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Unexpectedly, while conducting a 'Coffee Hour with the Mayor' at Moakley Park on May 22, Mayor Marty Walsh announced that the City intended to let the temporary IPOD that has been in place for two years in South Boston expire in July without extension. Quiet gasps were heard among the attendees. Some because they knew what that meant, others because they did not know what it meant.

In 2017, the new owner of 202 M Street proposed an 8-unit development on the lot that had always been a cozy and attractive single-family home with ample yard and off-street parking. The neighbors went bal-

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EDITORIAL

College Is Just One Option For High School Graduates

It's graduation time and, for so many high school seniors, it means major decisions need to be made. Seeking higher education is always a noble goal. College is an option that appeals to many, but surveys have found that in 2019, it is just one of many choices available. Now, at least as many young people are selecting trades schools as those choosing colleges and universities.

The advantages of going to a trade school over

seeking a college degree are several. The cost is a lot less. There is far less accumulated debt after graduating from a trade school. Those college student loans very often burden a graduate for decades to come. Owning tens of thousands of dollars and possibly even hundreds of thousands of dollars is a difficult way to begin adult life, especially if the chosen field is not one that pays very well. A degree in Horse-shoeing, Auctioneering,

Astrology, The Beatles, and Canadian Studies may be interesting and where your passion leads you (Yes, these are actual majors available) but often they don't help much with being able to buy a home, raise a family or even put food on the table.

Learning a trade can do all of those and more. Electricians, plumbers, carpenters, air conditioning, refrigeration and heating technicians will always be in demand and pay well. The military is

a good option, especially in today's world with all the new technology it uses and teaches. Having military service on a resume is proving very attractive to companies looking to hire. A career in law enforcement, being a firefighter or other types of first responder is also something our country and our communities will always need. These also pay well.

College is an excellent way to go, when leaving high school. But it certainly is not the only choice avail-



able and, quite frankly, may be a waste of time if the only reason one chooses to attend is because of peer pressure. This is America and the opportunities this great country provides to embark on a wonderful, satisfying and lucrative career are abundant. Choose wisely.

"If you can't convince them, confuse them" - Harry S. Truman

Councilor Flynn To Announce Re-Election Bid June 4th At Capo

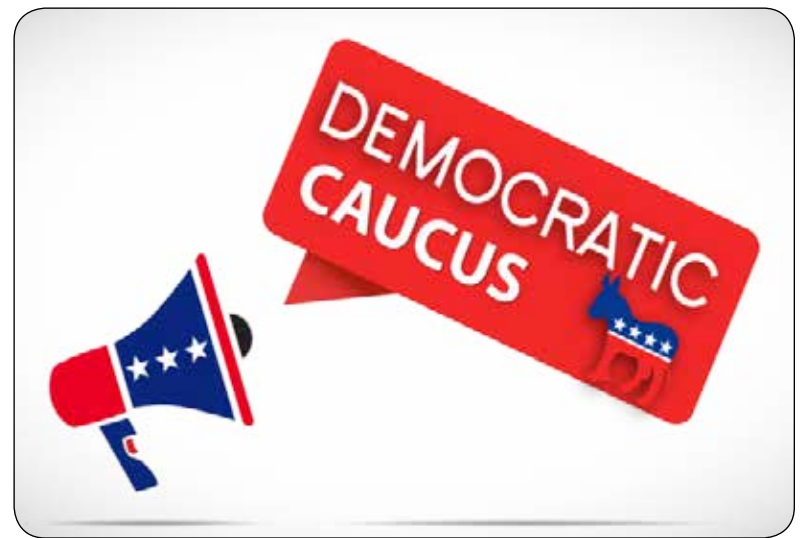


Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn will begin his campaign for re-election with family, friends, and supporters next Tuesday, June 4th at Capo Restaurant (443 West Broadway, South Boston) from 5:30pm-8pm. Councilor Flynn will formally announce his re-election bid while also emphasizing his dedication to the issues he has championed during his term in office; pedestrian and public safety, housing and development concerns, fighting for working families, as well as accessibility issues for persons with disabilities and language access.

"I'd like to thank the dozens of supporters throughout District 2 who helped to obtain thousands of signatures to get us on the ballot this fall," said Flynn. "I will continue to work hard every day at City Hall on behalf of all of my constituents. I humbly ask for your support and to join us as we re-commit ourselves to the issues of traffic calming and public safety, concerns related to housing and development, standing up for working families, and accessibility for all of our residents."

For more information or to contribute online, please visit www.edforboston.com.

2019 Democratic Caucus Scheduled



Ward 6 & Ward 7 Democratic Committees have scheduled a Caucus to elect delegates to the State Convention to be held in the Fall. The Caucus will take place Thursday June 13 530 pm at the Curley Community Center.

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Is it 'Open Season' for Attacks on Veterans Memorials?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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

It was just a little over 2 months ago, March 17th to be exact when our South Boston World War II Memorial on Day Blvd. was defaced, doused in some type of sticky oil that was next to impossible to remove. We all know the story. It wasn't just big news and distressing to South Bostonians. It was reported on all over the country, as people everywhere were shocked, disgusted and angry over what had happened. WHO would do such a thing and WHY were the two biggest questions being asked? That the attack on our memorial happened on a day designated to remember a military engagement; Evacuation Day which as we know falls on the same day as St. Patrick's Day was not lost to suspicious residents eager to find out and perhaps get their hands on who did this.

As we also know, the beautiful Vietnam War Memorial in Dorchester located on Morrissey Blvd. was hit and defaced; American flags torn and thrown into the nearby water leading up to the Memorial Day weekend. Apparently, someone wanted to send an anti-military/anti-veteran message on a holiday that so solemnly remembers those who gave their lives in battle in defense of this country and the freedom we all enjoy because of those sacrifices. This was the second time the Dorchester site was vandalized in recent times. And there have been other military monuments and grave sites hit around the city and in fact all across the nation. It also seems that there are people out there who feel

that it is open season on anything that pays tribute to fallen veterans. It's as if culprits feel they have a right to attack and damage these monuments, the flags and anything else with a patriotic message because they themselves disagree with the high honor and esteem our war heroes are held in and looked upon with and in fact have an intense hatred for this country in general.

