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10th Annual Family Fun Day

SBT Staff Report

The tradition continues. In what could have been the biggest crowd for this event to date, there was a huge turnout for the 10th Annual Southie Family Fun Day, sponsored by the South Boston MOMs' Club last Saturday. Held at Marine Park with picture perfect weather shining down on the enthusiastic gathering made up of babies, all the way up to adults, fun certainly was the theme of the day.

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EDITORIAL

75 Years or 175 years, D-Day must Never be Forgotten

This week marks the 75th anniversary of the D-day invasion. It was June 6th, 1944 when 160,000

Allied troops from several countries, the largest number made up of Americans, backed up by 5000 ships and 13,000 aircraft landed on the beaches of Normandy along a 50 mile stretch of the French Coastline. Then President Eisenhower was quoted as saying "We will accept nothing less than full victory". It was certainly a victory,

but a costly one indeed, as 9000 service members were killed or wounded in that fierce, raging battle, which historians say was the beginning of the end of Nazi Germany's reign of terror.

The D-Day invasion is no longer taught in some public schools in America and that is a policy that should be changed immediately. Students should learn about the incredible and legendary courage of the military personnel, many, especially those among the first to come ashore under a deadly rain of fire coming down upon them, knowingly faced almost

certain death but were not deterred. They were fighting for this nation's freedom and in fact, to save the world. They would not allow any power on earth to stop them.

It is events like D-Day and others in our nation's proud history that must endure the test of time and never be allowed to fade from memory or mysteriously disappear from textbooks. There are those who would try to rewrite our history or eliminate completely those things that promote American pride. Their efforts must be stopped.



"I am so clever; that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I am saying" - Isaac Asimov

Hudson Got the Biggest Fish

Six-Year-old Hudson Hall got the trophy for catching the biggest fish for his age group at the big Annual Ammonoosuc Valley Fish and Game Club Fishing Derby last weekend held in New Hampshire. More than 50 kids, ages 13 and under, which included both boys and girls casted their lines into the chilly fast flowing river at the signal. The actual fishing part of event went for 2 hours. Hudson casted out, hooked it and reeled his fish in all by himself, bringing in a big beautiful Trout.

Hudson's Dad and his Mom, Stephen and Elizabeth Hall along with his

big brother Arthur, who is 8 years old and an excellent fisherman himself and his little brother Eustis, just 3 months old and a future great fisherman, were there along the river bank cheering him on. When the fishing part of the morning was over, the good people at the Ammonoosuc Valley Fish and Game Club provided the trophies and a delicious lunch to all the kids, their families and the spectators. Hudson was all smiles while receiving his trophy and was very proud of his accomplishments. And we're all proud of him too.



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Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
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Rolling Thunder: A Patriotic Experience Like No Other

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Rolling Thunder, that annual, loud, beautiful and absolutely massive gathering of Bikers bringing their motorcycles to Washington DC each year in a patriotic tribute to America's veterans, was held once again this year over the Memorial Day weekend. This time an estimated 500,000 bikes were expected to show up. Instead, according to organizers and police on hand, it was announced that the number was more than triple what was predicted, with the totals reaching an incredible 1.7 Million.

But with the exception of FOX News, you'd hardly know it even took place as the other, more liberal networks gave it very little coverage, if any. Those channels that did, often restricted it to short little blurbs of 'a big crowd of bikers road through the streets of Washington DC' being the limit they wanted to report. Why? I think most thinking people who are wise to the major media's agenda know exactly why. Patriotism, veteran's causes and other love of country themes were the main thrust of this yearly event. With giant American flags flying everywhere; including from the backs of so many bikes, it wasn't something the press liked much, and it was certainly not what they wanted the general public to see. Add to those reasons, there were literally thousands and thousands of red Trump hats and pro Trump shirts being worn; not just by the bikers themselves but by so many in the crowds of thousands of spectators that lined the streets cheering the bikers on, it may have made the average reporter quite uncomfortable.

I personally was not at the event. I haven't owned a bike since my brother and I shared one when we were teens. But it would have been

an honor to be in the company of so many great Americans, who did make the trip, which included active military, veterans, members of law enforcement and other proud Americans from every walk of life. It was fascinating to talk with good friends, some from South Boston, others from different towns, who did make the trip. It was a gathering that they will most likely remember all of their lives. To listen to them talk about it, It wasn't just an event it was an experience; maybe even an adventure.

They spoke of motorcycles, beautiful bikes, rolling down the main streets of DC as far as the eye could see with that distinctive rumble and roar; colors displayed and the look of pride in everyone's eyes. And the enormous crowds on the sides waving flags and cheering. The tributes being paid to the many memorials scattered across the city, including the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. And one of the best parts of it all, with that many people in the city for this rally, there were no problems. No violence, no disturbances, no protests – it was complete harmony. And another thing that didn't go unnoticed by an appreciative public maintenance department: other large events in the city, including those by self-proclaimed environmental groups, leave the city a trash filled mess with litter and garbage piled everywhere. When the 1.7 million bikers and the thousands of supporters were done, the city was clean and litter free. This was a crowd that shows respect. They take out, everything they bring in.

Yes, the news media was there but I'm guessing the main reason they showed up was in the hope that riots would break out and it would all turn into a nightmare. It didn't. Disap-

pointment must have been running high among the scribes. When the main stream media can all but ignore an event so impressive and so massive as this year's Rolling Thunder, even when they are right there on the spot and witness the whole thing, it's just confirms another one of the tactics they use when things don't go the way they want. It's another form of Fake News – Fake News by omission. It's a sad thing but pretty much speaks volumes as to why the media's credibility is at rock bottom.

