of tax-collection revenues in April. But SHNS's Matt Murphy reports that Gov. Charlie Baker and Senate President Karen

Spilka believe a large bulk of any surplus, which could conceivably reach as high as \$1 billion, should be socked away in the state's reserve fund. The Herald's Mary Markos reports that others are cautioning that last month's tax-collection windfall is probably just a one-month affair.

Pork busters? Not these GOP lawmakers

The Globe's Victoria McGrane and Matt Stout report how some Republicans have expressed shock and dismay at the recent behind-the-scenes budget antics of the Democratic-controlled House. But behind the scenes Republican leaders were grabbing whatever tax dollars they could get for their districts, in an old-fashioned display of "budget pork" spending.

'Mnuchin Gives Richie the Bird, Not Trump's Taxes'

From the AP at MassLive: "Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin has made it official: The administration

won't be turning President Donald Trump's tax returns over to the Democratic-controlled House. Mnuchin told Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal, D-Mass., in a Monday letter that the panel's request 'lacks a legitimate legislative purpose' as Supreme Court precedent requires." The NYT reports the case is now likely headed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, Matt Szafranski at Western Mass Politics & Insight provides some background info on the controversy, as well as providing us with the headline above.

Lelling defends charges against judge: 'There's nothing political about this case'

U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling last night defended his office's charges against a sitting state judge accused of helping an undocumented immigrant to escape detention by an ICE agent, saying that there was "nothing political" about the indictment and that it

was a strict "rule-of-law case." Appearing on WGBH's Greater Boston, Lelling also took swipes at state and local prosecutors now criticizing his move, noting that none of them stepped forward to initially complain about the judge's actions. WGBH staff and the Globe's Danny McDonald have more.

T's ambitious repair program runs into a problem: Lack of staffing

CommonWealth magazine's Andy Metzger and the Globe's Adam Vaccaro report that the T is rethinking the pace and approach towards its ambitious big-bucks plan to fix the transit agency's infrastructure in coming years. Among the problems: It currently doesn't have the staff to handle an immediate flood of repair projects.

SENATOR COLLINS VOTES FOR SAFE STREETS LEGISLATION

Bill Includes Protections for Cyclists, Pedestrians, and First Responders



The Massachusetts State Senate recently passed new requirements for cyclists and motorists that promote pedestrian and road safety. State Senator Nick Collins, who represents South Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan, and Hyde Park, voted in favor of the bill.

The legislation includes several measures that will greatly improve road safety. The bill classifies several groups, including pedestrians, utility workers, first responders and cyclists, as vulnerable road users and requires cars to apply a safe passing distance of at least three feet when traveling 30 miles per hour.

The bill would require trucks leased or under contract with the Commonwealth to be equipped with sideguards, and special mirrors to reduce the risk posed to vulnerable road users who are

often invisible in blind spots and susceptible to slipping underneath large vehicles during accidents. Finally, the bill increases the flexibility of the Department of Transportation to reduce the speed limit in active construction zones thereby significantly increasing the protection provided to vulnerable workers and first responders at the construction site.

"This legislation will make our streets safe for everyone who uses them" said Senator Nick Collins. "The First Suffolk District has unfortunately seen a tragic uptick in traffic accidents, particularly with pedestrians and bicyclists. As our city grows, it is important to implement these common sense reforms in order to save lives and make our communities more walkable and livable."

That bill now moves to the House for consideration.

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To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for an Irretrievable Breakdown filed on April 10, 2019.

The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. **SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.**

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon:

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272 O'Callaghan Way

South Boston, MA 02127-003

your answer, if any, on or before **06/20/2019.**

If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

April 24, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

May 09, 2019

Salute to Women Veterans Tuesday, May 14th, at Castle Island

SBT Staff Report

On Tuesday, May 14th (next Tuesday) the special event to honor Women Veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder or PTSD is set to take place. This event, which is a salute to these deserving veterans, has become an annual happening and it's being organized in large part by the good people at the Old Colony Yacht Club in Dorchester. Let us tell you what's being planned and how local residents can be a part of it all.

As they did last spring as well, the female veterans, who are hospitalized at the Brockton Hospital for PTSD, will arrive at the Old Colony Yacht Club and board the

Boston Harbor Pilot Boat. The boat will depart from the yacht club at 11:30am and will head out into the harbor for a tour. They will arrive at Castle Island at around Noon, while being escorted by Boston Police Department and Boston Fire Department boats. As they pass offshore at Castle Island, the best place to view them will be from the Lt. John J. McCorkle Fishing Pier at the island. A water cannon salute from the Boston Police and Boston Fire boats in honor of the women vets will take place. Everyone who lives at or near the ocean has at one time or another watched the huge, beautiful spray that comes from these water cannons; It is a beautiful sight.

What residents, who want to help honor these veterans, are asked to do is to gather on or near the fishing pier with signs and flags and wave and cheer the veterans as they pass by and show support for them and their service to our country. South Boston Today spoke with Bill Moran from the Old Colony Yacht

Club, who is playing a major role in organizing the day. He told us that each time this tribute has taken place it has touched the hearts of these veterans, when they see and hear the applause they get from the people on shore. It lets them know they are very much appreciated by their fellow Americans. Mr. Moran says they expect between 15 to 20 veterans to be on board the Boston Harbor Pilot Boat.

