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Celebrate 'Flag Day' and Fly Old Glory With Pride This Week

There are some who burn it, tear it and disrespectfully to kneel in its presence. Those are the tiny minority of disgruntled and ignorant people, who haven't a clue as to what it means to live in this most prosperous and free nation. But to most Americans, the American flag; 'Old Glory' as it is so often referred to, is a symbol that can stir the pride deep down in their hearts and souls whenever and where ever it waves in the breeze, or hangs majestically from on high, pretty much everywhere.

This week, June 14th, the nation celebrates 'Flag Day'. This day was set aside in 1916 by President Wood-

row Wilson. It commemorates the adoption of the American Flag by the resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The flag got the nick name 'Old Glory' by a Massachusetts born resident named William Driver. That is but a small portion of the history of our nation's banner. But its origins are just part of what is so important about it and why it means so much to Americans past and present.

The beautiful banner of red, white and blue has been with America through the good times and bad; through war and peace. From the days of the American Revolution to current times it has been a constant reminder of what this country has ac-



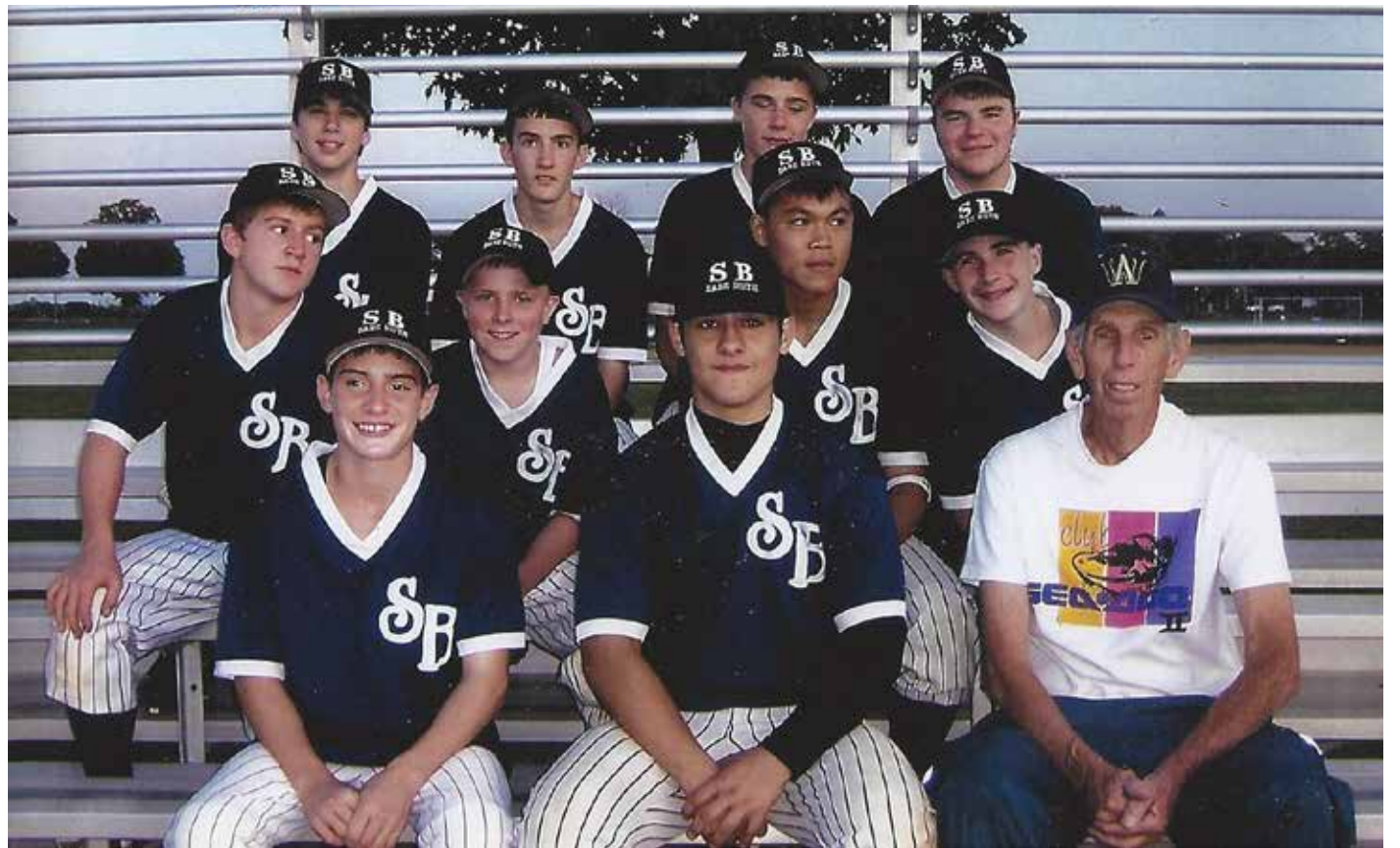
complished. Great men and women have shed blood protecting it and what it represents. It is so much more than a piece of colorful embroidered

cloth. It is a symbol that represents what proud patriots, with the help of God have created – the greatest nation on Earth. Forever may it wave.

"Laziness is nothing more than the habit of resting before you get tired" - Jules Reynard

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Last week's column touched on the topic of Fake News. Most Americans are now aware that Fake News is the tactic used by those in the main stream news media to mislead the public by slanting the way they cover a story to fit its agenda and make the public believe, not how something really happened but, how they want the public to THINK it happened.

This week's case in point is the graduation at Taylor University in the State of Indiana. Vice President Mike Pence was the invited Commencement Speaker. Most news outlets didn't report on the graduation speech itself. They led with how 'Students got up and walked out in protest as Pence began to speak. This they backed up with video footage showing students in their caps and gowns walking out. Of course, the video was edited to look like it was all or at least most of the students. The full and complete video footage revealed that, in reality, only a couple of dozen students, led by a few professors, actually walked out and the nearly 500 other students not only stayed for the entire speech, but then rose and gave a rousing standing ovation to the Vice President. The press must really be frustrated by the fact that virtually everyone has a phone with camera and video now and are easily able to expose the media's tricks.

Crazy California is back in the news. Officials in Los Angeles were wringing their hand and complaining about the growing massive homeless population in that city. Spokespeople were

bemoaning the fact that no matter how hard they try to fix the problem it keeps getting worse with thousands of people living in tents and even in boxes along the streets of that city. They just can't seem to figure out why.

The average 12 year old can figure out why this is happening and one astute and very outspoken 12 year old from Oregon, visiting LA with his school group, told one reporter, on camera, the reason. He said the following: "Keep bringing in illegal immigrants and taxing people out of their homes and ignoring the needs of the veterans and it will get even worse, you California morons". That saying, "out of the mouths of babes...." comes to mind.