The anger is building and is approaching a boiling point by residents who are fed up with these attacks and want something done about it. They want these vandals caught and when they are caught, given severe punishment and not just slaps on the wrist. And yes, many of us have heard the talk around town by some South Boston and Dorchester residents as well as American citizens everywhere, pretty much suggesting that since it seems to be open season for these vandals to attack the memorials, maybe it should be open season on the vandals themselves.

The hard work, expense, the planning, the preparations and the love that goes into erecting these war memorials to America's fallen heroes is huge. South Boston residents over the years have put their hearts and souls into getting our memorials built. So too did the dedicated residents of Dorchester for the monuments that are in their community. It's the same nationwide. The attacks on them must be stopped and those who commit these acts put on notice that the Veterans memorials are off limits to attacks that are most likely motivated by their sick ideology.

The punishment for those caught doing it should be something that they will dread. If anything can be classified as a 'hate crime' it is these attacks. Hate crimes carry a big penalty now and should be applied to this situation.

To close this week, there is some good news to report regarding the South Boston World War II Memorial. State Representative David Biele gave us an update on the progress of the restoration. The DCR (Department of Conservation and Recre-

ation) has now signed off on the contract for the restoration work to take place and it is moving along well. Work was delayed for a while because of the cold wet spring weather. The substance that will clean the monument can only be effective when the temperature is 70 degrees and above and as we all know, there were very few of those days up until now. So the crews will be there on multiple days per week working hard to get the memorial back to the way it was.

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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.

Casinos and DraftKings: Let us rule the sports-betting market

MassLive's Dan Glaun and the Globe's Andy Rosen report that an unusual alliance is forming on sports gambling in Massachusetts: In a letter to lawmakers, the state's three casinos are now saying that they and fantasy sports firms (i.e. Boston's DraftKings) should together handle the digital sports books if sports betting is legalized in Massachusetts. As Rosen notes, casinos have previously resisted an alliance with fantasy sports firms – and their banding together may head off a major private-sector fight on Beacon Hill over who wins the sports-gambling spoils.

The AP's Steve LeBlanc at the Boston Herald, meanwhile, has a good summary on all the sports-gambling legislation that will be reviewed at State House hearings this week, starting today.

The greatest challenge facing the Wampanoags? Perhaps themselves

Speaking of gambling, the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe's reservation land is in jeopardy and its plans for a casino in southeastern Massachusetts are up in the air. To top it all off, the tribe is beset by internal politics and infighting. Tanner Stening at the Cape Cod Times reports on the latest effort to oust tribal chairman Cedric Cromwell.

Meanwhile, the Globe's Brian MacQuarrie has an update on the Wampanoag's various external and internal woes of late.

'Races within the race'

The New York Times has a good piece on the crowded Democratic contest for president – and how it's broken down into a series of "races within the race." One of those races within the race: Elizabeth Warren versus Bernie Sanders over the party's progressive block. Meanwhile, Aaron Blake at the Washington Post takes a look at what it would take for each and every Dem candidate to win the party's nomination. For Warren, it comes down to (drumroll please) overtaking Sanders. As for U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton, his only chance is convincing Democrats that they "need to hand things off to the next generation and that he is the one to lead the transition." In other words: He needs a miracle.

Meanwhile, Moulton's race against time

Hurry up! The first debate of the 2020 Democratic presidential primary is now less than a month away and U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton is currently one of five candidates who has yet to earn a spot on the stage due to his low polling and fundraising numbers, Tal Axelrod reports at

The Hill. Some observers believe failing to make the cut would be a death knell for Moulton and others' campaigns.

DeLeo to unveil \$1.3B 'Greenworks' program

From the Globe's Jon Chesto: "House Speaker Robert DeLeo this week is unveiling his latest salvo in the effort to offset climate change: a \$1.3 billion energy and resiliency bill that would create a new grant program for cities and towns. The grant program, called GreenWorks, would be funded by \$1 billion in bonds and paid out over a decade."

Praying for the suspect accused of vandalizing the Vietnam War memorial?

Joseph Zinck, president of the Dorchester Vietnam Memorial Committee, is praising police for the quick apprehension of a suspect thought to have vandalized the Vietnam War memorial in Dorchester just prior to the Memorial Day weekend. But he's also asking for members of his group to pray for the suspect, who may be mentally ill. "We can replant trees, repaint flagpoles, fix things that get broken, but I think it's just important that we pray for the guy and hope that he gets the help that he needs," Zinck said, as John Hilliard reports at the Globe.

Most Massachusetts communities seeing population growth

Heading into next year's full census count, this is interesting: The AP at Western Mass News reports that 82 percent of the state's towns and cities saw population growth over the past year, with big gains (either in numbers or percentage growth) in Boston, Cambridge, Framingham, Sudbury, Sharon and Stoneham. Communities in western Massachusetts and on Cape Cod, though, saw population declines.

UMass vs Beacon Hill showdown: Can't they just get along?

The Herald's Joe Battenfeld writes that the budget standoff between UMass president Marty Meehan and state lawmakers means only one thing: "Students will be the losers." Battenfeld suggests a grand compromise to resolve the dispute. Hint: It involves UMass administrators and Beacon Hill pet projects. As a result, we have our doubts about whether such a compromise is achievable.

Amid federal probe, Baker defends state prison system

Gov. Charlie Baker is defending the state's prison system amid news that federal prosecutors within the civil-rights division are investigating the treatment of inmates in state custody, reports the Globe's Matt Stout. "The department has complied with every ruling, every decision, and every order that's been issued with respect to the way it operates. And we'll continue to do so," Baker said.

REP. BIELE VOTES TO PASS DISTRACTED DRIVING LEGISLATION

Bill would prohibit handheld cell phone use while driving



BOSTON—Recently, **Representative David Biele** joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in passing legislation to ban drivers from using hand-held electronic devices in vehicles unless they are in hands-free mode.

"Distracted driving is a serious public safety issue on our streets and factors into too many preventable accidents," said Rep. Biele. "I'm proud to support this bill which prohibits handheld cell phone use while driving. This bill makes our streets safer by requiring drivers to keep their hands on the steer-

ing wheel and their eyes on the road, instead of on their cell phones."

The bill defines hands-free devices as those that engage in voice communication with and receiving audio without touching, holding or otherwise manually manipulating the device. Law enforcement officials have the ability to issue warnings to drivers until Dec. 31, 2019 before the law goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2020.