There was talk that Rolling Thun-

der 2019 would possibly be the last year it would be held, at least on such a scale, because of the huge expense of putting together something so big. But the future looks good for the event. President Trump is so impressed by all that Rolling Thunder represents and how well run it is each year that he will be meeting with the organizers to work out sources of funding to keep this patriotic tradition alive, well and growing for years to come. And THAT is what I call good news. Who knows, maybe I'll get a bike next year too.

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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.

Governor: Lawmakers may act this week to delay paid-leave tax

It doesn't sound like a done deal yet – and Gov. Charlie Baker himself doesn't sound exactly thrilled with the idea. Still, from SHNS's Colin Young: "If state government is going to approve the three-month delay in payroll taxes needed to fund the new paid family and medical leave program that advocacy and business groups have pushed for, it is likely going to happen this week, the governor said Monday." House Speaker Robert DeLeo adds: "It's something that we'll consider. Whether or not we will agree to that extension is yet to be seen."

House will take up Janus bill amid torrent of 'bluster and B.S.'

Shira Schoenberg at MassLive reports that the House this week will finally take up the so-called "Janus bill" that would allow unions to charge non-members fees for various services, in response to a recent Supreme Court decision that restricted non-member funds flowing to unions. The expected action comes amid growing acrimony on Beacon Hill between Speaker Robert DeLeo and AFL-CIO president Steven Tolman, who has harshly criticized DeLeo for not moving more aggressively on union-backed initiatives. In turn, state Rep. Daniel Cullinane, without naming names, has condemned Tolman's rhetoric as mere "bluster and B.S.," reports WGBH's Mike Deehan.

The Herald's Mary Markos has more on the upcoming Janus-bill action.

Development uproar brings mayoral challenger in Quincy

Quincy Mayor Thomas P. Koch is facing a challenger in this fall's election -- and it appears she's motivated by opposition to a Koch-backed plan for a massive development on Hospital Hill. Brenda Ryan, who has been a critic of the proposal, has pulled nomination papers, signaling her intent to challenge Koch, who has been mayor since 2008, Erin Tiernan at the Patriot Ledger reports.

The art and science of using zoning codes to block multifamily housing

A new 123-page report to be released today at the State House outlines all the ways suburban towns use zoning rules to block new multifamily housing in Greater Boston, from lot size requirements to parking minimums to age restrictions. The Globe's Tim Logan has the details, as Beacon Hill lawmakers debate how to spur more housing in the region.

Boston Globe

Expand and contract: T extends late-night bus service on some routes, but eliminates post-1 a.m. program

From SHNS's Chris Lisinski (pay wall): "About 150 nighttime bus trips per week introduced as a pilot in and around Boston will become a permanent feature on the MBTA, but the T will no longer offer service after 1 a.m.

after officials cited insufficient ridership and high costs. The MBTA plans to continue to offer greater frequency on key bus routes between 10 p.m. and 12 a.m., and several lines will see final trips past 12:30 a.m." Commonwealth's Bruce Mohl has more on the T's split decision on late-night bus service, in a piece headlined: "Boston: the 22-7 city in terms of transit."

Moulton asks for donations. Instead, he gets an earful

The Herald's Joe Battenfeld reports that U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton issued a plea for campaign donations on Facebook in order to make the Democratic debate cut – and instead got an earful from readers on everything from Medicaid for All to his anti-Nancy Pelosi campaign last year.

Star attraction: Kevin Spacey's attorneys rip into Cape & Island's DA

It's what big-bucks attorneys are paid to do. From Dan Glaun at MassLive: "An attorney for actor and sexual assault defendant Kevin Spacey made explosive allegations against the Cape & Islands District Attorney's Office in a court hearing Monday, claiming that prosecutors have known since 2017 that Heather Unruh deleted text messages from her son's phone before turning it over to state troopers."

The old apologize-and-deny tactic of the high and mighty

Speaking of high-profile legal proceedings, Michael Jonas at Commonwealth magazine thinks he sees a pattern forming, with New England Patriots owner Bob Kraft, who is facing prostitution solicitation charges, and state Sen. Michael Brady, who goes to trial today on a DUI charge, both publicly apologizing for their actions – and then effectively denying their actions by fighting the cases. One more apologize-and-deny case would definitely make it a trend. Kevin Spacey's case (see above post) doesn't qualify. He's just fighting.

Next stop, Bourne: CapeFlyer's new stop a hit with passengers

It's only one extra stop -- at a temporary railroad platform – but it's already a hit with some passengers and others, i.e. the CapeFlyer's new summer train stop in Bourne, in addition to other stops along the weekend South Station-Hyannis route. Beth Treffeisen at Wicked Local has the details.

Troubling trend: Massachusetts college enrollments continue alarming decline

A new report shows the number of students enrolled in Massachusetts colleges continues to decline, following a national trend that has many smaller liberal arts schools struggling with severe financial pressures, Grant Welker reports at the Worcester Business Journal. Enrollment dropped 1.2 percent this year -- representing the loss of more than 5,000 students -- the National Student Clearinghouse reports and the number of students in Bay State schools is down some 6 percent since 2014. Meanwhile, Dusty Christensen at the Daily Hampshire Gazette talks with some of the just 15 incoming freshmen on their way to Hampshire College this fall despite that school's very public financial struggle for survival.

MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES UPDATES TO CITYWIDE WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES



Building on his commitment to delivering exceptional basic city services in neighborhoods throughout the City of Boston, Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced a series of updates to citywide trash collection services, including a new start time of 6:00 a.m. beginning on July 1, and a new weekly schedule for collection services in the North End.

"One of the most fundamental ways we can improve the quality

of life in our neighborhoods is by proactively addressing the basic needs of our residents," said Mayor Walsh. "It is our hope that by making these changes to our trash collection efforts, we will be able to more efficiently and more effectively meet the demand for these services and keep our neighborhoods clean for all."

As part of the City's new five-year trash contract with Capitol Waste, the City will implement a new city-

wide trash, recycling and yard waste collection time of 6:00 a.m. beginning on July 1.

With an earlier start time, workers will be able to get a jumpstart on their day-long collection efforts, removing curbside trash at an earlier time. Crews will also be able to complete all collection services more efficiently, reducing congestion on city streets during peak hours. The current citywide time for

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MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES DESIGN OF CITY HALL PLAZA RENOVATION

Updated “People’s Plaza” to be transformed into accessible, equitable space for residents with civic spaces, play spaces and updated public facilities

Building on his commitment to make public spaces welcoming, accessible and equitable for all, Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the renovation concept design of Boston City Hall Plaza. The renovation will transform the Plaza into a civic space for all residents, with universal accessibility, new civic spaces for all to use, increased environmental sustainability, and critical infrastructure improvements that will ensure the Plaza is safe and accessible for all for generations to come.

“Boston’s City Hall Plaza is a space visited by thousands of Boston residents each and every day,” said Mayor Walsh. “This renovation will turn our seven-acre space into a welcoming, accessible space for all, featuring new civic spaces for events to areas for families to enjoy together. Creating a new People’s Plaza will help us achieve our goals of making one of Boston’s most-used public spaces better for all residents.”

Phase 1 of the project will deliver updated civic spaces and programming capabilities, as well as add infrastructure that will make the Plaza more sustainable, including connecting Congress and Cambridge Streets with an accessible sloped Promenade activated by 21st century civic amenities like shady seating and gathering

areas, a destination play space, public art space and an iconic water feature.

City Hall Plaza’s redesign includes a focus on:

A Welcoming Front Yard for Civic Life

With Boston’s renovated City Hall Plaza, this community space will become universally accessible for residents of all abilities. Opening up the Plaza for all will include re-opening the second floor of City Hall Plaza to the public, allowing easier access to the building. This public-facing entrance was closed in 2001, and will open again under the new renovation plan.

The renovation also includes 3,000 new welcoming spaces for residents to sit, 12,000 square feet of playscapes for children and families, and 11,000 square feet of terraces for pop-up play and interactive public art. The new design will also include three smaller event and gathering places, and a new civic building on Congress Street, equipped with a bathroom and other facilities to support public gatherings.

A Model of Sustainability and Resilience

Creating a sustainable City Hall Plaza that meets the City’s environmental goals is one of the key parts of the Plaza renovation, and this renovation will make City Hall Plaza one of Boston’s signature civic spaces environmentally sustainable, meeting



Boston’s resilience standards.

The renovation includes an increase in permeable surfaces that will soak up stormwater, planning ahead for severe weather in downtown Boston. The design also includes 100 new trees, improving the shade, scale and air quality of the Plaza. Fifty lights will be replaced with efficient LED technology, and 22,500 feet of granite and brick paving will be reused or recycled.

Funding for Phase 1 of the Plaza is included in Boston’s Capital Budget, announced earlier this year. Of this budget, \$70 million in total project costs is designated to complete Phase 1 of the Boston City Hall Plaza renovation.

The Plaza design and implementation is led by global design firm Sasaki. The project is managed through the City’s Operations Cabinet by the Public Facilities Department in partnership with the Property Management Department and is assisted by owners project manager Skanska USA.

The current renovation project builds off the foundations of the Boston City Hall and Plaza Master Plan-

ning Study: Rethink City Hall. Released by Mayor Walsh in October 2017, the study was led by the City’s Public Facilities Department and design teams of Utile and Reed Hilderbrand. The study resulted in a 30-year master plan to address required repairs and to transform the 50-year-old City Hall and Plaza into an innovative, healthy, efficient and civic facility designed to better serve current and future generations of Bostonians and visitors.

Over 600 residents visit Boston City Hall on a daily basis, while 19,500 residents live within a half-mile of the Plaza, in addition to its 18 million annual tourist visitors. This renovation supports Mayor Walsh’s commitment to investing in civic spaces throughout Boston, and creating a City Hall that is accessible for all residents.

More information about the City Hall Plaza renovation is available on boston.gov. A public community meeting will be held at Boston City Hall Plaza on Wednesday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m. for a design presentation and discussion about the Plaza renovation.

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collection is 7:00 a.m.

In an effort to address the ongoing need for trash collection in the North End, starting on July 1, recycling and trash collection in the North End will be changed to Mondays and Thursdays. Thursday day street sweeping operation will be moved to Friday. These changes will allow the Public Works Department to make sure the streets in one of the busiest downtown neighborhoods will be clean for residents and visitors, and will make it easier for

small businesses to receive deliveries in advance of the weekend. Previously, weekly North End trash collection was scheduled for Monday and Friday.

Over the last several years, the City has taken several proactive steps to ensure high-quality services for residents, including:

- Creating six full-time Hokey positions to keep sidewalks and streets clean of litter and debris. PWD also hires upwards of 20 seasonal Hokey’s each year to assist with citywide neighborhood

clean-up efforts.