The veterans that will be honored this day, like so many other vets who developed PTSD, have had a rough time dealing with it. This is why they are hospitalized at the Brockton facility. A day out on the harbor with all the fanfare and the escorts and the water salutes is something they have been looking forward to. To have a supportive crowd on shore, cheering them on will make the event that much better and will mean a lot to them.

So, if you think you can make it to the McCorkle Fishing Pier at Castle Island next Tuesday, May



14th at around Noon time, mark it on your calendar, or have your smart phone or even Alexa remind you. And South Boston Today will remind you as well as the day approaches. Just keep checking our website and social media sites. Just your presence, cheers, flag and sign waving and show of solidarity with these heroic women will be appreciated more than you know. Please try to be there for them if at all possible.

Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation Sponsorship

The Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation has donated \$50,000 to Beth Israel Deaconess—Needham. The funds will be used toward the construction of a state-of-the-art Outpatient Clinical Center. BID-Needham has served residents in Needham, Dedham, Newton, Dover, Medfield, Sherborn, Welles-

ley, Westwood and other surrounding communities for more than 100 years. They provide safe, high-quality, community-based health care and access to tertiary care in close collaboration with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. "We are proud to support such an important health care organization in our

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Pictured from left to right are Liz Bissell, Senior Vice President, Marketing, Dedham Savings, Kelly Wallace, Director of Development, John Fogarty, President and CEO, Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital—Needham (BID-Needham), Mark Ingalls, Trustee, Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation.

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South Boston Knights Jr. ROTC Awards Ceremony Impressive

SBT Staff Report

Last Saturday, May 4th, the annual awards ceremony for the South Boston High Jr. ROTC Knights was held and it was as impressive as always. This very much respected organization gathered to receive the awards that its members work hard to achieve, because of the

excellent job they do in the community and beyond. They do it all with typical military precision. It took place at the Boston Police Department's VFW Post #1018.

The opening ceremony began at exactly 10am with the playing of the National Anthem, then words from SAI. This was followed by the reciting of the inspirational Cadet Creed, which appears in another part of this story. And then there came breakfast and a sumptuous breakfast it was, which was at first served to the family members and friends in attendance and then to the cadets. Once breakfast was over, the Promotion and Awards Presentation began, where the Cadets were recognized for their performance and accomplishments. In addition to awards, special recognition was given to the senior class members, who will

be graduating this year and moving on to the next phase of their lives and careers. There was the Special Presentation of Sabers to round out the official activities of the day.

The awards presented were made possible by the very generous sponsors of those awards, which included the following very prestigious list: South Boston's Thomas Fitzgerald Post, American Military Veterans, American Legion, Armed Forces Retirees Assoc., United States Army, United States Coast Guard, United States Marine Corps, Daedalians, Daughters of the American Revolution, Jewish War Veterans of USA, Korean War Veterans, Military Order of World Wars, Military Support Trust, Military Officers Assoc., Military Order of the Purple Heart, Military Order of Foreign Wars,

National Sojourners, National Society of the US Daughters of 1812, Non-Commissioned Officer Assoc., Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Sons of the American Revolution, Special Forces Assoc., Sons of Confederate Veterans, Warrant Officers Association of America, 82nd Airborne Assoc. and the 101 Airborne Division.

The entire awards ceremony was outstanding and well put together. The manner in which every cadet presented themselves was something that all in attendance could appreciate. Overseeing it all were the organizers of the cadet program LTC. Anthony Hinson (USA Ret) and SGT. 1C George Machado (USA Ret) and of course, South Boston/Excel High School Headmaster Renee McCall, all of whom could not have been more proud.





CADET CREED

I am an Army Junior ROTC Cadet
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I will always practice good citizenship and patriotism
I will work hard to improve my mind and strengthen my body.
I will seek the mantle of leadership and stand prepared to uphold the
Constitution and the American way of life.
May God grant me the strength to always live by this creed



The Wine Guy

I'd Like More, Please, Sir



Most of the time, when we talk about wine, we've looked at drier wine, since the majority of wine is, by nature, made to be that way. Today, for those of you with

a "sweet tooth", we'll mention some choices with a sweeter taste.

Michele Chiarlo Moscato d'Asti DOCG Nivole, 2018, (\$18.99), is a great example of a Moscato wine that, despite its sweeter taste, is fresh and has distinctive notes of floral aromas, with notes of peaches and apricots; the mouthfeel is surprisingly creamy and fragrant, with a pronounced carbonation and a finish which is particularly fresh. You don't need to have this one with food, but, in Italy, it's usually had with fruits and cheeses.

Roscatto Rosso Dolce Sweet Red NV, Lombardy, Italy, (\$13.99), is a really versatile wine. You can have it warm or chilled, with or without food. If you choose food, you can go Italian red sauce-based dishes or spicy Asian or Mexican. This wine comes from a region in Italy that produces most of its sweet reds; Brachetto, which we've mentioned before, is also a Lombardy

wine with a pronounced carbonation that's only available in the fall for a short time, since the production is typically limited.