The bill will also:

- Allow for drivers to use mapping or navigation devices if they are affixed to the windshield or integrated into the ve-

hicle and only involve a tap or a swipe;

- Exempt use of electronics in the case of an emergency and for first responders if they are using the devices as part of their duties;
- Penalize drivers with fines \$100 for the first offence, \$250 for the second offence and \$500 for third and subsequent offences; and
- Create a public awareness campaign informing and educating the dangers of using technological devices while driving and the obligations of drivers under this bill.

The bill will now go to the Senate.

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listic, so to speak. And in response to what many residents at the time believed was a greed-based interpretation of the Article 68 new amendments to the Boston Zoning code allowing for an FAR of 2 in South Boston, at the urging of City Councilor Michael Flaherty, the Mayor imposed a temporary IPOD that was to give the City time to re-engage the community and further amend the new zoning to address as many loopholes as possible, given the latitude that resulted in an egregious interpretation of the code, notwithstanding its legality.

The rezoning process undertaken over a two-year period was supposed to result in less and less need for public attendance at contentious hearings. At the time, the Mayor stated, “We launched the South Boston Rezoning Initiative as a result of the South Boston community’s desire to ensure that future development fits within the fabric of the neighborhood.”

When the Mayor instituted the Article 27S IPOD and its first extension in February 2018, he stated, “The extension of the IPOD will give us another tool to measure if the zoning is working the way it is intended to.” Mark McGonagle, then representing the BPDA and who facilitated neighborhood zoning dialogue, added, “The zoning changes made to the code were guided by the average building dimensions in Southie, which, through the community process, we determined to be appropriate scale for future housing. However, we have heard from the neighborhood that this scale may not be appropriate in all cases. The extension of the IPOD is an effective way to continue to examine these issues as they arise.”

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) defines the Interim Planning Overlay District as ‘short-term zoning codes adopted by the City for a specific geographic area, which is undergoing a longer-term planning or rezoning process. An IPOD ensures that development projects seeking approval in the near term will meet the goals of the longer-term planning or rezoning process, rather than continuing current, likely out-

moded, development patterns.

An Overlay District is a type of land use zoning district that “lies” on top of the existing zoning and potentially covers many underlying districts. The use of Overlay Districts provides communities with an opportunity to meet the unique needs of geographic areas that may either require higher levels of protection – or - may not be reaching their fullest development potential.

Overlay Districts are specified by statute and can be established with either optional or mandatory requirements upon the underlying land. Generally, once an Overlay District is established, the requirements of that district supersede provisions in the underlying zoning where standards and procedures are different.

There is precedent for extending the IPOD beyond what might be considered a reasonable period of time. ARTICLE 27P, the South Boston Waterfront IPOD, was extended from when it was instituted in 1999 for 15 years through to 2014. So what’s another year or two during which the City can propose the necessary amendments to avoid the exploitation of the loopholes and strengthen the purpose of Article 68 - “To ensure that future development in South Boston fits within the fabric of the neighborhood”.

The following are statements from City, State and Congressional Elected Officials

- “We’ve been overwhelmed in South Boston with numerous proposals to demolish and rebuild single family and two family homes, converting those structures to massive box-like buildings that are totally incompatible with the neighborhood and make parking more difficult. Simply put, these massive developments encroach on our quality of life. I am very concerned about the current trend and I hope the new zoning accommodates my neighbors’ concerns.” – **Congressman Stephen Lynch**

- “I proposed implementing the Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD), Article 27-S, as a temporary measure to provide an additional layer of community oversight into any projects looking to build, extend or perform renovations over 1,000 sq feet in light of the rapid devel-



opment occurring throughout the neighborhood. Over the past two years, with Mayor Walsh’s support, the IPOD prevented the bulldozing of one, two and three family homes on over-sized lots. That being said, no zoning is perfect, and Article 68 has some existing deficiencies that need to be addressed in light of the IPOD expiring on July 17, 2019. I suggest adding a minimum lot size per dwelling unit and where appropriate, increase the per unit parking requirements. I am committed to working with the stakeholders to make sure that the neighborhood is protected. I encourage all constituents to reach out to my office and express their questions, concerns and ideas about how we can make Article 68 better for the neighborhood.” – **Councilor At Large Michael Flaherty**

- “As a candidate two years ago, I joined Councilor Michael Flaherty in calling for the South Boston (IPOD) to bring community process and transparency to projects that neighbors may have issues with but would not have otherwise been caught by Article 68 zoning. The IPOD is not perfect and it does trigger this public process for smaller, less controversial interior projects. It has also provided an opportunity for neighbors to weigh in on some

proposals that abutters, civic groups, and elected officials all found to add too many bedrooms and provide negative impacts to parking and quality of life. Some have also described it as a deterrent for developers to take on controversial projects in our community due to the public process it entails. I have serious concerns about lifting the IPOD at this time and view it as a small price to pay to ensure that residents have a voice in what happens in their neighborhood. I look forward to receiving more feedback from my constituents and our civic associations about the IPOD and other zoning suggestions at a hearing in the coming weeks.” – **District Councilor Ed Flynn**

- “The South Boston IPOD has slowed the displacement and over-development that was happening in the neighborhood and should not be lifted unless the zoning code will be amended to address the underlying issues. Residents need to have a chance to give meaningful feedback on what these zoning changes should be. I am working with Councilors Flynn and Flaherty to confirm a date shortly for a public hearing on the IPOD, and I stand with the neighborhood in pushing for residents to have a voice in planning the

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Grilling Rules and Regulations in Boston

Where to Use and Not Use Your Barbecue Grill

SBT Staff Report

Everyone knows that we are well into spring and will soon be deep into the summer season and the usual summertime activities are going strong. One of the greatest pleasures in the warm months is of course the fine art of grilling or barbecuing. Each year around this time; South

Boston Today receives several inquiries by residents about what the rules are within the city limits as far as where grills are legally allowed to be used and where they are prohibited. In response, we did some checking and with the help of some neighbors and city officials we obtained the info some of you have been curious about. No one here

at SBT is trying to tell you where or how to use your grill; that's not for us to decide, but here are the restrictions you should be aware of. And the reason for concern is that there have been incidents of grills causing fires over the years here in the neighborhood. We live in the city and the houses are close together. An out of control grill fire

could cause not only a tragedy to the people using the grills but to surrounding homes as well.

(The following does not apply to the use and storage of Natural Gas grills permitted through ISD and installed by a licensed installer in accordance with proper codes and standards but does apply to the standard type charcoal and LP (propane) grills commonly used.)