- Moving Code Enforcement to the Public Works Waste Reduction Division to give an enforcement arm that will ensure trash collection is done well.

- Partnering with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on the “Recycle Smart” campaign. This statewide initiative focuses on placing the proper materials in the recycling bin and separating “problem materials” that cause contamination.

- Adding a second recycling day in

the South End, reducing the number of overflowing bins.

- Deploying more assets through the Highway Division to ensure cleanliness.

The City of Boston encourages residents to utilize tools like the City’s free “Trash Day” app. The app enables Boston residents to search a directory of hundreds of household items to find out the right way to dispose of them while on the go or at home. App users can also view a calendar for their home’s collection dates, set reminders and get notifications of schedule changes.

Another Neighborhood Institution's Future In Doubt



It appears that the religious nuns of the Notre Dame Education Center have been 'snookered'. Their doors have been shut and their future is in doubt, along with the fate of hundreds of family members

who have relied on their services as they try to assimilate into the vibrant Boston neighborhoods.

"It's all about the Benjamins", one affected employee was overheard to have mumbled. Their pa-

tron saint Julie Billiart was nearly victimized, but thanks to BPD Officer Sullivan and Sargeant McNeil, her statue was salvaged at the last minute and returned to grateful nuns, Sisters Margaret Lalen and Cathleen O'Brien.

The Center became partners with a local developer, All Saints LLC, in the hope of continuing its mission. A year after buying the center's quarter-acre Old Colony Avenue property for \$4.5 million, the nonprofit's good standing in the neighborhood helped it win city approval for a controversial six-story apartment building on the site, which will include 49 units. The school would survive, by operating out of one floor.

As reported here last week, things have soured since Notre Dame started preparing to close its building for two years during construction, and to move some of its classes to temporary spaces. First, the Notre Dame board decided to suspend the school's English-as-

a-second language and adult basic education classes for roughly 400-plus students, citing insufficient funding. About 15 full- and part-time teachers would lose their jobs as a result, including two nuns from the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Then the situation worsened in late May when those teachers were laid off with three weeks of classes remaining. Last week, students and teachers were surprised to find themselves locked out of the school. They ended up holding classes in space across the street, donated by the Ironworkers Local 7, whom the community can always count on in a crisis.

As reported in the Boston Globe, Kirsten Konefal is among those who are continuing to teach. "They didn't have the money," Konefal said of Notre Dame. "They didn't have the alternative location that they promised they would . . . All I want to do is teach my class." Mary Rose Durante, executive director at the Notre Dame center, said she has found temporary space to continue the center's youth education and workforce readiness classes. She said she hopes to revive the suspended English and adult basic education classes in some form once the organization has enough funding. Everyone who lost their jobs was still paid through June 14, the date the classes were supposed to end, Durante said.

Notre Dame received \$878,000 in state funds for in-person education in this fiscal year, according to the state agency. The center had been scheduled to receive another \$840,000 in the fiscal year that starts in July. But that disbursement is now apparently in jeopardy because of the chaos at the school. Senator Nick Collins and Representative David Biele have been in communication with the Department Of Education and are monitoring its deliberations, as is Auditor Suzanne Bump and Attorney General Maura Healey.

Meanwhile, a spokeswoman said the state agency is preparing to go out to bid again to find a school that can provide similar services. One possibility for reviving the classes

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Neighborhood continued from page 6 has been put forth by Bob Monahan, executive director at the nearby Julie's Family Learning Program, who stated, "Julie's is the solution to this problem that has been created." Julie's already shares in a portion of Notre Dame's state funding and is in a position to provide a smooth transition. Julie's and Notre Dame also share some history — both were founded by the Sisters

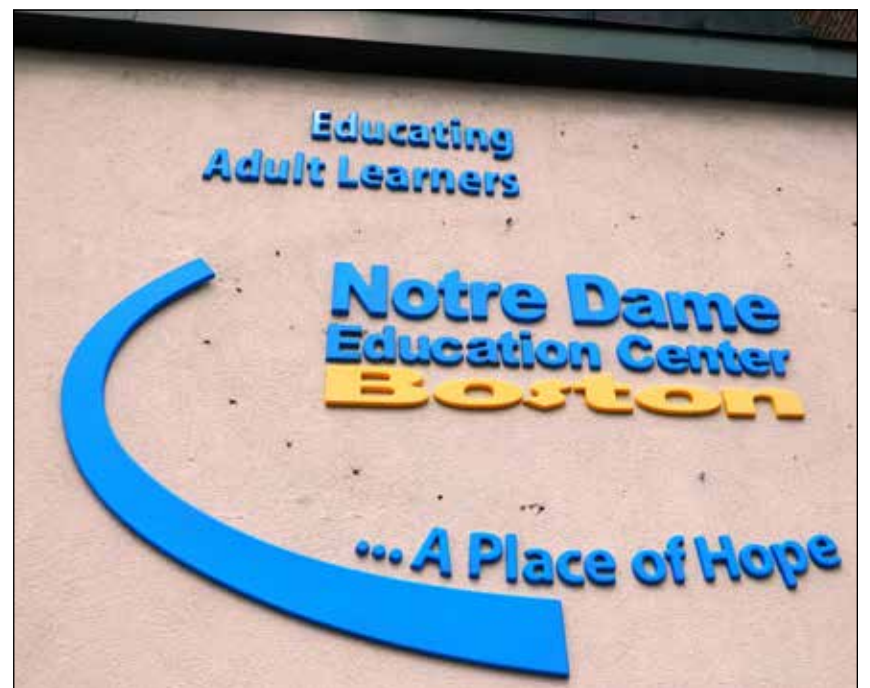
of Notre Dame de Namur and are remaining vestiges of the order in South Boston after Cardinal Cushing High School on West Broadway closed in 1992.