Before I forget, we really need to include at least one wine from Germany, which has refined sweetness to a science-literally. German wine laws are very specific about what can be called sweet and how sweet. There are many levels of sweetness, and I'd suggest starting with a type called "Auslese"-(AUCH-layser). It's at the lower end of the Sweetness scale, made from Riesling grapes and harvested later in the fall. Mueller Pieporter Michelsberg Auslese, 2018, (\$18.99), is a personal favorite and readily available in our area. Produced in the Mosel-Saar-Ruwer region of Germany, from late harvest grapes grown in the prestigious Mosel region, this wine possesses a vibrant bouquet of fruits and well-

defined, floral notes. It has a finish which goes on and on and you can enjoy it with fish, fruits, or cheese.

Graham's Six Grapes Reserve Port, Douro, Portugal, (\$19.99), Six Grapes has a seductive, rich aroma of ripe plums, cherries and dark chocolate notes. On the palate it's complex, with an excellent structure and a long, lingering finish. Six Grapes is one of Graham's original Port blends—a very full-bodied, rich wine drawn from the same vineyards as Graham's Vintage Ports. Blended from two- or three-year harvests, the wine is an average of five to six years old when it is lightly filtered and bottled. Great to have with stronger cheeses, spicy Asian or Tapas. Always nice to drink against a chill in the evening air and in Southie, especially in the Seaport, you never know when there'll be one, so, be prepared!

Talk to the Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

Compass on the Bay Hosts Wedding for Executive Director

On April 25th, Compass on the Bay held a re-enactment wedding for their Executive Director, Caitlyn Stoffle. Caitlyn officially married Shane Stoffle on February 23rd, but residents at the Memory Support As-

sisted Living Community wanted to be included in this milestone and decided to give Caitlyn an entire second wedding.

Residents and staff each played a role in the special day: Shari Sweetney, Program Director, served as the

wedding planner; Rafael Moreno, Director of Building & Grounds officiated the wedding; the community's dining staff catered the event; Joanne Clark, a resident at Compass, provided entertainment on the piano,

and additional residents like Michelle Peters, Nasrin Massah, George Miliken, Paul Schaffrath and Janice Andrews were in the "wedding party". See more photos at www.facebook.com/CompassOnTheBay.



From left to right: Caitlyn Stoffle, Executive Director, Rafael Moreno, Director of Building & Grounds, and Shane Stoffle pose in front of Compass on the Bay Memory Support Assisted Living in South Boston.



Dr. Margaret Lawrence (left), resident at Compass, and Caitlyn Stoffle (right), Executive Director

Dedham Bank continued from page 5 community," said Ingalls.

About Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation:

The Dedham Institution for Savings formed the Foundation for the purpose of funding requests from community organizations which provide services to the communities that they serve. These communities generally, but not

exclusively, include Dedham, Westwood, Norwood, Walpole, Sharon, Needham, and South Boston. Typical requests are usually received from such organizations as schools, libraries, family service organizations and non-profit organizations. The Trustees of the Foundation will accept grant requests from community organizations and make awards twice a year.

Organizations wishing to request funding from the Foundation may contact The Dedham Institution for Savings Foundation, 55 Elm Street, Dedham, MA 02026 or call (781) 329-6700 to obtain a grant application.

About Dedham Savings:

Incorporated in 1831, Dedham Savings has assets of over \$1.4 billion. Its mission is to promote financial

strength and success in the individuals, families, and businesses of the communities it serves. Dedham Savings offers a broad range of financial and electronic banking services to individuals, businesses and organizations through full-service locations in Dedham, East Dedham, Needham, Norwood, Sharon, South Boston, Walpole, and Westwood.



Public Meeting

420 West Broadway

Monday, May 20
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

275 West Broadway
Laboure Center
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Project Proponent:
BP Broadway LLC

Project Description:

BP Broadway LLC propose Notice of Project Change to previously Board Approved project. The requested change is from 42 rental units to 42 condominium units including five IDP Units (affordable).

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Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC)

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WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE



Boston Water and Sewer Commission will begin Water Main Flushing in the Charlestown, Central and South Boston areas starting:

May 14, 2019 through June 17, 2019

The boundaries for the areas being flushed are: Medford Street to the north, Melnea Cass Boulevard to the south, Atlantic Avenue the east and Charles Street and Massachusetts Avenue to the west.

The purpose of the Water Main Flushing Program is to improve drinking water quality for residents and businesses.

**Water Main flushing will take place between the hours of
10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M**

The flushing process may cause discolored water and a reduction in pressure. The discoloration of the water will be temporary and is not harmful. If the condition persists, please contact BWSC's 24 Hour Service at (617) 989-7000.

BWSC appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of drinking water we will provide to the residents and businesses of Boston.

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Gate of Heaven and St. Brigid Parish News

Congratulations to the Second Grade First Communion Children!