Charcoal Grills: These are not allowed to be used on top of or within a building or a structure per order of the Boston Fire Dept.

LP (propane) Grills: City of Boston regulations prohibits the use and storage of the propane tanks or containers inside or on balconies above the first floor of any building or structure used for habitation. Also on first floor porches, decks or balconies enclosed by a roof/ceiling or other confining material and never on fire escapes or fire escape balconies.

Boston Fire Department officials urge all to keep grills clean for safety reasons.

Well readers, these are the rules put forth by the city that some of you have been asking about. Do with this information what you wish but please, by all means, this spring and summer when using your grills; do so carefully for your own personal safety, the safety of your family and guests and for your surrounding neighbors as well. But also, have a good time and enjoy your grills and all the great food that tastes so good when cooked outdoors.

(To view, in detail the rules and regulations and for safety tips to consider when barbecuing, you can log onto the Boston Fire Department web page at www.cityof-boston/fire and go to the link titled 'Barbecue Safety Info'.)



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community around them.” - *At Large Councilor Michelle Wu*

• “The IPOD demonstrates the importance of establishing a strong community process for development in the South Boston neighborhood,” said Councilor Essaibi-George. “As a former Civic Association President, our office has prioritized attending neighborhood meetings and we have a strong record of attending Zoning

Board Meetings to advocate on behalf of abutters impacted by development. I share the community’s interests about preserving the architectural character of the neighborhoods and will continue to represent their interests before the developers and Zoning Board, with or without, an IPOD in place, to make sure that South Boston residents are fully protected in the community process for future development in the area.” *At Large Councilor Annissa*

Essaibi George

• “As a Boston City Councilor At-Large, I stand with the South Boston community in supporting, stopping or slowing down the lifting of the South Boston Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD) in order to have more community input. Since I was sworn onto the Boston City Council this past January, in addition to trying to fix the broken MBTA and working for real affordable housing for residents, one of

the major issues I have been working on is fighting the over-development of Boston, which is a major problem throughout the city. Simply put, the Article 68 Zoning does not fit all of South Boston, and I support the extension of the IPOD.” – *Councilor At-Large Althea Garrison*

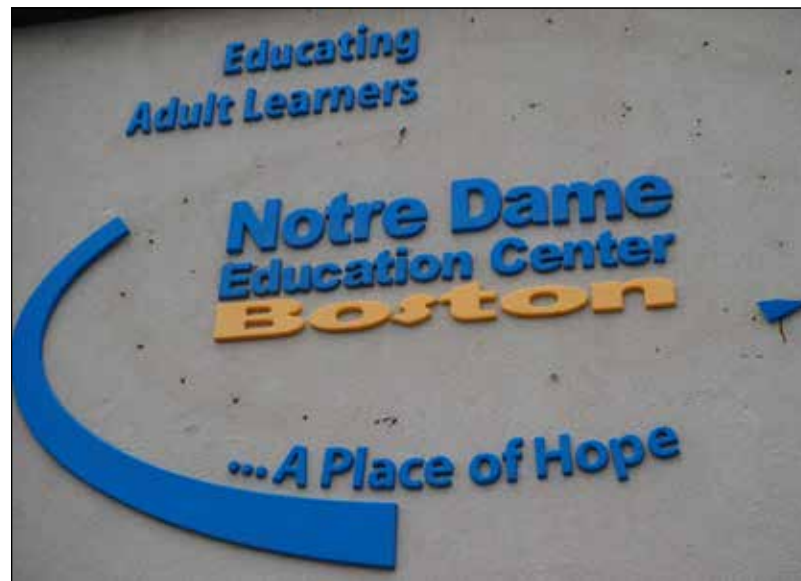
• *South Boston Today* reached out to the offices of **Senator Nick Collins** and **State Rep. David Biele** but have not heard back at the time this paper went to press.

What Did They Know And When Did They Know It?

The Notre Dame Education Center, proposed to be housed in a newly constructed facility at 200 Old Colony Avenue South Boston, according to reports from the affected parties, abruptly fired 15 teachers, including 3 nuns who had been there for 20+ years each, over the Memorial Day weekend. This decision stopped the Adult Education classes focused on English as a second language. Furthermore, students showed up on Wednesday May 29 to a notice that the building was closed. The Local 7 Ironworkers offered their meeting hall to allow the confused and disappointed students and their family and friends along with teachers to gather to try to make sense of what is happening to them.

Apparently, NDEC had been planning to close programming for all but youth/high school diploma students as of June 12th, leaving no adult education available in South Boston. Nonetheless, this precipitous action did not provide for the opportunity for teachers to speak with their students, and try to explain what happened, nor have the chance to gather their belongings. With no teachers returning to work, the management team, including the Executive Director, Mary Rose Duarte, has not only cancelled classes but had not even notified the students. Many of whom do not speak and read English well yet. The Center educates three hundred ninety-five (395) students, many of whom are immigrants and people of color, taking English language classes (ESOL) and Adult Basic Education (ABE) classes.

In a fact sheet distributed the following is a chronology of events to date. According to NDEC Board of Directors, overhead costs are said to account for the decision to effectively shutter the program that serves ap-



proximately 88% of the school population. While all staff of ESOL and ABE have been terminated, the management team continues drawing salary. NDEC employs 3 full time staff on their executive team, 2 full time staff on their management team, and other full-time employees. This news also flies directly counters the assurances NDEC management provided to community members and elected officials during a controversial zoning process which culminated in approval on August 14, 2018. Supporters and opponents debated the plan for five stories of apartments atop a single floor owned free and clear by the Notre Dame Education Center.

More than 300 residents spoke out in favor of the proposal, based on the premise that the school and the mission of NDEC -- To provide quality education and support services in a diverse caring community that empowers adult learners to realize their full potential -- would be preserved. But now, the very programs that defined the mission will no longer be in existence. And incidentally, the two remaining Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur teachers were terminated.

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I would be honored if you joined me as I announce my candidacy for re-election to the Boston City Council.

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The Wine Guy In The Pink



On the off chance that we get back to the kind of weather we just had this past weekend, I'd like to suggest a bottle of Rose; as a matter of fact, several bottles, with a sparkling brand as well.