"Clearly, something went very wrong from what the stated plan was," said Theresa Bonanno, a South Boston resident who volunteers at the school. "Precipitously closing the program without notice to the teachers or students three weeks before the

end of school, this is not the way it should have happened."

Many in the South Boston neighborhood have come to be cynical, wondering if anyone tells the truth when lots of money is involved. Some argue that the Center is not a core service for South Boston residents and that may be true. Nonetheless, the public relations mess that has been the result of the lack of transparency and communication is

yet another chapter in the steady disappearance of institutions that were the backbone of the South Boston community. Churches, schools, social services, children's toy stores, affordable clothing shops and bicycle repair shops are giving way to gourmet this and that, high end boutiques and an endless number of eateries and cafes. In the opinion of most, the NDEC will not be housed in South Boston.



The Wine Guy Lighten Up!



Even the most skeptical among us are finally coming around to the fact that it is actually getting warmer and nicer, with particular luck over the last few weekends. That said, I thought it would be good to suggest some wines whose lower ABV (alcohol by volume) could be the difference between enjoyment and “what happened?”, the next day.

Many of New Zealand’s vineyards and wineries are consciously striving to make more and more of their white wines low ABV but, at the same time, keep the original flavors and structure of them unchanged. Stoneleigh Winery, based in the

Marlborough region of the country’s South Island, is owned by France’s Pernod Ricard and it has developed several of these types of wines—they call them their Bright wines. *Stoneleigh Bright Marlborough Pinot Gris, 2018, (\$13.99)*, has a 9.5% ABV, as opposed to 13% for their regular wines. This wine is still a beauty, though-full tropical notes of pineapples, berries and melon, with a crisp, fresh balance and a really smooth finish that complements Fish Tacos, Asian Egg rolls or Mahi Mahi.

Another wine in this category is *Stoneleigh Bright Marlborough Rose, 2018, (\$13.99)*, which also has lower alcohol, but again, not at the expense of flavor and structure. I tasted notes of red cherries, raspberries and lemongrass; again, with a great structure and finish. Try this one with some oysters or cherrystones, sushi or octopus salad.

Another grape that offers naturally lower alcohol is Riesling and I think that the best still comes from Germany. *Adolph Mueller Pier sporter Michelsberg, Auslese, 2018, (\$19.99)*, is a classic—it combines notes of citrus and fruit, especially strawberries, in a dry, structured wine, with a surprisingly long finish, especially since the ABV is just 8%. This Mueller is only concerned with the best possible



collusion—great fruit, capable wine making and a delicious result. Spicy Asian dishes, Pasta and Pesto and Crisp Suckling Pork are all so much better with this one.

Bisol Crede Prosecco Superiore 2017, Vintage Sparkling Wine, Valdobbiadene, Prosecco, Italy, (\$25.99), is a really sophisticated, heady type of

sparkling wine. The plants are grown in clay, or, “crede” and they have to fight hard for water. Despite the full-bodied nature of the wine, the strong citrus and melon notes and the long, distinctive finish, it’s still just 11.5%, but tastes like much more.

So, enjoy the sun and the wine together—high temps, low alcohol!

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The Seaport Strategic Transit Plan will identify specific recommendations to improve the operations, capacity and connectivity of the transit network (MBTA buses, Red and Silver Line stations, shuttles, ferries, etc.) serving Boston's Seaport District. Building on past studies, the Plan will study current connections and recommend specific improvements in the short term and for the next 15 years and beyond. The Plan is being undertaken by the City of Boston, led by the BPDA with support from the Boston Transportation Department. The Plan is also coordinating with MassDOT and the MBTA, Massport, the Seaport TMA and the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority.

The agenda for this meeting is: Open House from 5:30 to 6:00, Presentation from 6:00 to 6:30, and Breakout Session from 6:30 to 7:30.

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The AARP Fraud Watch Network is:

- **An Educator:** Get real-time alerts about the latest scams, tips on how to spot them, and the inside scoop on how con artists think so you can outsmart them before they strike.
- **A Watchdog:** Our nationwide scam tracking map gives you access to a network of people who've spotted scams and the opportunity to pass along your own experiences, so together we can beat con artists at their own game.
- **A Resource:** Get connected to a real live person trained in how to avoid fraud and advise you if you or a loved one has been scammed by calling our fraud hotline or attending a forum in your community.
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ILLEGAL ROBOCALLS AND SPOOFING

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU19P0854EA

Commonwealth Of

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The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Rosemary McDonough

Date of Death: 01/28/2019

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street,

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To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by

Patrick S. McDonough of South Boston MA

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

Patrick S. McDonough of South Boston MA

be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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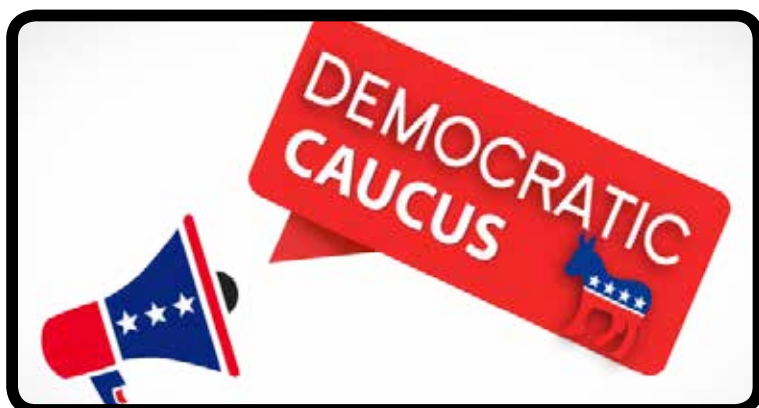
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May 24, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
June 6, 2019

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.