Congratulations to all the Second-Grade children of South Boston Catholic Academy and the Religious Education Program who received their Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at

Gate of Heaven Church. The Celebrants at this Mass were Father Robert Casey, Pastor, Father Tom Olson, Parochial Vicar, Monsignor Liam Bergin and Deacon Adam Rosinski, SJ.

Thank you to the Second-Grade teachers from South Boston Catholic Academy, Mrs. Lisa Soegaard, Ms. Alex Galli, Ms. Maky Sullivan and the Religious Education Program, Mrs. Joan Dixon and her Assistant, Ms. Susan Attardo, who worked tirelessly to prepare the children for this Sacrament. Special thanks to Mrs. Helenann Civian, Principal of South Boston Catholic Academy and Mr. Jim Fowkes, Director of the Religious Education Program for the work they do throughout the year to ensure that everyone is ready for this Sacrament and to Ms. Eleanor Tynan for helping the children with the wonderful music.

Thank you to all our families. God Bless all these wonderful Second Graders!



Welcome to the Gate of Heaven Mother's Day Breakfast

Join us as we celebrate the 3rd Annual Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 12, 2019.

The Breakfast will be held after the 9:00AM Mass in the lower church hall.

Hosted by Gate of Heaven Coffee and Conversation Committee
Everyone is welcomed!

REP. BIELE PLAYS IN CHARITY HOCKEY GAME TO SUPPORT SKATE FOR THE 22 FOUNDATION

*Non-profit Program
Supports over 375 Veterans
throughout Massachusetts*

Recently, Representative David Biele skated in the 4th Annual Heroes vs. Legislators charity hockey game to benefit the Skate for the 22 Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides support services to veterans and their families across Massachusetts. Founded in 2015 by a group of veterans, the Foundation gets its name from a staggering mental health statistic—military and veteran agencies estimate that an estimated twenty-two veterans take their lives each day.

In response to those numbers, the Foundation was created with three core goals: create a supportive, team environment for veterans through ca-

maraderie and the sport of hockey at no cost; raise public awareness and provide prevention services to help veterans who may be struggling; and provide financial assistance to families of veterans who commit suicide.

To achieve these goals, the Foundation sponsors learn-to-skate programs and organizes hockey games for veterans of all skills and abilities. It also provides access to confidential mental health care for veterans and their families. To support these efforts, the Foundation engages in extensive fundraising, including charity hockey games with the Boston Bruins Alumni and the Boston Fire Department.

When the Foundation first started, it served 18 veterans. In just four years, that number has grown exponentially and the Foundation now supports over 375 veterans and their families.

“It was an honor to skate with these heroes, listen to their stories, and learn how programs like the Skate for the 22 Foundation make a tremendous impact in their lives,” said Rep. Biele. “These brave men and women risked their lives for our freedom. It is our responsibility to listen to our veterans, understand their needs, and then do everything that we can to support our veterans and their families.”

For more information on the Skate for the 22 Foundation, please visit: www.skateforthe22.org.



BNBL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department has announced that registration is now open for the 50th annual season of Boston's favorite summer basketball league, the Boston Neighborhood Basketball League (BNBL), kicking off on Monday, July 8.

BNBL is the oldest municipal basketball league in the country serving young men and women in three divisions each for boys and girls: 13 and under; 15 and under; and 18 and under.

Encompassing recreation, sports, and community engagement, BNBL's real value is in helping make Boston happier and safer in the summer months by providing a physical outlet for youngsters throughout the city. Over 1,500 players on 150 teams will participate in this year's league at 20 sites throughout the city. BNBL is played at Boston Cen-

ters for Youth & Families (BCYF) community centers and selected city parks. The 2019 BNBL season ends with the championship games played in mid-August. To register online for BNBL go to https://apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/Activity_Search.

BNBL also offers a free Pee Wee Developmental Program for boys and girls ages 6 to 11 offered at various locations across the city in Dorchester, Mattapan, Roslindale, South Boston, West Roxbury, and Roxbury. This program teaches young players the basics of basketball in a fun and non-competitive setting. Registration for Pee Wee BNBL is done on-site at the Pee Wee locations.

For more information, please email Charlie Conners at Charles.Conners@boston.gov or call (617) 961-3093.



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BCYF TYNAN HAPPENINGS

The 2018-19 co-ed volleyball league ended in April with the Hawkes Club taking the championship. The league is over 30 years old, because of the dedication and perseverance of our Program Supervisor, Kathy Davis. A “well done” to another fun and competitive season.

See photo 1, Matt, Katie Hawkes, Tim Mc-

Millan, Annmarie McLaughlin, Kelly Hawkes and Mona Casper. See you next year!

The Parks Department Golf Program for Youth & Adults ended this week at the BCYF Tynan. Each Wednesday night, 20 youth participated for an hour and 20 adults received their hour of instructions from 2 Pro golfers. The Fundamentals and techniques were covered

including: Grip, set up, Alignment, and full swing. Our members are grateful to the parks Department for this very informative program. See photo 2.