Rather than go the usual route of starting in Provence, we'll begin a little closer to home, just south to the North Fork of Long Island, where

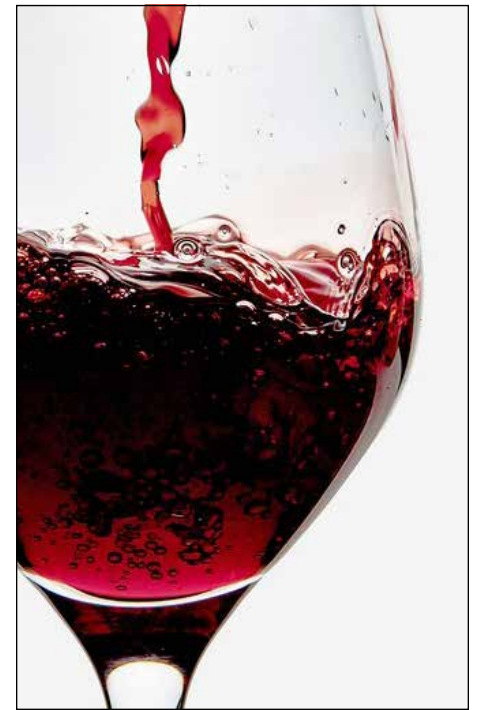
Wolffer Estates has been making increasingly good wines since the early 1970s. Their **2018 Wolffer Estate Rose, Long Island, (\$17.99)** is delicate in the French fashion, which is surprising, given that it's blended from Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. Notes of strawberries, kiwi and green apples are all there and the finish is surprisingly long for what's typically a lighter wine. This wine is great with light Tapas, summer salads or a Lobster Salad sandwich.

All right, now onto the French side of things. One of the country's oldest Rose wine making regions is Tavel. North of the Cotes du Rhone, it's an ancient and beautiful region of Southern France. **The 2018 Prieure de Montezargues Rose, Tavel, France, (\$19.99)** is one of the best-known wines in the region. Made from Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah, this wine is crisp and refreshing, with notes of spring flowers, honey and light caramel. The finish is brief but warm, kind

of like our Spring. If you're having Tuscan wings, scallops with bacon or some Asian food, better have a bottle or two of this one on hand.

The 2017 Inman Family Endless Crush Rose of Pinot Noir, Russian River Valley, California, (\$26.99), has the essence of Pinot Noir wine is its aromas of strawberry and cherry, underpinned by complex examples of hints of forest floor. You'll also taste a bit of Acai berries on the finish, which is well-structured and long. The Pinot Noirs from this region are supple and creamy and this step-cousin makes any seafood dish all the better; also, try it with boiled lobster—really delicious!

Here's one that will do a little double duty—have it straight out of the bottle or use as the base of a superb summer cocktail. **Banfi Rosa Regale, NV, (\$23.99)**, is a classic summer sparkler, with fresh notes of strawberries and raspberries, over scents of fresh rose petals. If you're in a cocktail mood, then try this:



The Mirosa

Pour 3 Oz. of chilled Rosa Regale, 1.5 oz. of Grand Marnier and a splash of cranberry juice into a glass with a few cubes of ice. Stir and enjoy!

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Brandon Thomas **2021** High Honors



of South Boston achieved Honors for the Third Quarter at Boston College High School.

For High Honors an upperclassman must have at least a 3.8 quality point average and all grades C+ or higher.

For honors upperclassmen need a 3.2 QPA and all grades C- or higher.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1500 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
853 East Broadway Single Family	\$2,400,000	3/29/19	10	3.5	3,714
581 East Broadway UNIT 2 Condo	\$1,170,750	3/28/19	6	2	1,935
46-1/2 M Street Three Family	\$1,080,000	3/29/19	8	2	2,830
585 East Seventh St UNIT 2 Condo	\$910,000	3/27/19	5	2	1,474
628 East Second St UNIT 3 Condo	\$910,000	3/29/19	4	2.5	1,204
150-156 Athens St UNIT 6 Condo	\$865,000	3/29/19	5	2	1,008
205 West Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$825,000	3/29/19	5	2	1,172
150-156 Athens St UNIT 3 Condo	\$815,000	3/29/19	5	2	1,008
554 Dorchester Ave UNIT B2 Condo	\$680,000	3/29/19	4	2.5	1,165
133-135 M St UNIT 1 Condo	\$675,000	3/27/19	4	1.5	825
10 Peters St UNIT 2 Condo	\$600,000	3/28/19	5	1	857
534 East Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$575,000	3/27/19	3	1	715
7-9 Thomas Park UNIT 4 Condo	\$462,500	3/28/19	3	1	604



Community Meeting on the Northern Avenue Bridge Project

Monday, June 3, 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
6:30 PM Presentation & 7:00 PM Open House

District Hall, Assembly Room
75 Northern Avenue, Boston, MA

Built in 1908, today's Northern Avenue Bridge was in service for over a century before it was closed to all modes of travel in 2014. The City of Boston has been looking at families of design concepts for bridge types and will present them at this meeting. Improving mobility, honoring history, strengthening resiliency and placemaking of a new destination along Boston's harbor are four themes that the City will attempt to incorporate, to the extent feasible. The City invites you to provide input at this meeting to help identify a preferred bridge type that meets the City's and community's needs for Boston's next century.

The meeting will begin with a short presentation and then break into an open house where participants can view proposed design concepts for the bridge and speak with members of the Project Team. The presentation will begin at 6:30 PM, followed by the open house.

Visit the project website for more information:
www.boston.gov/northern-ave

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South Boston Catholic Academy News

The Grade 4 students at South Boston Catholic Academy recently learned about the ancient civilizations, dating back to 15,000 years ago, that lived across North America. When learning about the culture and characteristics of the native tribes from the Northwest Coast of North America, we learned about the many types of totem poles created by tribes in this region. As a culminating project, students made their own totem poles, including animal “carvings” that represent their family. Students wrote a five-paragraph narrative

story, pretending they were part of the Kwakiutl clan and it was the day of their potlatch, a celebratory ceremony when totem poles would be raised and the story of the totem pole would be shared with the clan. Their stories included an explanation of the meaning behind each of the three animal carvings they chose for their totem pole.

Grade 4 read an informational book about totem poles to a partner in grade 2. Then they read their own totem pole story and shared their totem pole project.