By Kevin Lally

“The World of Baseball in South Boston will never be the same without Emo.” (Peggy O’Brien)

The recently departed Harold “Emo” Barron may have lived in Mansfield but his heart resided in South Boston. Emo was a teacher at the Gavin School for many years and the basketball and baseball teams he coached at this Boston middle school were perennial champions. He coached basketball at Millis High School and for Gate of Heaven CYO hoop. He also coached baseball and basketball at Archbishop William’s High School in Braintree. And, Emo taught water skiing lessons at Club Med as well as too many South Boston teenagers.

For over six decades, Emo coached in the South Boston Babe Ruth League. He began coaching in this league in 1957 and this spring he was entering his sixty-third season. During his long and storied Babe Ruth career, he coached and mentored over two thousand South Boston players. He was an original coach in the Southie Babe Ruth League and was inducted into the Eastern Massachusetts Babe Ruth Hall of Fame for his commitment to this sport.

Emo lived a long life and lived it well. He didn’t waste energy wasting time. He will be missed for his dedication to this community, his

love for sports, and his love for the young athletes he mentored throughout the years. “Emo was truly a great coach,” said Paul Dumas, who played on Emo’s first team in 1957 and is a past president of Southie Babe Ruth. “He was one of the best that I ever known and or witnessed.” “Baseball was the life and passion of Harold “Emo” Barron Jr.,” said George Lally, an International Board Member of Babe Ruth Baseball and a former president of the South Boston Babe Ruth League.

As the current president of the South Boston Babe Ruth League, I will dearly miss this man who gave

so much to the youth of South Boston and as well as too other Massachusetts communities. I know that for the rest of my life when I am at the Babe Ruth League Fields, and as I’m looking down at the third base coaches’ box, I will always see Emo standing there waving a player home. And as God recently did, He saw Emo and waved him home.

Rest in peace my good friend.

(Writer’s Note: There will be a ceremony honoring Emo Barron on Saturday, June 15th at the Babe Ruth League Field at Moakley Park starting at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.)



Mom's Club continued from front page

It kicked off at 11am and went till 4pm and there was no lack of amusements, activities and entertainment, all of which kept the throngs of happy kids excited and smiling during the entire event. There was just so much to experience, it was hard to decide what to do first.

There were the ever-popular Bouncy Houses; not just one, but several catering to different age groups. Then there were the Princesses, Bonaparte Magic, Touch a Truck, Knuckle Bones and of course there was the Balloon Man; happily

making silly hats, pirate swords, animals of every kind and whatever else the kids requested. There was a long line for the balloons and an extra-long line for Face Painting. A Photo Booth was on hand to take pictures of the participants for future memories and the absolutely hilarious Bouncy Horses which took great skill to handle but were oh so much fun for the talented, young bronco busters to ride.

Keeping the park rocking and hopping was live music from 'Sarah' and the Toe Jam Puppet Band. And there were educational attractions to entertain the kids as

well. There was the Biblio Cycle, a kind of travelling library from the Boston Public Library itself, The Boston Police Department. Boston Fire Department and EMT's were on hand which also thrilled the kids, as they got to climb in and explore the vehicles. The United States Coast Guard trailered one of their rescue boats onto the park as well. Save the Harbor-Save the Bay was educating kids with hands on lobsters and crabs and there was so much more but the picture is clear – it was an all-around great time held in a safe environment. Who could ask for more?

The South Boston MOM's Club, as always did a fantastic job. This is a group that makes promoting a strong sense of community one of their priorities and they do it well. With more than 350 Moms in the local chapter' it's an asset to the neighborhood and a wonderful resource for so many. One of their mottos is 'Moms Offering Moms Support'. 'We are here to support each other's efforts to raise our children in this neighborhood. The club enriches the lives of our children while offering support and understanding to moms'. This is a noble goal to be sure.

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Dorchester Heights alive with the sound of St. Peter Academy Students!

By Maria Blasi

On Friday May 31st, St. Peter Academy students and faculty walked to Dorchester Heights for their annual Field Day Activities. The weather was glorious. It was a wonderful

day of teamwork and community building activities. All classrooms and ages participated in sack races, hula hoop contest, tug of war, relay races and the all-time favorite rainbow parachute! A great time was had by all!

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

(beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Join us! Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Main Office at 617-268-0750 or by emailing SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.



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South Boston Catholic Academy News

1st Annual Colin's Joy Project 5K/Walk in honor of Colin McGrath

The 1st Annual Colin's Project 5K/Walk was held on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at South Boston Catholic Academy in honor of the memory of Colin McGrath. It was a great day for running and hundreds of people young and old came to run and support the Colin's Joy Project including the students/

teachers in the South Boston Catholic Academy Running Club. Father Casey, our Pastor, came and said a special prayer before the start of the race. A Big Thank you to all who came, ran, supported and helped in any way with this event. Special Thanks to the Faculty, Staff, Parents and Families/Friends of South Bos-

ton Catholic Academy for all your help and support in making this very special event possible.