See photo 3 Bruins/Celtics Parties have been taking place in our teen center for anyone who wants to drop by and watch the games on our 65-inch TV, thanks to the Council and the BCYF Foundation. Food and beverages have been afforded to our members thanks to the Tynan Council and the generosity of the Village Pizza and Grill on L & 3rd street in south Boston.



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR PARKS DEPARTMENT SUMMER SPORTS CENTERS

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the White Stadium, East Boston, and South Boston Sports Center at M Street Park are now open online for registration. The Sports Centers offer free summer camp alternatives to Boston youth who might otherwise have no opportunity to attend such

programming. Each location offers instruction in a number of popular sports from July 8 through August 16. All Sports Centers are offered free of charge to Boston residents and open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14.

Parents may register their children for just one week or the entire summer. For more information about the White Stadium and

South Boston Sports Center at M Street Park, please call (617) 961-3084 or email woodley.auguste@boston.gov. For more information about the East Boston Sports Center, please call (617) 961-3085 or email cheryl.brown@boston.gov.

Please note that lunch will be provided but participants must provide their own transportation and pre-registration is required for both groups and individuals. For more information or to register online please go to apm.activecommunities.com/cobparksandrecdepart/home.



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 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.

MAYOR WALSH INVESTS \$2.78 BILLION IN BOSTON NEIGHBORHOODS

Building on his commitment to ensuring long-term prosperity and opportunity in all of Boston's neighborhoods, Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced \$2.78 billion in capital investments over the next five years. The \$2.78 billion FY20-24 Capital Plan is how the City makes critical investments in the City's capital assets, including schools, roads, bridges, bike lanes, libraries, and more. This year's plan includes renewed public housing in Charlestown, revitalized parks in Dorchester, transportation improvements in Allston-Brighton, school improvements across the city, and fulfills Mayor Walsh's commitment to dedicating over 10 percent of new city funding toward climate resilient projects. This plan ensures the municipal, civic and open space assets that residents cherish in their neighborhoods will remain active and vibrant parts of the community for years to come.

"This budget makes historic investments in public assets like schools, roads, bridges, parks, and libraries," said Mayor Walsh. "This is a budget with a big heart. It reflects our best values: our belief that every single person is worthy of dignity and hope and opportunity. It's going to improve quality of life in all our neighborhoods, and it will continue to generate opportunities for our residents for generations to come. I thank each and every person who helped to guide this vision through Imagine Boston 2030 that has led to these important investments."

Mayor Walsh's \$2.78 billion FY20-24 Capital Plan will make critical investments in the City's infrastructure in every Boston neighborhood, guided by Imagine Boston 2030 and related plans for schools, streets, arts, climate and resilience.

This year, under the Imagine Boston 2030 umbrella, an estimated 86 percent of the investments in the FY20-24 Capital Plan are aligned with the City-wide planning efforts. More than 14,000 residents have shaped Imagine Boston 2030 by setting goals for the city by 2030, and generating ideas about policies and investments to help achieve these goals. Together, these initiatives support Boston's dynamic economy and improve the quality of life for residents by encouraging af-



fordability, increasing access to opportunity, promoting a healthy environment, and guiding investment in the public realm.

Highlights from Boston's FY20-24 Capital Plan include:

- Boston, in collaboration with State and Federal partners, will invest **\$1.15 billion implementing the core initiatives outlined in Go Boston 2030**: streets that are safer for all users of City roads and sidewalks, particularly pedestrians and cyclists; travel that is more reliable and predictable; and quality transportation choices that improve access to interconnect neighborhoods for all modes of travel.

- Through the use of Winthrop Square proceeds, City capital dollars, and leveraging external funds, **Mayor Walsh plans to carry out early actions to implement Imagine Boston 2030's Open Space goals, including investing in Franklin Park as a flagship park, completing the Emerald Necklace, reimagining Moakley Park and restoring the Boston Common to its full vibrancy.**

- **Boston will prepare for climate change by investing over 10 percent of new City capital dollars in projects that promote climate resilience.** Climate action planning will continue along with the imple-

mentation of flood protection solutions identified by the Climate Ready Boston initiative.

- In partnership with the Boston Housing Authority, **the City will make new investments in public infrastructure, supporting the creation and preservation of affordable housing**, including a \$30 million investment to revitalize Boston Housing Authority's deeply affordable public housing. This investment is the first time in the City's history that City bond dollars have been invested directly into a BHA project.

- Boston will **utilize Long Island as a key component in providing recovery services.** To support that goal, the City will move forward with the construction of a new bridge to Long Island and plan for a recovery campus to be offered on the Island.

Education

Mayor Walsh has committed \$1 billion over 10 years to bring Boston's school buildings into the 21st century. This capital plan supports that investment with funding for 21st century classrooms, Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Accelerated Repair Program (ARP) partnerships, completion of ongoing maintenance projects, school kitchen renovations that support the delivery of fresh, nutritious food, and re-

serves for future projects identified by BuildBPS community engagement. Through a dedication of City capital funds and a strong working relationship with the MSBA, the plan will more than double the capital spending on BPS facilities over the next decade. The FY20-24 Capital Plan will invest \$543 million in BPS projects. Mayor Walsh's FY20-24 Capital Plan implements early action BuildBPS initiatives and reserves funding for projects identified by the BuildBPS engagement process.