Global Warming Fraud Al Gore got yet another setback last week. In Glacier National Park, signs were put up near the glaciers there by environmentalists years ago with permission from park officials. The sign names the particular glacier and then reads that it will be gone by the year 2020 because of 'Climate Change'. Well, 2020 is fast approaching but the glaciers are still there and have not melted at all. So, the signs have been quietly taken down because it's an embarrassment. But visitors noticed right away. They went public with it. Al Gore and the Hollywood Climate Change crusaders could not be reached for comment.

Security on the southern border is beginning to take shape at an accelerating rate. More sections of the border wall are going up all the time; some of

it even coming from private money. Mexico has finally realized that it is in its best interest to stop stalling, as they are sending troops to block the flow from Central America and people seeking 'asylum will no longer be allowed to pull off the scam of crossing the border and disappearing into our country. Now they will have to remain in Mexico. Much of this happened because of the warning by President Trump that he will hit the Mexicans with tariffs, if they

didn't stop playing their games. Of course, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senatore Chuck Schumer and the other harpies on the left are outraged and slammed the president for using 'threats and intimidation' to accomplish this. But if that's what it takes to get the job done – go for it. The President's response to those critics was fast and right on target. He said the following: "It's pretty bad when Mexico does more to help secure our border than the democrats". Yup.

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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.

Go Bruins!

As the Globe's Tara Sullivan writes, the only thing better than a Game 7 is a Game 7 at home – and Boston is most definitely

bracing for the huge Bruins-Blues showdown tonight for the Stanley Cup. The BBJ's Greg Ryan reports that tickets for the game are now approaching Super

Bowl-level prices.

The Herald's Tom Keegan reports that the Bruins are focusing on only one thing: Winning the Stanley Cup, not winning a third

championship in one year for Boston. But Boston fans are certainly hoping for both – and all the glorious let-'em-hate-us bragging rights that would come with a victory tonight.

Governor and legislative leaders agree to delay paid-leave tax

They have a deal. SHNS's Matt Murphy (pay wall) and the Globe's Jon Chesto report that Gov. Char-

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Sen. Collins Votes For Legislation To Prevent Distracted Driving



State Senator Nick Collins joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts State Senate to unanimously pass An Act Preventing Distracted Driving, prohibiting the use of handheld mobile devices while driving.

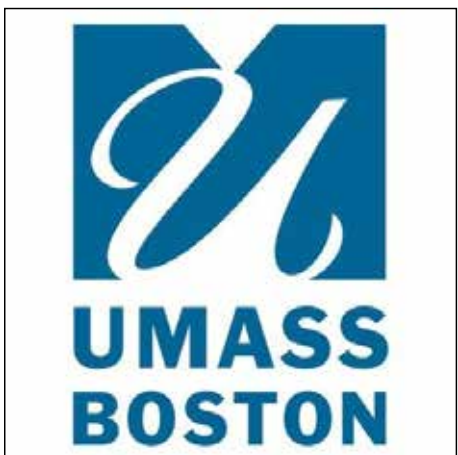
Passage of this bill puts Massachusetts in line with our northeastern neighbors of Connecticut, New Hampshire, and New York. Forty-six states currently ban texting while driving and fourteen states ban the use of handheld devices. This legislation would ban drivers from holding

and using a cell phone while driving. Drivers, however, can still make a single tap or swipe to activate or accept a hands-free call or to use a navigation device. The bill also makes exceptions for phone calls in emergency purposes, such as situations where the safety of the driver, passenger or a pedestrian is at risk or first responder intervention is necessary.

"This piece of legislation will save lives and protect everyone who uses our roads and sidewalks," said State Senator Nick Collins. "Many accidents

involving phones and other handheld distractions are avoidable, and this bill reinforces our shared commitment to prevent tragedies and reduce risks in our communities." According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, distracted driving accounted for 3,450 deaths in 2016. In 2015, an estimated 400,000 people suffered from injuries because of distraction-affected crashes. The bill will now be reconciled with a House version before being sent to the Governor for his signature.

Learning for the Love of It!



The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Massachusetts Boston will host its summer open house on Wednesday, June 26. The event will take place on the UMass Boston campus in University Hall starting at 10:30 a.m. The program is open to

people 50 years and older who are interested in belonging to an organization that provides educational courses and opportunities as well as social events.

The open house allows guests to meet current OLLI members, learn more about the organization, and explore how to participate in the program, whether that is taking courses, being part of the walking group, or sharing your own passion and knowledge through teaching a class. The fall course catalog will be available at the open house, and attendees will hear about the various fall events planned. Light refreshments will also be served.

Lifelong learning appeals to people for many different reasons. Some enjoy the chance to continue acquiring knowledge (one is never too old to learn!) and impressing their children and grandchildren with what they have learned! "If you join OLLI, you can and will exercise your brain as you learn new ways for mental stimulation. My liberal arts degree required me to read

Shakespeare and poetry. My OLLI experience enabled me to thoroughly enjoy Shakespeare and not just read poetry but write poetry," states John Cheney, an OLLI member and resident of Rockland.