The Colin's Joy Project is focused on giving back and creating joy for children and families in Boston. Colin's Joy Project at the Boston Foundation will be used to make grants for rebuilding local play-

grounds and funding family-focused programming, particularly for families in need. To learn more about the Colin's Joy Project, please visit www.colinjoyproject.org.

To learn more about what makes South Boston Catholic Academy so special join us for a tour on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9am. For more information, please email Mrs. Jamie Brown, Assistant Principal at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org or phone 617-268-2326. Check our website at sbcatholicacademy.org for more info.



CITY OF BOSTON KICKS OFF FREE SUMMER FITNESS SERIES

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) launched the 2019 Boston Parks Summer Fitness Series sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield with a kick-off event on May 30. The four-month-long series will offer 30 free classes per week from June 3 to September 28 in 19 neighborhoods across the city. Additional support is provided by KIND Snacks and Polar Beverages.

The official launch took place in Copley Square with free Zumba and Qigong classes. The event introduced all that the series has to offer Bostonians this summer including yoga, walking group, Tai Chi, Carnival Fit, strength training, Salsa dancing, family fitness, Cardio Dance,

and Afrobeat Bootcamp with new classes featuring POUND Fitness and Qigong. The program is tailored to the interests of residents and participants, including age-friendly classes for kids and older adults as well as those new to fitness classes.

"We are proud to partner with the Boston Public Health Commission and the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on the Parks Summer Fitness Series again this year," said Jeff Bellows, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts vice president of corporate citizenship and public affairs. "This series puts a spotlight on the abundance of public green spaces in Boston, while reminding us all that we can enjoy our city's parks and safely exercise outside. Participants will learn

the value of exercising outdoors, helping to build healthy habits that extend year-round."

According to research conducted and analyzed by the Boston Public Health Commission, in 2017, 25 percent of adult residents and 15 percent of public high school students were obese. These rates were even higher among communities of color where 37 percent of black adults and 34 percent of Latino adults were obese, compared to 18 percent of white adult residents. Only 16 percent of Boston adult residents reported to exercise regularly.

By engaging in a citywide effort to increase opportunities for physical activity, BPHC and the Parks Department aim to further reduce



barriers to active living and achieve the goal of ensuring that Bostonians have ample opportunities to be active. For a full schedule please visit bphc.org/summerfitness. For updates, follow @HealthyBoston and @BostonParksDept on Twitter, or call (617) 534-2355.



Did anyone see that coming? I know I certainly didn't. Heck, I didn't even know who Andy Ruiz Jr. was.

In fact, the first time I ever laid eyes on him was at the pre-fight weigh-in. I couldn't help but laugh. Ruiz was literally sucking in his gut during the photo shoot with his opponent, undefeated World Heavyweight Champion Anthony Joshua.

I didn't give Ruiz a chance in hell to win this fight. I picked Joshua and the Under, which was 6.5 Rounds. I ended up being wrong on both fronts, as Ruiz forced the ref to stop the fight in the 7th Round, making him the first heavyweight champion of Mexican descent.

You couldn't make it up. It didn't even look right. Not during the fight, and certainly not after.

Ruiz is listed at 6-foot-2 and looks like he just rolled out of the Beer Garden. Sorry, I mean "The Broadway." Joshua is listed at

6-foot-6 and looks like he's taken every PED in the book.

We throw around the "David vs Goliath" analogy far too often. But in this case, it's a perfect description for what we saw at Madison Square Garden this past Saturday night.

Ruiz knocked Joshua down four times in the fight. After the fourth knockdown — in the seventh round — Joshua was slow to get up, and looked stunned and exhausted all at once. He made his way over to his corner, with his mouthpiece no longer in, and acted like a guy who wanted no part of another round with Ruiz, the same Ruiz who was sucking in his gut during the pre-fight weigh-in, and who took the fight at the last minute because Joshua's original opponent — Jarrell Miller — failed a PED test.

The ref saw the same look in Joshua's eyes as the entire world-wide audience did on the DAZN network (shoutout to DAZN if they ever want to hire me). It was strange to see, considering that it never really looked like Ruiz hit him with that one crushing blow. I've watched the fight three times since, and I just cannot find the moment where Ruiz hits him and I'm like, "Oh ya, he got him good there."

Maybe I'm missing something, but it looked strange to see Joshua that hurt and disinterested in the

seventh round as he stood in his corner with the ref in his face. And it looked even more bizarre to see just how happy Joshua seemed after the fight was over.

He had just lost his IBF, IBO, WBA, and WBO heavyweight titles in the first loss of his career, and he's over in Ruiz' corner, smiling and taking pictures with the new champ. Even the broadcast team said they've never seen anyone so happy after a loss, never-mind a loss like this.

Maybe he was still in shock. Or maybe he threw the fight on purpose, knowing the buzz it would create, and the amount of interest there would be in a rematch. And there will be a rematch. It only took three days for Joshua to activate his rematch clause.

It makes you think, for sure. But you know what? I'm not going to disrespect the new champ like that. Not right now, at least.

Ruiz has earned everyone's respect. And I don't know about you, but I can't wait to see this rematch, where I'll be rooting for Ruiz to continue to shock the world.

And then, after that? I want Ruiz to unify the heavyweight titles with WBC heavyweight champion Deontay Wilder.

Already, you have people saying, "Ruiz wouldn't stand a chance with

Wilder." Maybe so, but I'd be curious to find out. Because, I mean, after all, we were saying the same thing about Ruiz' chances against Joshua. Next thing you know, Brian Kenny is on DAZN calling him "The Mexican Rocky" as Ruiz jumped up and down in celebration of his improbable victory.