Boston has also successfully ramped up its efforts to leverage MSBA ARP dollars to provide much needed improvements to its schools. This summer, construction will be underway at five schools to replace boilers, roofs and windows. Altogether, these projects represent an investment totaling \$14.9 million, with \$9.3 million supported by a grant from the MSBA. The Mayor's Capital Plan sets aside an additional \$33 million over five years to position Boston to further leverage MSBA ARP dollars in the future.

This Capital Plan allows Boston to invest in BPS projects already in the pipeline:

- Construction is underway on the new \$124.8 million Boston Arts Academy project. The MSBA has

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ments to infrastructure beyond railways. “Transit-oriented development is a real opportunity and meaningful one that we as a state and region should take to create more affordable housing,” McMahon said. “I also think TOD isn’t just transit-oriented development. It’s transit/infrastructure-oriented development.” Massachusetts, Somerville and Federal Realty invested over \$100M combined on infrastructure at Assembly Row, but McMahon said only 30% of that went to the infill Orange Line station. The rest was for sewer systems, roads, a network of streets and other infrastructure necessary to support density in the area.

While the Somerville development is seen as a successful model for creating density away from

downtown, it isn’t always so easy. Developers are typically eager to build housing, but Metropolitan Area Planning Council Senior Regional Planner Chris Kuschel said Boston and Somerville can’t be the only ones to pursue projects with density. Suburbs should pull their weight, but that is easier said than done. “There are a lot of unique challenges in the suburbs, and a big part of it is convincing the municipalities or members of the community to have this type of development because change can be hard,” Kuschel said. “In Boston, we’re often talking about how many hundred feet to build a building. In the suburbs, it’s much more of an existential type of discussion: ‘Are we going to have any new development, or is it going to stay a strip mall for the next 20 years?’”

In those instances where a municipality is willing to let developers pursue a project, they should be ready to commit to revitalizing the surrounding area beyond their own development. “The challenge I think for transit-oriented development is it’s the sexy buzzword. Everybody wants to be TOD, every investor wants to develop at a TOD location,” Jefferson Apartment Group (JAG) Senior Vice President Sandi Silk said. “If you’re going to go somewhere that’s emerging, you have to understand what is likely to come and be a part of that.”

JAG is developing the 500K SF Jefferson at Malden Center, a transit-oriented development at the Malden Center Orange Line station. The development entails replacing the old Malden City

Hall with 320 residential units, 45K SF of new offices that will be the new City Hall and 23K SF of retail. Berkeley Investments bought the property next door in 2016 and has since announced plans for Exchange 200, a mixed-use development that will include retail and office space. Rather than view her neighbor as a competitor, Silk said it is important to work together in order to make transit-oriented development in the emerging cluster a success. “The conversation we had was to try and see if we can come out together and pitch the whole thing. It’s competitive, but it’s collaborative,” Silk said. “Finding those opportunities to collaborate with competitors and jurisdictions [to] make those communities better is good for everyone.”

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committed a maximum project grant totaling \$48.9 million.

- The \$35.6 million renovation of the Eliot School at 585 Commercial Street will be completed by September.
- \$1 million budgeted for the development of a building program and design for a grade 7-12 school at the McCormack School building.
- 25-30 schools will be enhanced this summer with kitchen renovations that support the delivery of fresh, nutritious food. This is the second phase in a multi-year kitchen renovation program. The investment will close food security gaps that prevent many children from learning to their full potential.

Feasibility studies will begin this year for the Josiah Quincy Upper School (JQUS) and the Carter School projects, in partnership with the MSBA.

Recovery Services

Over the past six years, Mayor Walsh has consistently increased resources to those facing substance use disorders and in need of addiction supports, including creating the first municipal office dedicated to address addiction and recovery, the Mayor’s Office of Recovery Services (ORS). Next year, the City will grow the Office of Recovery Services by 35 percent over its FY19 appropriation so that they can more effectively provide support to those in need of their services. This investment will include new staff, new technology and additional Mobile Sharp pickup improvements. The Mobile Sharps Team, expanded in an FY16 investment, picks up over 50,000 needles a year.

The FY20-24 Capital Plan dedicates more than \$80 million to rebuild the Long Island Bridge. The City has also allocated \$2 million in funding over the past two years for planning the recovery

campus that will be housed on the island.

Opened in August 2017, Boston’s Engagement Center has served as a vital service and lifeline for those suffering from addiction and homelessness. Since August 2017, over 400,000 guests have accessed the Engagement Center. In FY20, the City will continue its work to make the Engagement Center permanent with an investment of nearly \$500,000.

Public Safety

Emergency Services: The FY20 budget includes another Community Assistance Team and additional resources so that EMS can advance their efforts to hire a diverse workforce. The FY20-24 Capital Plan allocates an additional \$375,000 for design and construction of a new EMS garage with staff amenities in the Seaport district. Both investments will allow the City’s services to transform and expand as the City’s population does the same.