Also, during our unit on ancient

civilizations of North America, we discussed that many Native American tribes throughout North America used natural resources (clay, charcoal, minerals berries, etc.) to create symbols for petroglyphs and pictographs on rock formations and animal hides. The purpose of these symbols was to display various information, such as the history of their people or legends of their tribe, among other purposes that archaeologists continue to study today. Grade 4 reviewed images of Native American symbols in pictographs and petroglyphs that

have been preserved. As an extension, students used common Native American symbols used among many tribes to write a story of their life (from the perspective of a Native American living in ancient North America), or to write an own original Native American legend, on paper bags that they cut out to symbolize the “animal hide.”

Great job Grade 4!

Please check our website at www.sbcatholicacademy.org for more info. about our school or contact Mrs. Jamie Brown, Assistant Principal, at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org or phone 617-268-2326 to schedule a tour of the school.



Coffee With Mayor Walsh

Neighborhood Coffee Hours give residents a unique opportunity to speak directly with Mayor Walsh and staff from City departments. Mayor Walsh looked forward to hearing from the residents of the South Boston community at his annual coffee hour held this year at

Joe Moakley Park on May 22, 2019, regarding how the City of Boston can improve upon local parks, public areas and City services.

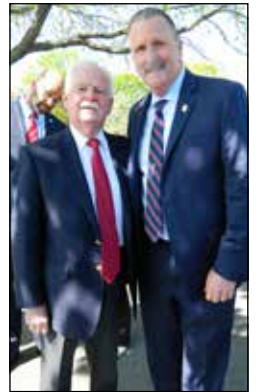
The Parks and Recreation Department provided free coffee and breakfast treats provided by Dunkin', as well as fresh fruit from Star Market. Each family re-

ceived a flowering plant grown in the City's greenhouses as a gift from Mayor Walsh. The Mayor facilitated giveaways and raffle items with prizes from Dunkin'. The City of Boston provided information on City programs from:

- the Boston Public Library
- Boston Public Schools

- the Boston Police Department, and
- Boston Centers for Youth & Families.

Coffee hours are held from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., unless otherwise noted. For more information and updates on possible weather cancellations, please contact Parks and Recreation at 617-635-4505.



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Many now believe the story was presented in a misleading way to the Boston Globe on October 29th, 2018 in an article titled “Sisters of Notre Dame forge an unusual development deal to protect South Boston school” which outlined the controversial process of development for the site. Did the NDEC and the developers know, when proposing the partnership, that the organization could not sustain the programs about which they framed the storyline to attract

residents’ support for their proposal? The story sounded good but what did they know and when did they know it. Despite significant opposition the NDEC was able to get significantly more support, including that of Mayor Walsh.

The school is in an area of South Boston “expected to be rezoned to allow for taller buildings,” wrote Jon Chesto. Chesto went on to write “So when the sisters found out their building was for sale; they did something bold: They bought the quarter-acre

property for \$4.5 million in August 2017.” According to Chesto “They... teamed up with a developer to build a six-story apartment building on the property that would also include a 10,000-square-foot condo space on the ground floor that the school would own, free and clear.” Chesto continued “The number of people who told the Boston Planning & Development Agency that they supported the project was nearly double the number of critics who formally opposed it.”

NDEC is now described as sepa-

rate from the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, an independent “sponsored ministry.” However, it appears that NDEC has no intention of keeping these promises, either clear or understood, to the Sisters of Notre Dame; or the students who dearly need these programs; or the taxpayers who fund the entire program; or the teachers who provided their time and expertise; or the community members who agree to re-zoning based on the promise of the school; or the elected officials who acted on the basis of that promise.



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2018 Beaches Water Quality Report Card

Beach	6 Year Average	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
M Street Beach - South Boston	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
City Point Beach - South Boston	99%	97%	94%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Pleasure Bay - South Boston	99%	100%	100%	98%	100%	100%	96%
Nantasket Beach - Hull	99%	100%	98%	100%	100%	98%	100%
Carson Beach - South Boston	98%	93%	100%	100%	97%	100%	99%
Nahant Beach - Nahant	98%	100%	100%	97%	98%	100%	91%
Revere Beach - Revere	97%	98%	98%	98%	92%	100%	94%
Winthrop Beach - Winthrop	97%	100%	94%	100%	100%	94%	94%
Savin Hill Beach - Dorchester	96%	100%	94%	100%	94%	87%	100%
Constitution Beach - East Boston	95%	94%	95%	96%	89%	96%	97%
Wollaston Beach - Quincy	91%	93%	92%	93%	86%	94%	88%
Short Beach - Revere	91%	100%	80%	88%	84%	100%	94%
Malibu Beach - Dorchester	89%	91%	91%	97%	87%	93%	76%
King's Beach - Lynn (& Swampscott)	83%	75%	92%	83%	76%	88%	83%
Tenean Beach - Dorchester	80%	78%	81%	92%	71%	95%	63%
All Beaches	94%	95%	94%	96%	92%	96%	92%

On Sunday, May 26, 2019, the environmental advocacy organization Save the Harbor/Save the Bay released their annual Metropolitan Beaches Water Quality Report Card, just in time for Memorial Day.

In 2018, weekly water quality testing at Boston’s regional beaches began May 24th. Supplemental daily testing of Constitution Beach, King’s Beach, Malibu Beach, Tenean Beach, and Wollaston Beach began on June 7th, 2018. Testing concluded on Labor Day weekend, September 3, 2018.

These scores reflect the percent of samples that complied with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s single sample limit for bacteria which is the most straightforward way of evaluating beach water quality and potential impacts on human health.

In 2018, the overall water quality safety rating for Boston Harbor’s regional beaches was 95%, a slight improvement over the 2017 score of 94%.

M Street Beach in South Boston topped the list again this year, while Tenean Beach in Dorchester and King’s Beach in Lynn and Swampscott were the lowest-scoring beaches in the region again in 2018.

It is important to note that the Boston Water and Sewer Commission

continues to identify and address illicit connections that contribute to the problems at Tenean Beach in Dorchester, while both Lynn and Swampscott have planned improvements to their sewer and storm water systems, which we expect will result in improvement in water quality on King’s Beach upon completion.

Though 2018 was the wettest year on record for Massachusetts, with 61 inches of rain, more than 16 inches above the 20th century average and the total rainfall during the 2018 sampling season was very similar to 2017, though more than double than in 2016.