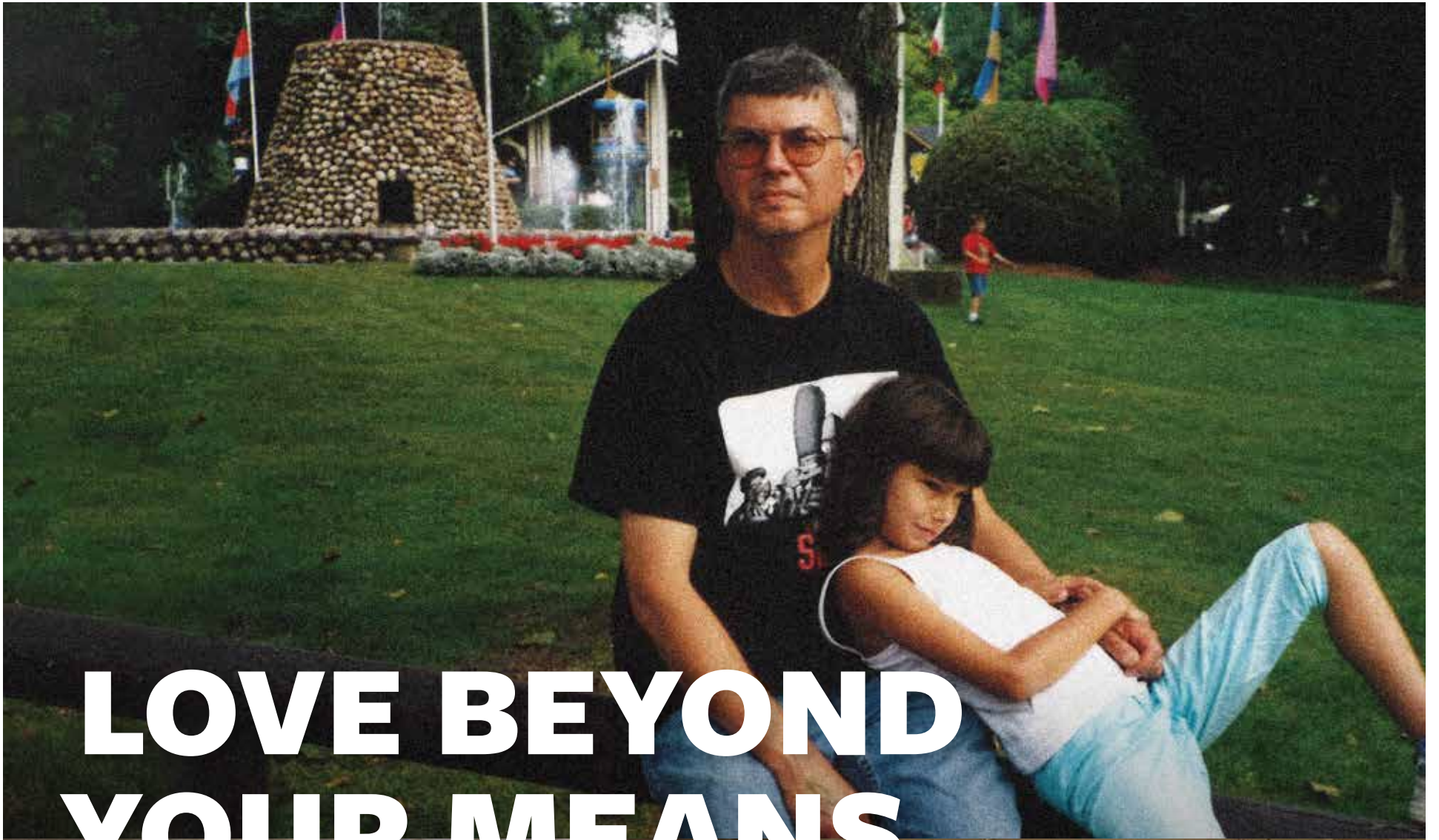
Others come to relish the social connections that are made in and out of the classroom, as many members go to theatre productions, explore new restaurants, and travel to great destinations with their fellow learners. OLLI member Kathy Farrell of Jamaica Plain had concerns about retirement: "I was nervous about retirement - what would I do all day? OLLI SOLVED THAT! I love the classes, activities, facilitators and the new friends I've met. What a wonderful experience."

Somerville resident and OLLI member Anne Kelly sums it up: "OLLI offers such a wide variety of interesting courses and activities for its members. There's something for everyone! The best part of being a member of OLLI is the friends I've made who share common interests with me. As I always

say, 'There are no strangers here, only friends you haven't met!'"

To register for this event, please call the OLLI office at 617.287.7312 or email at ollireg@gmail.com. More information on the organization can be found on its website: www.umb.edu/olli.

About OLLI at UMass Boston
The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UMass Boston is an inclusive member-powered organization that offers educational, cultural and social programs to inspire adult learners ages 50+. Our non-credit courses are taught by volunteers in a classroom setting but with no homework, tests, or grades! Based at the Dorchester campus, OLLI also offers programs at the Braintree and Hingham public libraries. The organization is funded by The Bernard Osher Foundation and is part of a national network of 123 OLLIs. OLLI at UMass Boston is housed in the Gerontology Institute, which is part of the McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies.



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Better Beaches Program



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On Saturday, June 8, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and the Department of Conservation and Recreation awarded over \$34,000 in small

grants to South Boston community organizations that will support free summer beach events throughout South Boston as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and DCR's annual Better Beaches Program. Grantees include Curley Community Center Council, South Boston Neighborhood House, Mass Kiting, City Point Neighborhood Association, YES, the South Boston MOMS Club, South Boston Leadership Initiative and the Catholic Charities Labouré Center, who will host events such as the Annual L Street Night, South Boston Family Fun Day, Olliepalooza, the 5th Annual International Kiteboarding Film Festival, youth fitness program, standup paddle boarding and fishing programs, concerts at the bandstand, and an intergenerational beach party at Carson Beach.

In total, more than \$210,000 was awarded in Better Beaches Program grants. These grants will allow 37 organizations in nine

communities to fund nearly 150 free events on the region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket in 2019.

Funds to support the Better Beaches Program come from DCR, JetBlue and the proceeds of the Harpoon Shamrock Splash fundraiser. Since Save the Harbor/Save the Bay began the Better Beaches Program partnership with the Department of Conservation & Recreation in 2008, they have awarded almost \$900,000 in small grants to support nearly 500 events on the region's public beaches for kids and families in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull.

This year's grants will see the return of many well-attended events from previous years, along with some newly funded events. Grants support concerts, kayaking, family beach festivals, youth beach parties, songs and stories by the sea and art on the shore along with several other beach

related activities. All events funded by these grants are free to the public and are hosted in the region's beachfront communities of Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull, bringing more than 1 million people to the beach.

"Each year we look forward to these great events that get people excited about going to the region's public beaches," said Save the Harbor President Tani Marinovich. "The beaches are our most important natural resources, but also serve as a cultural resource that helps connect communities and bond neighborhoods."

"Contained within the state parks system are incredible 'close to home' beaches that provide excellent recreational opportunities for visitors and their families to enjoy," said Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Leo Roy. "The Baker-Polito Administration works incredibly hard at fostering strong partnerships with stakeholders like Save the Harbor/Save the Bay in an effort to increase access and provide unique programming at state beaches and other natural resources."

With the support of The Boston Circus Guild and JetBlue, this year's line-up also includes 10 free Life's A Beach Festivals, featuring trapeze artists, acrobats and jugglers, as well as costumed storytellers, performing pirates, a community art project by Save the Harbor's artist in residence Robin Reed and mandalas in the sand by intertidal artists Andres Amador.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay visit www.savetheharbor.org. You can find out more about this year's Better Beaches program on Save the Harbor's blog, The Harbor Current, at blog.savetheharbor.org and by following @savetheharbor on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook.