Fire: The FY20 budget includes a significant technology investment in new equipment, including the replacement of eight fire trucks for a total of 48 over five years, the replacement of bio packs for tunnel rescue and a brush truck which enables the Boston Fire Department (BFD) to respond to woodland fires. These investments will help ensure BFD has the tools it needs to respond when called upon. The budget provides another year of funding for a \$500,000 program to enable industrial-level cleaning of firehouses. Reducing cancer risk for firefighters and supporting firefighter health and safety is one of the Mayor’s priorities.

The FY20-24 Capital Plan will include other health and safety improvements to firehouse projects as a result of recent programming. Starting in FY16, the Fire Department, in conjunction with the Public Facilities Department, studied best practices for firehouse design. Key

design changes include defined zones within the firehouse to prevent contamination of living areas, along with improved personal and gear cleaning facilities. The results of this planning are reflected in the replacement of firehouses for Engine 42 in Roxbury and Engine 17 in Dorchester, at a total investment of \$48 million. In FY20, the study and design phase will start for replacing Engine 3 in the South End and Engine 37 on Huntington Avenue.

Environment and Open Space

The City is at the forefront of recognizing and addressing the risks of climate change. In 2015, the City created its first climate action plan and during the summer of 2019 will release a new, updated version of the climate action plan. In 2016, the City added a comprehensive climate vulnerability analysis called Climate Ready Boston. Inspired by the Paris Agreement, the City raised its goal to be carbon neutral by 2050 and announced a \$2 million investment to protect the City from rising sea levels and \$45 million to make municipal buildings more resilient and energy efficient through the Renew Boston Trust. Since 2013, Boston has retained its title as the most “efficient city in the United States” as named by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy.

The Moakley Park Master Plan project has also begun and design work will be funded beginning in FY20. This multi-use park will be designed with climate resilience at the forefront so that the entire City will be able to enjoy the park for years to come. At Harambee Park, Phase 1 is complete, Phase 2 is underway and Phase 3 will start design during FY20. Overall, the City is investing \$313 million in improving parks in 17 neighborhoods.

For more information on the FY20 budget proposal, please visit budget.boston.gov.



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

Another day, another NHL suspension. This time, it's Boston Bruins defenseman Charlie McAvoy, who received a one-game suspension for his shoulder to the head of Columbus' Josh Anderson during Game 6 of the Eastern Conference Semifinals.

The Bruins won that Game 6, and advanced to the Eastern Conference Final in the process, where they'll take on the Carolina Hurricanes. McAvoy will serve his suspension during Game 1 at the TD Garden.

His absence will be a tough loss to Boston, but the suspension is deserved. The NHL is trying its best to eliminate hits to the head. And this was a hit to the head. Was it a dirty play? I wouldn't consider it to be "dirty" and I don't think the NHL considers it to be "dirty" either, given the fact that McAvoy only received a one-game suspension.

But then you'll say, "Well if they didn't think it was dirty, why did they suspend him at all?" Well, it's simple. Again, they're trying to eliminate head shots. This was a head shot. So, as a league that's trying to eliminate head shots, they're in a tough spot with this one. The NHL is almost in a position where it had to give some type

of suspension, so they just gave McAvoy one game.

At the same time, everyone in the league understands that it's a fast game, and it's easy for us to toss on the slow-motion replay and crucify McAvoy afterwards. For the young Bruins defenseman — or any NHL defenseman at that — it's not so easy to let up on body contact in the spot that McAvoy was in.

It's a contact sport played at full speed. You're taught to finish your checks at an early age. McAvoy had one job in that moment as Anderson was skating down the right side into the Bruins' zone: put a body on him.

Anderson had the puck on his stick with his head down, and McAvoy came in for a big hit. He missed his target as Anderson tried to make a subtle move to his left. That ever-so-subtle move caused McAvoy to lift his shoulder in an attempt to just make contact and prevent Anderson from getting by him. The result was a head shot. And it looked ugly. But the attempt wasn't, "Attack his head." It was simply, "Don't let him get by me."

Once McAvoy commits to the hit there — which he should — it would've been impossible for him to make a split-second decision to

avoid contact. And in fact, if he missed Anderson completely and Anderson walked in all alone and scored, we would've been all over McAvoy for missing a hit.

So, was it dirty? No. But given the league's efforts on trying to eliminate head shots, was it suspendable? Absolutely. But a one-game suspension was enough.

- I never thought there would be a negative aspect to winning a championship. But these days, there's one that comes to mind, and we're currently seeing it with the Boston Red Sox.

That negative is the fact that we now have to analyze whether or not the team should visit the White House.

My advice to anyone in the Red Sox organization is simple: Do whatever the heck you want.

You want to go visit the White House because you busted your behind to win a World Championship and now get a special invitation to the home of the President of the United States of America? I have no problem with that whatsoever. It's something you earned. I don't care who's in office. If you want to go, then go.

You want to reject the invitation and decide that it isn't a trip you want to make? Then don't go. Stay

home. You're an adult. You can make your own decisions. Nobody is making you do anything you don't want to do. That is your right as an American citizen.