There were several large rain events during the 2018 swimming season, three of which were greater than 1 inch – they were 1.16, 2.68, and 1.38 inches respectively. While the average daily rainfall for the summer was 0.12 inches, more than 42% of the rain came in just three storms. This may indicate that the distribution, frequency, and intensity of summer storms that seemed somewhat atypical, may be increasingly common in the future.

Changes in the intensity and frequency of summer storms often explains the variations we see on our beaches from year to year. These seasonal variations are why Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is reluctant

to draw conclusions from a single year’s sampling results, preferring to rely on the six-year average we have included in this report.

One critical weakness of our beach posting and flagging program, where bacteria testing triggers advisories, is that postings are always a day late because beach managers must wait 24 to 36 hours after a sample is collected to obtain test results. Beach water quality may have already changed significantly during this period, and the prior day’s test does not necessarily reflect current conditions.

Instead of relying on postings and flags, we urge beach goers to rely on common sense and the six-year average for their beach, though we understand why it’s interesting to see where water quality improved or declined versus the previous year.

BEACH WATER QUALITY EVALUATION METHODS AND METRICS

Save the Harbor uses quantitative metrics for assessing beach water quality and management at the Boston Harbor region beaches. Enterococcus is the current microbial indicator of GI illness used in marine waters, as established by EPA guidelines. To assess and compare the water quality and conditions on each beach, we looked at the percentage

of test samples exceeding the state swimming standard of 104 colony forming units (cfu) of Enterococcus in 100 milliliters (mL) of water.

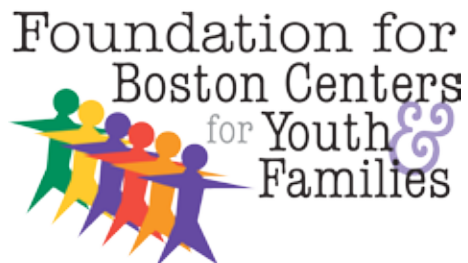
Another indicator of water quality is the geometric mean (GM). The GM indicates the central tendency of a set of numbers from the product of their values and is a useful measure when values can increase exponentially, like bacteria counts. Massachusetts Department of Health requires DCR to calculate the GM based on bacterial exceedance values from the previous five days without rain. A GM of 35 cfu/100 ml or greater is the threshold used to indicate increased public health risk by EPA and will cause a beach to be flagged with a swimming advisory.

Beaches have varying number of sampling locations, depending on beach size; some have only one location whereas others have as many as four. The frequency that beaches are sampled and tested for bacteria also varies by beach, with some tested weekly and others tested daily during the swimming season. These variations in testing frequency and number of sampling sites affect how beach safety is calculated.

The “Primary Beach Safety” measure provided in this report calculated on page 14

TYNAN HAPPENINGS

BCYF TYNAN COMMUNITY CENTER FUN IN THE SUN CAMP



Registration for the South Boston Summer Collaborative BCYF-Tynan Fun In The Sun Camp took place on Tuesday, May 21st. It will be on going until July. The Community Center will accept registrations Monday through Friday, 3-8pm

Fun In The Sun in an on-site (7) week program for children 7-12. Program begins Monday, July 8th and is held Monday-Friday 9am until 3pm. The camp will include arts & crafts, recreational activi-

ties, daily Condon Pool Swim, board games, various off-site field trips, as well as weekly special events. Program provides campers with the opportunities for growth and development in physical, educational, social and cultural skills.

The 7-week program fee is \$350 and half price for each additional sibling. We are asking a \$100 deposit at registration and the balance should be paid at the start of camp. Updated Immunization Records are required before a child can begin camp.

If you have any further questions or need additional information, please contact the Community Center office @ (617)-635-5110.



Gate of Heaven and St. Brigid Parishes with St. Augustine Chapel News

Farewell and Thank you, Deacon Adam!

On Sunday, May 26, 2019, all were welcome to a Farewell and Thank you reception for Deacon Adam Rosinski, SJ, that took place downstairs in Cardinal Cushing Hall following the 10:30 Mass at St. Brigid Church at which Bishop Robert Hennessey was the celebrant and Deacon Adams assisted. Deacon Adam will be ordained as a Jesuit Priest on Saturday, June 8, 2019 in New York. We thank Deacon Adam for his year of service to our parishes and congratulate him on his ordination to the priesthood. Our prayers and best wishes go with him.

God Bless you, Deacon Adam!



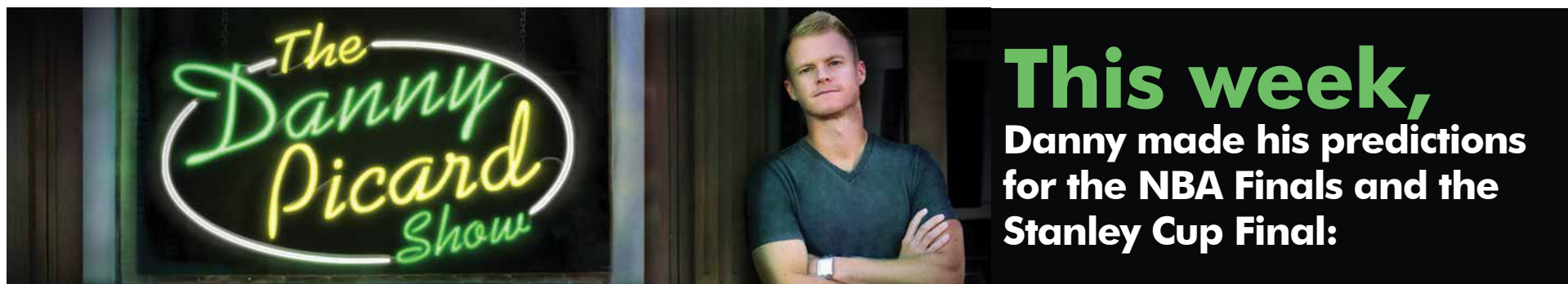
Beach and Water...continued from page 13 lates the percent of samples at each beach that comply with the single sample bacteria limit for swimming. It provides a straightforward method

to compare water quality at Boston Harbor beaches. However, this measure does not always correspond directly with the percent of time that a beach is actually posted with swim-

ming advisory due to precautionary postings after rain events, or failure to comply with the multi-day geometric mean limit described above.

Using water quality data from the

2018 season and the previous six years, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay has compiled this report to help the region's residents and visitors make informed decisions about where and when to swim.



If you listen to my show or read my columns, then you know I like a good prediction. Especially this time of year, where we have both playoff basketball and playoff hockey to predict.