Shaquan McDowell of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, Joseph Newman of National Grid and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Board Chair, Representative David Biele of South Boston, Dan Monahan of the BCYF Curley Community Center, Jim Covenor of the City Point Neighborhood Association, Donnie Todd of JetBlue, Joanne McDevitt of the City Point Neighborhood Association, Carol Delehanty and Gerri Cummins of the Catholic Charities Labouré Center, Charlie Gibbons of Boston Fun Cruises, Anna White of the South Boston MOMS Club, Kathy Lafferty and Cheryl Itri of the South Boston Neighborhood House, Ryan Sweeney of the South Boston Leadership Initiative, Tani Marinovich Save the Harbor/Save the Bay President, Christine Ward of Raising A Reader MA, Chris Mancini Vice President of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, Jamie Burch of YES Kids. Banner: Michael "Mooch" Mucciolo and Molly Baechtold of the Boston Circus Guild.

State Rep David Biele Six Months In and Getting High Approvals

SBT Staff Report



It's coming up on 6 months since South Boston's newest elected official was sworn into office.

State Representative David Biele has been active in neighborhood issues for many years as a concerned resident/private citizen before running for the position. South Boston Today recently reached out to him to speak about his first half year on the job, to get his feelings and thoughts about what he's been doing, how he believes it's been going and what his goals at the state house are for the future, representing possibly the busiest district in the entire state.

Long before we contacted him and asked for an interview, this newspaper as well as so many of his constituents have been watching him work. Most would agree, he seems to be everywhere and involved in every issue going on in the district; and as everyone is aware, there are many, most are big and all of them important. To say he's busy would be an understatement. He sits on 4 committees: The State Administrative Regulatory Oversight Committee, The Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technology, The Committee on Community Development and

Small Business and the Committee on Export Development, which deals with commerce between the Commonwealth and its partners, of which Massport plays a major part.

As if these committee assignments are not time consuming enough, he and his legislative aide Tom Mannion attend countless community meetings to have input, answer questions from neighbors and find out the concerns of his constituents. This is often a seven days/seven nights a week schedule for Rep. Biele and Tom Mannion too (It's a 2 man office, there is no large staff to spread the work around) - so we asked him how he does it, if he even finds time to sleep and what are his thoughts on such a heavy work load. His response was "it would be nice if there could be 26 or 27 hours in a day rather than just 24". He says lack of more hours in a day is probably the most difficult thing to deal with, especially when representing a district like South Boston with so much going on and sometimes these issues arise unpredictably. But he loves his job, of this

there is no doubt.

South Boston Today asked Biele what he liked most about being the state rep from South Boston and he was quick to answer. "Being the advocate for my South Boston neighborhood and being able to look out for their best interests is wonderful. I look forward to waking up each morning and going to work for my 40,000 bosses, who are my constituents. I work for them and I strive to give them my very best effort and to leave no stone unturned in order to benefit the district. This was something instilled in me by my parents at an early age and is something I will never forget".

Representative Biele says that he is very fortunate to have a great working relationship with all the other local elected officials and that because they all work as a team, it makes accomplishing goals easier. He works well with Congressman Stephen Lynch, State Senator Nick Collins, City Councilors Mike Flaherty and Ed Flynn and Clerk of Court Mike **continued on page 8**

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The Wine Guy Cooling Off

With the weather finally heading in the right direction, I think it's time to focus on one varietal we haven't written much about lately.

Pinot Grigio has skyrocketed in popularity over the last 10-15 years in this country for a couple of reasons, not the least of which is that, among summer whites, its crisp acidity, nice balance and pleasant fruit notes make it flexible with food or enjoyed by itself. In the far north of Italy, the Alto Adige region is home to some of the best and oldest Pinot Grigio wines. Over the last twenty years, though, this wine has found new homes, especially in California.

Ferrari-Carano Pinot Grigio, 2018, Russian River Valley, Sonoma, (\$16.99), grown along the Russian River, in the floor of the valley and then fermented in 100% Stainless Steel, which en-

hances its crisp flavor and balance. Owner Steve Carano describes it this way: "This wine has delicious aromas and flavors of white peach, pineapple, citrus, kiwi, honey, lychee, orange blossom, Meyer lemon and mango. Full bodied and bright at the same time, this Pinot Grigio's concentrated aromas, flavors and refreshing acidity linger to the finish." As you might guess, seafood pairs best with this one—oysters, cherry stones, Lobster salad or shrimp come to mind.

Don't forget a cheese and fruit platter, either!

Anthony Terlato is one of the most respected wine producers/exporters in Italy today and one of the greatest examples of why that's the case happens to be his Pinot Grigio wine. **His Terlato Pinot Grigio, 2017, Friuli, Italy, (\$19.99)** really brings out all the best you could expect in a higher-end Pinot Grigio. Flavors of peaches, pears and aromas of mountain flowers and citrus linger for a surprisingly long time on the palette with a well-balanced mineral finish that's crisp, but layered. This one is great for any white meats on the grille, especially Tuscan wings, Cobb salad or mild cheeses.

The Lageder family has been active in the wine trade for more than 150 years. In 1855, Alois Lageder winery was founded on the edge of Bolzano's historic center. Over the years, through the untiring efforts of four generations, the Lageder family has succeeded in purchasing



several vineyards and wine estates in some of Alto Adige's best wine-growing areas.

Their **Alois Lageder Dolomiti Pinot Grigio 2017, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy, (\$17.99)**, is a brilliant straw yellow with green shimmer. There are distinctive and expressive aromas of flowers with undertones of spicy notes. It finishes with a rich flavor in the mouth and a slight smokiness at the back for a good, fresh finish. This one is so structured that it pairs well with meat tapas and grilled mushrooms.

One Pinot Grigio that is everywhere is **Kris Pinot Grigio, 2017, Pinot Friuli-Venezia Giulia, Italy, (\$12.99)**, but for a good reason. Kris Pinot Grigio IGT Delle Venezie takes full advantage of the "delle Venezie" designation by marrying the best fruit from the appellation's three permitted regions. Veneto fruit provides the delicate

floral notes and the classic almond finish. Grapes sourced from the southwest facing slopes of Montagna receive ample sun and contribute ripe, yet fresh, citrus and pear fruit. Soil from the Mulinat vineyards is gravelly and well drained, which helps to limit yields and intensify flavor. These highly reputed vineyards offer many different microclimates of varying exposures and elevations which contribute to the distinctive component in the final blend. The winemakers focus on quality, low yield production methods and unique mastery of classic Alto-Adige grapes, which have brought them justifiable acclaim.

So, if you're looking for crisp and refreshing whites that offer flavor, structure and balance, all at affordable prices, these are the one that'll cool you off, Italian style!

Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

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Donovan. Much of the experience he gained on issues dealt with at the state house level came from being the legislative aide to Nick Collins, when Collins was the state representative. And he credits and has much appreciation for the way the local officials have been welcoming to him and how that even before he was sworn into office after winning the election, they kept him in the loop, so he would be able to hit the ground running so to speak.

Some of the many issues Representative Biele has been working on are making sure South Boston gets its fair share of funding for projects. For example, he has worked well with Senator Collins and others on

the creation of the 'South Boston Foundation'. The SBF, in cooperation with Massport, ensures that for every container that is processed at the Connolly Terminal, a dollar is donated to benefit South Boston's youth programs. This is no small amount when you realize how many containers come in by ship. He has been working to bring in economic and job creating commerce to the district, while at the same time making sure it has no negative impact on the quality of life for residents which is most important. He helped pass a bill that allotted \$14.6 million for infrastructure restoration and improvement for the city's roads and bridges.

Rep. Biele was recently appointed

as one of the commissioners to the Beaches Commission, which along with 'Save the Harbor/Save the Bay' has been working hard to make Metropolitan area beaches cleaner and more beautiful than ever. The result of this effort is that South Boston now has 4 out of the top 5 cleanest beaches; something that Biele is very happy about.

Of course, tackling the affordable housing crisis is a major goal and is doing all he can on the state level to improve on this serious situation. And there are so many more issues and projects that Representative David Biele has been working with on behalf of South Boston that affect every part of the district, far too many to cover in one story. But to mention another that is dear to the hearts of South Bostonians, especially

to our veterans and their families, there is the defaced WW II monument. Biele was hands on, 7 days a week on site after the vandalism, making sure that whatever was needed, whatever work had to be done and as many resources were required to make the repairs were brought in. He has even helped sponsor a bill to name the Gazebo next to the monument in honor of the late John Mullen, who was a driving force in getting the memorial built.

In closing, the first six months on the job brings in high marks from the district's constituents for State Representative Biele. Residents have said they find him to be a full-time state representative, hands on, hard-working, sincere and effective. Not bad, not bad at all.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

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50 G Street Single Family	\$1,289,000	4/12/19	9	3.5	2,236
57 L St UNIT 4 Condo	\$990,000	4/15/19	5	2	1,365
1650 Columbia Rd UNIT 2 Condo	\$929,000	4/12/19	5	2	1,315
756 East Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$870,000	4/12/19	4	2	1,204
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Community Meeting

South Boston Seaport Strategic Transit Plan

Tuesday, June 18
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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Event Description

The South Boston 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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USS Constitution Turnaround Marks The 75th Anniversary of D-Day

It's an event that never gets old and always inspires and makes us proud. Watching the USS Constitution, America's oldest, still active warship, turnaround from the shores and pier at Castle Island never ceases to thrill and amaze the crowds. And so, it was again last week, this time to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day Invasion; the biggest battle of World War II.

As the USS Constitution, the refurbished yet still rugged and very much sea-worthy wooden warship approached throngs of spectators, which included many children there in organized school groups, it fired off volley after volley of cannon shot from the ship's guns for a 21 gun salute. It was answered by militia members firing land-based cannon from the same era for a truly spectacular show that brought applause from the viewing crowds.



South Boston Neighborhood House awarded \$100,000

South Boston nonprofit receives Cummings Foundation grant

South Boston Neighborhood House is one of 100 local nonprofits to receive grants of \$100,000 each through Cummings Foundation's "\$100K for 100" program. The Boston-based organization was chosen from a total of 574 applicants during a competitive review process.

The Mission of the South Boston Neighborhood House, affectionately known as "The Ollie", is to support family and neighborhood life in South Boston. Originally founded as a settlement house, the Ollie looks to meet the needs of the community and offer programs for everyone in South Boston: infants, children, teens, families, and seniors.

Representing South Boston Neighborhood House, Kathy Lafferty, Executive Director and Kevin

Benedix, Board President joined approximately 300 other guests at a reception at TradeCenter 128 in Woburn to celebrate the \$10 million infusion into Greater Boston's nonprofit sector. With the conclusion of this grant cycle, Cummings Foundation has now awarded more than \$260 million to Greater Boston nonprofits alone.

"We are truly grateful to the Cummings Foundation for their generous commitment to the South Boston community through this grant," said Kathy Lafferty, Executive Director of South Boston Neighborhood House. "Smaller non-profit organizations, like South Boston Neighborhood House, work really hard to secure this kind of long-term funding. This \$100,000.00 grant will allow us to continue our important work in supporting children and impacting some of our most isolated families." – Kathy Lafferty, Executive Director

"I know I speak for the entire SBNH Board when I say that we are extremely excited to have The Ollie welcomed into the Cummings Foundation family of great organizations with this very generous grant. I'd like to personally thank Bill and Joyce Cummings

and their entire team at the Cummings Foundation and Cummings Properties for their consideration and generosity." – Kevin Benedix, Board President

South Boston Neighborhood House will be using the funds to support their Family Engagement Program, specifically Welcome Baby. Welcome Baby includes an initial home visit for new Moms by our social worker and a Parent Partner, both bilingual Moms from

the community. The home visitors bring a welcome basket of essential supplies for the newborn, store coupons, a small gift for Mom and information about other resources and Family Engagement programs.

The \$100K for 100 program supports nonprofits that are based in and primarily serve Middlesex, Essex, and Suffolk counties. Through this place-based initiative, Cummings Foundation aims to give back in the

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South Boston Neighborhood House Family Engagement Program and Administrative Staff. From left to right: Altemis Jaquez-Diaz, Idalia Grant, Meghan Savicke, Cheryl Itri, Kathy Lafferty and Mary Fiske.

MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES CITY OF BOSTON RECEIVED KEY STATE PERMIT TO REBUILD LONG ISLAND BRIDGE

Permit advances plan to rebuild the bridge to Long Island and create a comprehensive, long-term recovery campus

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the City of Boston has received Superseding Orders of Conditions (SOC) from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) to rebuild the bridge to Long Island. In the ruling, MassDEP determined that Boston's proposal meets the performance standards under the Wetlands Protection Act and minimizes impacts to coastal wetland resources in both Boston and Quincy.



"Our efforts to create a regional recovery campus on Long Island have always been guided by our fundamental belief that every person deserves a chance at recovery," said Mayor Walsh. "The opioid crisis we're living goes beyond city lines, and we welcome everyone's support as we take action to help those suffering find their path to a better life. The Long Island Bridge carried the weight of those in need for more than 60 years and it's our hope that the island will once again serve as the sanctuary it's meant to be."

The SOC comes after Boston appealed the Quincy Conservation Commission's Order of Conditions denying Boston's application to rebuild the bridge and Quincy's appeal of the Boston Conservation Commission's granting of the permit.