Here's the problem though. We live in such a politically-hostile environment that, you're damned if you do and you're damned if you don't.

If a player chooses not to go to the White House, then he's criticized by the President's supporters. If a player chooses to make the possibly once-in-a-lifetime trip, then he's criticized those who hate the President.

To both sides, I just want to say, shut the hell up.

This isn't about politics. At least, it shouldn't be. It's about a World Champion earning the right to visit the White House with whoever else on that championship team wants to go. This isn't complicated. And it really shouldn't be something that fires you up, either way.

Please, find something else to complain about.

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BRUINS ADVANCE TO EASTERN CONFERENCE FINAL

SBT Staff

After falling behind 2-1 in their second-round playoff series against the Columbus Blue Jackets, the Boston Bruins won three straight to win the series in six games, advancing to the Eastern Conference Final for the first time since 2013.

The Bruins will face the Carolina Hurricanes in the East Final, with Games 1 and 2 in Boston this weekend.

Carolina entered the Stanley Cup Playoffs as the top Wild Card team, and essentially, the No. 7 seed in the East. The Hurricanes knocked off the defending Stanley Cup champion Washington Capitals in the first round, in seven games. And then they swept the New York Islanders in the second round.

The last time Carolina was in the Conference Final was in 2009, where the Hurricanes were swept by the eventual Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins.

In 2013, the Bruins swept the Penguins in the East Final and then lost to the Chicago Blackhawks in the Stanley Cup Final.

The current Bruins enter their series with the Hurri-

canes as the favorite to win the Stanley Cup at +175. Carolina has the second-best odds at +350.

There isn't a single person in the hockey world that would deny the door is wide open for the B's to hoist the Stanley Cup in June. Having defeated the No. 8 seed Blue Jackets in the second round, and now the No. 7 seed Hurricanes, it's not too often that you don't have to go through the best teams in the NHL to win the Cup.

The No. 1 seed Tampa Bay Lightning got swept in the first round by Columbus, and the defending champion Capitals lost to Carolina. And in the West, the top-two seeds in Calgary and Nashville both lost in the first round to Wild Card teams.

Right now, the Bruins are the team that seems to have it all. But most importantly, it's a team that is seeing its goaltender step up and play his A game in the biggest moments.

Tuukka Rask has been outstanding in net for the B's. Through the 13 playoff games in the first two rounds, Rask has a .938 save percentage and a 2.02 goals-against average. The last time his save percentage was this high was in 2013, when he finished the playoffs with a .940 save percentage in 22 games, the year they lost in the Stanley Cup Final.

Tweet of the Week

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Welcome to #TheHall, @Rodney_Harrison!

Rodney Harrison announced as the 29th member of the @Patriots Hall of Fame:



COUNTRY HOUSE WINS CONTROVERSIAL KENTUCKY DERBY, MAXIMUM SECURITY'S APPEAL DENIED

SBT Staff

Before Saturday, no Kentucky Derby winner had ever been disqualified for interference. That all changed in the 145th running at Churchill Downs, as "Maximum Security" crossed the finish line first, but ended up being DQ'd after a 22-minute video review, because it was ruled that he had interfered with several horses when he drifted out from the rail on the final turn.

The runner-up, "Country House," was then declared the winner of the Ken-



tucky Derby.

Since, the owners of "Maximum Security" have filed an appeal to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission, but that appeal was quickly denied.

"Maximum Security" will not run in the Preakness Stakes on May 18. The owners of the horse implied they're holding him out because there's no chance at a Triple Crown.

It's also been learned that "Country House" will also miss the Preakness with an illness.

WHAT TO WATCH

NHL THURSDAY, MAY 9

Eastern Conference Final
Gm 1: Carolina at Boston
8 P.M. NBCSN

NBA FRIDAY, MAY 10 *IF NECESSARY

Eastern Conference Semifinals
Gm 6: Milwaukee at Boston
TBD ESPN

MLB FRIDAY, MAY 10

Seattle at Boston 7:10 P.M. NESN

SATURDAY, MAY 11

Seattle at Boston 1:05 P.M. NESN

SUNDAY, MAY 12

Seattle at Boston 1:05 P.M. NESN



HARRISON TO BE INDUCTED INTO PATRIOTS HALL OF FAME

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots announced this week that former safety and two-time Super Bowl champion Rodney Harrison will be inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame in 2019.

Harrison was voted in by the fans in an online vote, and will be the 29th person inducted into the Patriots Hall of Fame. He also becomes the seventh player from the 2003 and 2004 back-to-back Super Bowl champion Patriots to be inducted. The other six players are Troy Brown, Tedy Bruschi, Ty Law, Willie McGinest, Kevin Faulk, and Matt Light.

The Patriots are the only team in the NFL that lets their fans vote for the franchise's Hall of Fame. Those in New England clearly understand Harrison's value to the back-to-back championship teams. Harrison had seven interceptions in nine playoff games with the Pats. Two of those interceptions came in their Super Bowl XXXIX win over the Philadelphia Eagles.



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