I won't say it's a bigger upset than Buster Douglas knocking out Mike Tyson in 1990. That wouldn't be giving Tyson enough credit for how dominant he was. Joshua is not, and never will be, Iron Mike.

But Ruiz' upset was still an all-time shocker. And it's one that's great for the sport, I don't care what people say.

People wanted to see Joshua vs Wilder in a battle of the undefeateds to unify the titles, and now they're bummed that they won't get to see that fight. Yet.

If Joshua wipes the floor with Ruiz in the rematch this fall — which is entirely possible — then it might even make the eventual Joshua vs Wilder fight that much more enticing to the average fan who loves a good comeback story. And if Joshua can get his titles back from Ruiz, then I think we'll be talking about that Joshua vs Wilder clash once again.

Until then, it's good to talk about the heavyweight division again. Thank you, Andy Ruiz Jr.

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RUIZ JR. SHOCKS THE BOXING WORLD, REMATCH COMING

SBT Staff



Andy Ruiz Jr. had no shot. There was no way he would walk into Madison Square Garden and defeat World Heavyweight Champion Anthony Joshua. It just wasn't going to happen.

Until it did.

The 6-foot-2 Ruiz shocked the world on Saturday night with a seventh-round TKO victory over the 6-foot-6 Joshua, as referee Michael Griffin stopped the fight after Ruiz knocked Joshua to the

mat twice in that seventh round. Joshua was knocked down a total of four times in the fight, and after Joshua got up a fourth time, he walked over to his corner, where the ref saw a man who had been officially humbled and no longer interested in squaring up with Ruiz one more time.

Ruiz was knocked down first, in the third round. And at that point, it felt as if Joshua was mere seconds away from finishing him off. But then, in that

same third round, Ruiz fought back and knocked Joshua down to the mat twice. Joshua never seemed to be the same for the rest of the fight, and Ruiz finished off the stunning upset in the seventh.

Joshua's original opponent, Jarrell Miller, tested positive for PEDs, making Ruiz his replacement on short notice. With the win, Ruiz became the first fighter of Mexican descent to win a heavyweight title.

It marked the first loss of Joshua's career, which angered many boxing fans who wanted to see a heavyweight unification bout between an undefeated Joshua and undefeated WBC heavyweight champion Deontay Wilder.

There are conflicting reports as to who was ducking who in negotiations for a Joshua vs Wilder fight. After Joshua's stunning loss, Wilder tweeted, "He wasn't a true champion. His whole career was consisted of lies, contradictions and gifts.

Facts and now we know who was running from who!"

Now, it's Ruiz who holds the IBF, IBO, WBA, and WBO heavyweight titles. But Wilder will have to wait to get his shot at a unification bout.

Joshua exercised his immediate rematch clause on Tuesday, and his promoter Eddie Hearn said that the rematch between Joshua and Ruiz will take place "in Nov/Dec at a venue to be confirmed shortly."

Tweet of the Week

Meeky Gulin @meekygulin · Jun 2
Hey @Duke I'm right here, bro. DM me. See you at the BBQ.



WHAT TO WATCH

NHL THURSDAY, JUNE 6

Stanley Cup Final

Gm 5: St. Louis at Boston
8 P.M. NBC

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Stanley Cup Final

Gm 6: Boston at St. Louis
8 P.M. NBC

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Stanley Cup Final

Gm 7: St. Louis at Boston
8 P.M. NBC (IF NECESSARY)

NBA FRIDAY, JUNE 7

NBA Finals

Gm 4: Toronto at Golden State
9 P.M. ABC

MONDAY, JUNE 10

NBA Finals

Gm 5: Golden State at Toronto
9 P.M. ABC

STANLEY CUP FINAL NOW A BEST-OF-THREE

SBT Staff

Like every playoff series, the Stanley Cup Final is a best-of-seven series. But with the St. Louis Blues winning Game 4 on Monday night and evening up their series with the Boston Bruins at 2-2, it's now a best-of-three.

Had the Bruins won Game 4, they would've had the opportunity to win the Stanley Cup at the TD Garden in Game 5. Instead, the earliest either team can now hoist the Cup is Game 6, which is Sunday night in St. Louis.

The last time the Bruins won the Stanley Cup, they did it on the road, with a Game 7 win in Vancouver in 2011. In order to win it at home this time around, the series would have to go seven games, with that Game 7 next Wednesday night at the Garden.

Boston won Game 1 of this year's Stanley Cup Final at the Garden, but St. Louis was able to take Game 2 in overtime to tie the series up at 1-1. The Bruins then won Game 3 in St. Louis in dominant fashion, by a score of 7-2. But the Blues proved in Game 4 that this series isn't close to being over.

PATRIOTS BEGIN MINICAMP, RELEASE SEFERIAN-JENKINS

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots began their mandatory three-day minicamp on Tuesday at Gillette Stadium, and missing from the first session was newly-signed tight end Austin Seferian-Jenkins.

Well, now we know why.

According to multiple reports, Seferian-Jenkins has been released by the team, just two months after signing a one-year, \$895,000 contract, with just \$50,000 guaranteed.

Reports also indicate that Seferian-Jenkins is walking away from football for the next month or so, in



order to take care of some personal issues, making it seem like the Patriots were simply granting Seferian-Jenkins' request.

The move puts New England in a very interesting spot to begin the season at tight end, with Rob Gronkowski retiring, and newly-signed Ben Watson serving a four-game PED suspension.



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