In 2014, Mayor Walsh made the decision to close Long Island Bridge to ensure public safety, demolishing the bridge superstructure. Mayor Walsh then pledged in his 2018 inaugural address to rebuild it and create a comprehensive, long-term recovery campus on Long Island.

City of Boston engineers and consultants have determined that rebuild-

ing the bridge is necessary for day-to-day operations and emergency service to and from Long Island, presenting publicly on the plan over the last year, including at the Boston Conservation Commission, the Quincy Conservation Commission, and community meetings in both cities.

The bridge will have an estimated 75-year lifespan and will be reconstructed by rehabilitating the existing piers and placing a new superstructure, along with improving access to the roadways on both Moon Island and Long Island. After examining a ferry service, City of Boston engineers and consultants determined that this is not an adequate option given the environmental impact, cost, and typical timeline for implementation, and more importantly, the inability of a ferry to support the required public safety services for a public health campus.

The City of Boston is planning an innovative and holistic recovery campus on Long Island that will expand essential recovery services for the region, fill gaps in the continuum of care and utilize the natural environment to provide a healing space. The City has contracted with Gensler and Ascension

Recovery Services to identify the types of services, resources and treatment options that would be best suited for the island and create a master plan for the recovery campus.

Having been in recovery for over 20 years, Mayor Walsh understands firsthand how easily addiction can take hold and how difficult it can be to recover. In his first term, Mayor Walsh made expanding access to recovery services in Boston a priority by creating the Office of Recovery Services to study substance use in Boston and lead the city's strategy around substance use disorders, addiction and recovery. This is the first municipal recovery office in the nation.

The City has taken a comprehensive approach to tackle the opioid epidemic, serving people in all stages of the continuum of care, from providing harm reduction services to ensure people can maintain health in various aspects of their lives, to connecting people with beds at rehabilitation facilities, to offering inpatient and outpatient programming, to long-term peer support for those further along in their recovery journey.

Continuing these efforts, the City of Boston filed a complaint in Suffolk Superior Court against 13 opioid manufacturers, four distributors, and one local doctor that have contributed to the local opioid epidemic through misleading marketing and reckless dissemination of opioids that has led to the deaths of more than 830 Boston residents since 2014. As part of the litigation, the City is seeking to recover both past and future damages and injunctive relief associated with addressing the opioid epidemic in Boston.

Prudential Center Family Film Festival

July 6, 2019 - August 31, 2019

South Garden at Prudential Center
With free, family-friendly movies shown under the stars, the Prudential Center Family Film Festival is a great summer night out. Entertainment, children's activities and giveaways will start at 6pm. All movies will start every Saturday at sundown. Rain dates will be held the following Tuesday.

2019 Movie Schedule



July 6: Lego Movie 2
July 13: Mary Poppins Returns
July 20: Incredibles 2
July 27: Ralph Breaks the Internet
August 3: How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World

August 10: Smallfoot
August 17: Alice in Wonderland (1951)
August 24: Hotel Transylvania 3
August 31: Dumbo (2019)
Come in early and grab dinner or

snacks to enjoy during the movie! Picnic blankets and beach chairs are welcome. Spend just \$10 and receive discounted parking in the Prudential Center Garage (restrictions apply). Closed captioning will be provided for all movies.

South Boston students graduate from Boston College High School

On Sunday, May 19, 2019 at Boston College High School's 155th Commencement, President Grace Cotter Regan and the Board of Trustees presented diplomas to 253 members of the class of 2019. Mr. Stephen Hughes, a 1973 graduate of BC High and Principal of the school, gave the address.

Among the graduates were:

Joseph Michael Arlauskas, III, who plans on Suffolk University in the fall.

John Joseph Flaherty, who graduated with Academic Honors. He plans



on Boston College in the fall.

Daniel J. Murtagh, who graduated with Academic Honors. He plans on Army Medical 68W in the fall.



Chase James Thomas, who graduated with Academic Honors and as a member of the National Honor Society. Chase delivered the Senior



Address. He plans on Brown University in the fall.

Peter Robert Welch, Jr., who plans on Suffolk University in the fall.



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area where it owns commercial buildings, all of which are managed, at no cost to the Foundation, by its affiliate Cummings Properties. Founded in 1970 by Bill Cummings, the Woburn-based commercial real estate firm leases and manages 10 million square feet of space, the majority of which exclusively benefits the Foundation.

“By having such a local focus, we aim to make a meaningful positive difference in the communities where our colleagues and leasing clients live and work,” said Joel Swets, Cummings Foundation’s executive director. “We are most grateful for the nonprofit organizations that assist and empower our neighbors, and we are proud to support their efforts.”

This year’s diverse group of grant recipients represents a wide variety

of causes, including homelessness prevention, affordable housing, education, violence prevention, and food insecurity. Most of the grants will be paid over two to five years.

The complete list of 100 grant winners is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.

Cummings Foundation announced an additional \$15 million in early May through its Sustaining Grants program. Through these awards, 50 local nonprofits will receive ongoing funding of \$20,000 - \$50,000 for 10 years.

The history behind Cummings Properties and Cummings Foundation is detailed in Bill Cummings’ self-written memoir, “Starting Small and Making It Big: An Entrepreneur’s Journey to Billion-Dollar Philanthropist.” It is available on Amazon or cummings.com/book.

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lie Baker, Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Robert DeLeo have reached an agreement to delay for three months the implementation of the new paid-leave tax, after the business community, unions and paid-leave activists all agreed that starting the employer tax on July 1, as planned, would likely lead to confusion. The Senate could vote on the delay as early as today. The BBJ’s Gintautas Dumcius has more.

MBTA to launch third-party probe after the latest T derailment

MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak announced yesterday that he wants an outside agency to investigate the agency’s recent rash of train derailments, the latest being yesterday’s Red Line debacle that

caused commuter havoc across the region, reports the Herald’s Sean Philip Cotter and Brooks Sutherland and SHNS’s Michael Norton (pay wall).

There’s actually a lot of T derailments that need investigation -- 43 of them over the past five years, to be precise, for one of the worst derailment records in the nation, reports the Globe’s Vernal Coleman and Matt Rocheleau. Still, Gov. Charlie Baker remains confident that the T is headed in the “right direction” with long-term fixes on the way, reports the Globe’s Matt Stout and Christina Prignano.