And now, we have the NBA Finals and the Stanley Cup Final going on. Here in Boston, we're obviously a whole lot more invested in the Stanley Cup Final because the Bruins are involved. So let's start with them.

I'm taking the Bruins in six games, but I'll be hoping they finish off the St. Louis Blues in five games. That's because I'm getting greedy. I don't just want the Bruins to win the Stanley Cup. I want the Bruins to win the Stanley Cup at home, at the TD Garden. And it's a 2-2-1-1-1 series, so Game 5 is in Boston, and Game 6 is in St. Louis.

In 2011, the B's won the Cup in Vancouver. In 2013, the Cup was given out at the Garden, but it was given out to the Chicago Blackhawks. It's time for the Bruins to celebrate the greatest trophy ceremony in sports on home ice, in front of their home crowd.

If Game 7 is necessary, that would also be in Boston, so I

guess that could work. But anything can happen in a Game 7, and I think we should all hope that it doesn't go that far.

I'm not picking the Bruins to win the Stanley Cup because I'm biased. I'm picking the Bruins to win the Stanley Cup because they've already proven that this is their Stanley Cup to lose. Not to jinx it or anything, but it almost feels like there's something missing to this Cup run for the B's. It almost feels too, dare I say, easy.

I suppose that's what happens when you play the No. 8 seed in the second round, and the No. 7 seed in the Eastern Conference Final. The first round series against Toronto was their only real test in the first three rounds. And that series feels like it was a year ago.

Maybe all the memorable moments will come in this series against the Blues. Either way, it doesn't matter how you win the Stanley Cup. Just go out and win it. And I'm confident that this Bruins team will do just that.

As for the NBA Finals, I'm taking the Golden State Warriors to win their third straight NBA Championship, and their fourth

NBA Championship in five years. And I'm saying that while knowing Kevin Durant has been ruled out for Game 1 in Toronto.

Durant hasn't played since the second round against Houston, but his absence hasn't affected Steph Curry and Co at all. That's not to say the Warriors are a better team without Durant, because they're not. But to me, there's no question that Golden State can win it all without him.

People seem to forget that these Warriors have already won an NBA Championship without Durant. It was Durant who had to leave Oklahoma City and join the Warriors in order to win a title, not the other way around. So can a Durant-less Warriors team now beat Kawhi Leonard and the Toronto Raptors in the NBA Finals?

It might surprise some to see Games 1 and 2 in Toronto and not in Golden State. Well, that's because the Raptors had 58 wins in the regular season, while the Warriors had 57. Toronto is a one-point favorite at home in Game 1. And Durant did make the trip, meaning we could see him return for Game 2. But either way, Golden State is still a more talented team top-to-bot-

tom than Toronto.

I do believe that the Raptors will put up a fight, thanks to the dominance of Kawhi Leonard, who won an NBA Championship with the San Antonio Spurs in 2014 and was named NBA Finals MVP. Leonard has been the key piece to getting Toronto over the hump and into the Finals, and I expect him to do his thing against Golden State.

But I'm picking the Warriors to win it all in six games, with that Game 6 being in Golden State. Your Finals MVP? I'm going to give that to Klay Thompson. I just have this feeling that Thompson is going to be the biggest difference maker in this series. You see the way he's felt disrespected this season. It's a contract year. He's got a chip on his shoulder. And if he's on fire, this Warriors team won't stop feeding him.

They should just hope it's not the last time he puts on a Golden State uniform.

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SPORTS TODAY

PEDROIA PLACED ON 60-DAY INJURED LIST, FUTURE UNCERTAIN

SBT Staff

Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia was placed on the 60-day injured list on Monday, and will step away from baseball for the time being.

Pedroia began the season on the injured list with left knee inflammation, but made his 2019 debut on April 9. He played in just six games before returning to the injured list on April 19 with left knee irritation, and has been on a minor-league rehab as-



signment since.

In a press conference at Fenway Park on Monday, Pedroia explained that he needs some time away from the game.

"It's to a point now where my knee is not allowing me to play every day," said Pedroia. "It's taken a while to realize that. And I've tried so many things, from braces to orthotics to rehab methods to seeing different doctors to every type of

treatment possible.

"So, I'm at a point right now where I need some time. And that's where my status is."

Pedroia was joined at the press conference by manager Alex Cora and president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski. With the announcement of the press conference, there was some speculation that Pedroia would be announcing his retirement, but that was not the case.

Tweet of the Week



WHAT TO WATCH

NHL SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Stanley Cup Final
Gm 3: Boston at St. Louis
8 P.M. NBCSN

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Stanley Cup Final
Gm 4: Boston at St. Louis
8 P.M. NBC

BOXING SATURDAY, JUNE 1

World Heavyweight Championship
Anthony Joshua (c) vs Andy Ruiz Jr.
10 P.M. DAZN

GOLF THURSDAY, MAY 30 - SUNDAY, JUNE 2

the Memorial Tournament
2 P.M. CBS/Golf Channel

BILL BUCKNER PASSES AWAY AT AGE 69

SBT Staff

Former Red Sox first baseman Bill Buckner lost his battle with dementia on Monday morning, passing away at the age of 69.

His family sent out a statement, say-

ing, "After battling the disease of Lewy Body Dementia, Bill Buckner passed away early the morning of May 27th surrounded by his family. Bill fought with courage and grit as he did all things in life. Our hearts are broken but we are at peace knowing he is in the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

Buckner played 22 seasons in Major League Baseball, and three-plus seasons with the Red Sox. In 526 regular-season games with Boston, Buckner hit .279 with 577 hits, 48 home runs, and 324 RBI.

In 22 MLB seasons, Buckner was

a career .289 hitter and drove in over 1,200 runs. Unfortunately, he will always be remembered for the ball that got through his legs in Game 6 of the 1986 World Series.

Buckner eventually returned to Fenway to throw out a first pitch in 2008, after the Red Sox had won World Championships in 2004 and 2007.

He continued to make the best of his World Series error by appearing on an episode of HBO's comedy series "Curb Your Enthusiasm," where Buckner failed to catch an autographed Mookie Wilson baseball that



Larry David threw to him, resulting in the ball sailing out the window.

Buckner began his career with the Los Angeles Dodgers. He won the 1980 National League batting title with the Chicago Cubs, hitting .324 that year. He also played for the Kansas City Royals and California Angels.



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