Other headlines following yesterday’s Red Line disaster: “Boston chamber head calls transit issues a ‘crisis’” (Boston Business Journal) and “MBTA general manager defends July 1 fare hikes”

Flaherty Recommends Passage Of Key Community Preservation Act Funding

The Boston City Council's Committee on Community Preservation recommends appropriation and reservation of \$24,309,813 in project funding for FY20 Community Preservation Act Funding



Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty, Chair of the City Council's Committee on the Community Preservation Act, recommended passage for the appropriation of funds for the operating costs of the City of Boston Preservation Committee (CPC) and the allocation of CPA revenues to the

CPC for the 2020 fiscal year. The appropriation recommendation took place after a public hearing convened by Councilor Flaherty, who was joined by Boston City Councilor for District 4 Andrea Campbell (Vice-Chair of the Committee) and City Councilor for District 2 Ed Flynn. Testifying on behalf of the administration were Emme Handy (Chief Financial Officer for the City of Boston) and Christine Poff (Community Preservation Director for the City of Boston).

The Community Preservation Act, which was implemented in Boston after a ballot measure passed in November 2016 by 74% of the vote in the city, allows for the municipal application of a 1% surcharge on property taxes to be placed into a fund dedicated to parks and open space, affordable housing, and historic preservation. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts also provides matching funds to the City

of Boston via revenue generated through the collection of Registries of Deeds filing fees.

The recommendations include the appropriation of administrative funds for the 2020 fiscal year consisting of \$1,202,337.00 and the reservation of \$24,309,813.00 in revenues for the CPA for further appropriations. These funds would be an addition to the \$42,961,755.00 total project funding authorized to date for community preservation projects. These actions and appropriations are part of the first steps to set up for the next award round.

Councilor Flaherty's and the Committee on the Community Preservation Act's support of these actions and appropriations are part of ongoing statewide efforts to ensure the sustainability of the CPA, including the recently passed Amendment Three to the Community Preservation Act. Amendment Three allocates an additional

estimated \$36 million in funding to the statewide CPA fund through an increase of Registries of Deeds filing fees, which raise the charge on the recording of a document with the Registries from \$20 to \$50, and the fee on the filing of a municipal lien from \$10 to \$25. This amendment was supported by the City Council as per Councilors Flaherty's and Campbell's Resolution: "An Act to Sustain Community Preservation".

"I believe that as Boston continues to experience unprecedented growth and development, the projects funded by the Community Preservation Act are crucial for the stabilization and betterment of our neighborhoods," stated Councilor Flaherty. "I look forward to working with the CPC to further preserve and improve every part of our city." The next round of applications for the City of Boston's Community Preservation program is expected to take place by Fall.

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and learn about the strategic plan to improve Seaport District transit. The Presentation is from 6:00 to 6:30 pm followed by a Breakout Session from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

The South Boston Seaport Strategic Transit Plan is in the process of identifying specific recommendations to improve the operations and capacity of the transit network serving South Boston's Seaport District. The Plan is studying current transit connections and planning to recommend specific improvements in the short-term, as well as for the next 15 years and beyond.

The plan is being undertaken by the City of Boston, led by the Boston Planning and Development Agency with support from the Boston Transportation Department. Partner agencies include the MBTA, MassDOT, Massport, Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) and Seaport TMA. All will be key team members with roles in implementing the recommendations.

Rapid growth in the Seaport District has increased the number of residential, commercial, and institutional destinations in this area of Boston. Additional developments are either under review, BPDA board

approved, or under construction. The Plan seeks to develop an integrated inventory of pending development, infrastructure plans, and transportation projects and visions, including Go Boston 2030.

The Plan also involves direct coordination with studies relevant to the scope, including the Silver Line Capacity Study conducted by Massport, MBTA's Better Bus Project, and other transit initiatives.

The Strategic Transit Plan calls for a comprehensive transit vision for the District based on a data driven understanding of the demands placed on the South Boston neighborhood by both existing and planned future development. The focus is on transit, including the Seaport's bus and shuttle network, water ferries, ride-sharing and bike-sharing, and other private-sector initiatives. Transit solutions have a direct effect on traffic in general and especially as it relates to the natural geographic challenges of a peninsula like South Boston. This includes the MBTA's Red and Silver Lines, MBTA bus service, and bicycle and pedestrian networks to them.

The Plan will identify key activity points, circulation networks, and primary origins and destinations both locally and regionally. It will analyze bicycle and pedestrian condi-

tions, as well as safety for all users. Based on a thorough analysis of the data and conditions, the Plan will identify potential infrastructure or roadway changes to improve transit movement and enhance pedestrian and bicycle conditions.

Civic engagement with residents, advocacy groups, and business and property owners will be a key element of the Plan. The project team will be seeking input from the South Boston Seaport and South Boston Proper community on goals and objectives for improving transit through public meetings and briefings.

Draft and final recommendations will be refined based on community and stakeholder feedback. Final strategic recommendations will demonstrate the benefits of a prioritized list of projects with estimated costs, funding sources, and operations and management strategies. The plan will include monitoring and reporting on the recommendations. Implementing the Plan will be a crucial element of the recommendations. The City hopes to implement immediate transportation improvements in the Seaport as the first step in a vigorous and successful South Boston Seaport Strategic Transit Plan.

South Boston Catholic Academy News

We all had a fun day at Field Day!

South Boston Catholic Academy students participated in their Annual Field Day on Wednesday, June 5. Students played cross-grade level teams in events including relay races, cup stacking competition, Frisbee tosses and more. It was a fun day for all! On Friday, June 7, all the

students in K2 to 6 visited the Museum of Science thanks to a grant from the Catholic Schools Office. All students participated in engineering in Elementary Units through the Museum of Science during the school year and this trip served as a capstone to their experiences in

engineering in the classroom. 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. Also check our website at sbcatholicacademy.org for more info.



St. Brigid Church Summer Coffee & Refreshment Get-Together

All are welcome to come to St. Brigid Church Summer Coffee & Refreshment Get-Together, held downstairs in Cardinal Cushing Hall, after the 10:30 Mass, this coming Sunday, June 16, 2019 for coffee and refreshments. We wish all dads a Happy Father's Day!





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

You might see that there's no mention of the result of Game 7 of the Stanley Cup Final in this edition of the paper. That's strictly a deadline issue. With Game 7 on Wednesday night, the paper is printed well before we know who hoisted la Coupe at the TD Garden.

Well, regardless of who won it, Tuukka Rask should have the Conn Smythe locked up. The Conn Smythe Trophy is awarded to the MVP of the entire playoffs. Rask has been just that. And even if Rask didn't get the job done on Wednesday night, he should've still received the Conn Smythe.

The last player of a losing team to win the Conn Smythe was Anaheim Ducks goaltender Jean-Sebastien Giguere in 2003, after the New Jersey Devils defeated the Ducks in the Stanley Cup Final.

Win or lose, Rask has been the best and most impactful player throughout the entire playoffs. He's the MVP, regardless of what the result was of Game 7.

—You have to be a real piece of trash to shoot David Ortiz. Now, I say that not knowing the full story, if there is a full story. But I mean, seriously, who would want to kill Big Papi,

especially in his native Dominican Republic? That's absurd.

I've been to the Dominican. Once you get inside the resort, the place is paradise. Recent news might tell you otherwise, but I'd definitely go back in a heartbeat.

Ortiz will probably want to go back at some point too. And an absolute legend like Big Papi shouldn't have to look over his shoulder anywhere, nevermind in the Dominican.

There are reports that Ortiz allegedly had an affair with someone's wife, and that this put the target on his back, literally. Ortiz was shot in the back on Sunday night at a bar in the Dominican. He's had multiple surgeries to repair damage from the bullet that went through him, and was flown to Boston on a plane that the Red Sox sent to save him.

What a crazy sentence that last one was to write.

Multiple suspects have since been taken into custody in the Dominican. Some reports believe it could've involved a hired hitman.

I mean, now we're getting crazy with the Ortiz gossip. But it would only make sense. What other reason would somebody have for shooting Ortiz?

Regardless of the reason, I think

I speak for everyone other than the gunman when I say I'm just glad he's going to be OK.

But on second thought, maybe just stay in Boston from now on, Papi.

—The world is soft. It's getting softer. Kevin Durant is the latest example. No, not because he suffered an Achilles injury in Game 5 of the NBA Finals that ended his season. But because now there are people blaming the Golden State Warriors for that said injury.

Unreal. Yeah, it's the Warriors fault that Durant returned from a calf injury and played in an NBA Finals game with no restrictions while his team trailed in the series 3-1.

Credit to Durant for working his way back onto the court and being willing to suit up even though he might not have been feeling 100 percent. Before Game 5 in Toronto, he hadn't played since the second round against Houston.

But to think that the Warriors forced him to return is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard. Don't you think that if somebody, anybody, from the Warriors organization tried to force Durant to play injured that we would've heard about it? And you know why we would've heard about it? Because it would be

a major story. And you know why it would be a major story? Because Durant would be absolutely pissed if he was getting bullied by anybody not named Kevin Durant.

Durant is a superstar. He's got a huge contract to sign this summer. He doesn't have to — and won't — do what he doesn't want to do. To think otherwise is just downright foolish.

But unfortunately, there are big-name NBA talking heads who want to pin Durant's Achilles injury on the Warriors organization, saying they pressured him into playing and returning from his calf injury too soon.

Soft. We've gone soft.

Let's say the Warriors were trying everything they could to get Durant medically cleared and get him back on the court as soon as possible. Would that be a bad thing for a team that's trying to win an NBA Championship? Of course not. But the world's gone soft.

And if Durant didn't want to play and risk further injury, he didn't have to. Nobody forced him to do anything. It's unfortunate he got hurt again. But nobody should be blamed for it.

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ORTIZ SHOT IN DOMINICAN, TRANSPORTED TO BOSTON HOSPITAL IN STABLE CONDITION

SBT Staff

Boston Red Sox legend David Ortiz is being treated at Massachusetts General Hospital after being shot in the back while at a club in his native Dominican Republic on Sunday night.

Ortiz received emergency surgery in the Dominican after the bullet damaged his intestines and liver. He received a second surgery in Boston on Monday night after arriving on a plane that was sent to the Dominican by the Red Sox.

On Tuesday, Ortiz' wife Tiffany released a statement via the Red Sox.

"David arrived at Massachusetts General Hospital last night and underwent a successful second surgery," she said in the statement.

He is stable, awake, and resting comfortably this morning in the ICU where he is expected to remain for the next several days.

"On behalf of me and my family, I want to thank John and Linda Henry, Tom Werner, Sam Kennedy and the Boston Red Sox for all that they are doing for David and our family, as well as Dr. Larry Ronan and the amazing staff at Massachusetts General Hospital.

"Lastly, I want to thank everyone for the outpouring of support and love that we have received during this incredibly difficult time. We ask for privacy as David works towards recovery."

Dominican authorities say the suspected shooter got off a motorcycle and ambushed Ortiz. Both the suspected shooter and the motorcycle driver are in custody. The motorcycle driver has been identified as 25-year-old Eddy Feliz Garcia, who was beaten by nearby spectators before being arrested.

Ortiz is expected to make a full recovery with no restrictions, but remains in intensive care.

Tweet of the Week

Boston Bruins @NHLBruins · 22h
Boston loves Big Papi.



WHAT TO WATCH

NBA THURSDAY, JUNE 13 NBA Finals

Gm 6: Toronto at Golden State
9 P.M. ABC

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 NBA Finals

(IF NECESSARY)
Gm 7: Golden State at Toronto
8 P.M. ABC

MLB SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Boston (Sale) at Baltimore (Bundy)
4:05 P.M. NESN

GOLF THURS, JUNE 13 - SUN, JUNE 16

U.S. Open
2 P.M. FS1/FOX

DURANT TO MISS REST OF FINALS WITH ACHILLES INJURY

SBT Staff

Kevin Durant made his heroic return to the Golden State Warriors on Monday night for Game 5 of the NBA Finals in Toronto. But that return didn't last very long.

Durant hit the floor in the second quarter, grabbing his right Achilles with a look of discomfort on his face. He was helped up by teammates and brought back to the locker room, and later left the arena on crutches and a boot on his right foot.

And he did, scoring 11 points in 12 minutes, until going down with the Achilles injury.

Golden State went on to win Game 5, 106-105, after Toronto's Kyle Lowry missed a baseline three-point attempt at the buzzer, cutting the Raptors' Finals lead to 3-2.

Game 6 will be back in Golden State on Thursday, with Game 7 — if necessary — in Toronto on Sunday night.

Warriors coach Steve Kerr announced just before the game that Durant would play in Game 5 with no restrictions.



PELICANS GIVE ASKING PRICE FOR AD

SBT Staff

As we get closer to the NBA offseason, the more we're finding out about what the New Orleans Pelicans will be looking for in an Anthony Davis trade.

ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski is reporting that Pelicans executive vice president of basketball operations David Griffin is asking for "a combination of assets that include an All-Star player, a young player with All-Star potential and two first-round picks" according to his league sources.

Wojnarowski reports that Griffin has already started to give the framework of a blockbuster deal to his potential trade partners, which includes multi-team scenarios.

Davis still has one more year remaining on his current contract before he can become a free agent. But according to Shams Charania of The Athletic, Davis has just two teams on his list of preferred destinations: the Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks.



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