



Back-to-School Tips

The following health and safety tips are from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Making the First Day Easier

- Parents should remember that they need not wait until the first day of class to ask for help.
- Point out the positive aspects of starting school to create positive anticipation about the first day of class. They will see old friends and meet new ones. Talk with them about positive experiences they may have had in the past at school or with other groups of children.
- Find another child in the neighborhood with whom your child can walk to school or ride on the bus.
- If you feel it is needed, drive your child (or walk with her) to school and pick her up on the first day, and get there early on the first day to cut down on unnecessary stress.
- Make sure to touch base with your

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EDITORIAL

To Our New and Returning College Students: Enjoy, Succeed, but Beware

It's that time of year again when students head off to continue their education. It's a wonderful time in a young person's life as they strive to expand their knowledge in an effort to prepare for a future career. But indulge us here at SBT if you will and allow us to give some well-meaning advice. Be prepared and beware.

It's now a given that on many American college campuses, though most professors that you will encounter are good and dedicated educators whose goal it is to make you proficient in the subject they have been hired to teach, there are others who have as their agenda, to indoctrinate you into mimicking their political points of view. And in so many cases, their view is one of Socialism and to be blunt, even Communism. They will attack and ridicule your

patriotism, your faith and your own political leanings if they don't coincide with theirs and even your ethnicity and upbringing. They will disparage our country and its proud history and work hard to ostracize you if you do not submit to what is so often, their bullying.

The point here is to make up your own minds. Don't let the academic ideologues on campus, other students who are easily led, or anyone else including this newspaper mold your thought process. Keep an open mind, stand up for your beliefs and become the person YOU want to be. You will probably come into contact with people who don't want to hear your opinions. They want to hear THEIR opinions coming out of your mouths. Let your views be yours, not theirs.



Having stated the above, we now say this: Whether you are heading off to a college or university, a trade school, which is always a good move when seeking a good, high paying career, joining the military to selflessly serve our country, a first responder or a high school graduate looking forward to going to work at the job of your choosing, we here at SBT wish every one of you all the success in the world. Good Luck and God Bless!

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The Information Center



Latest Tactic Is Recession Talk, But They're Still Firing Blanks

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And now it's a Recession. Did you ever think the time would come when there would be Americans, well, let me rephrase that, people holding American citizenship, who would actually be hoping for bad economic times to hit our country? People so filled with hate that they would hope, and in the case of at least one anchor woman on MSNBC, be 'praying' for a recession to hit us. Whether people like the current president or not, most Americans now believe that the news media is out to use any and all tactics they can come up with to block President Trump's reelection. This is according to the latest Rasmussen Poll. Rasmussen by the way is no fan of Trump's and even they are admitting it. Self-proclaimed comedian Bill Maher says it often. He wants a recession to make Trump look bad and he also wants Americans to suffer so they will get mad at Trump and vote against him. It's amazing how this guy even has a TV show. He hasn't been funny in years. One has to ask, what causes people to be so consumed with hatred that they wish pain, suffering and dire economic times to befall their fellow Americans?

Economic indicators confirm that there is no recession and there is not one in sight. In fact, the US economy is exploding in a good way and nations around the world are wishing theirs were doing so well. This is just another desperate attempt to fool the public. Russia didn't work, the racism thing is falling flat with minority support for the president continuing to climb, children in cages was proven to be a hoax, so now they are fabricating a recession. But with jobs pouring back into this country, wages going up, the unemployment rate at

one of the all time lows for EVERY ethnic group in the country, it's a hard sell trying to con the American public who have become well aware of all these attempted deceptions.

All this hatred, spite and venom will not go well for those trying to influence the next election. It's apparent to a growing number of people that so many of the president's detractors would much prefer the entire country crash and burn than for him to succeed in anything. And what they have to offer as an alternative to him is more of the same policies that are turning the once thriving cities they are running into TENT cities with streets filled with trash, human waste and taxes that are driving those who can, to flee and those who cannot, to become homeless. Their motto should be 'put us in power and we promise to do for all of America what we have done to our districts'. Not a very attractive choice.

When one side is promising to raise everyone's taxes through the roof, allow babies to be aborted even at birth, regulate business into bankruptcy, cut the military to the bone, leave law abiding citizens defenseless by gun confiscation, throw open the borders to the world and have citizens pay to support the influx of millions, ban meat and cows and air travel and cars and every other thing that is not on the 'progressive' trendy list and even stifle the free speech of Americans, there will be a backlash and it will happen in November.

To close this week, more news that causes our readers to just roll their eyes and shake their heads and laugh. Reports came out a few days ago about more silliness from San Francisco, California. That city's crime problem - Nancy Pelosi's city, is so out of control, that in its effort

to try and hide it from record, officials there have ordered a language or a label change. Now, people will no longer be allowed to refer to convicted felons by that name. The new term mandated for them now will be 'Justice involved people'. The liberal mindset in San Francisco seems to be that since they can't figure out how to deal with and solve the crime problem, they will call it by another name and that will be good enough. But wait, I have one more this week.

The 'Lion King' movie is in the news with the new computer driven

version in theaters now. But did you know that when the first version, the animated version, came out, the Disney Company had a lawsuit filed against it by animal rights activists? According to Entertainment Magazine, the activists sued Disney because hyenas were portrayed as villains and scavengers in the film. This, said the animal rights activists, was defamation of the species - offensive towards hyenas. One can only imagine the trauma suffered by these sensitive animals for the way they have been portrayed in the movie.

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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.

Rollins rebuffed: Judge refuse to drop charges against Straight Pride counter-protesters

It's not just the cops. It's the judges too. The Globe's Gal Tziperman Lotan and John Ellement report that Boston Municipal Court Judge Richard J. Sinnott yesterday "again and again" refused to drop some of the charges, as recommended by Suffolk DA Rachael Rollins, against the left-wing counter-protesters who clashed with police at this past weekend's right-wing Straight Pride Parade in Boston. Meanwhile, the Herald is reporting that another judge, Thomas Horgan, also "ordered three men accused of assaulting police at the same parade to 'Stay out of Boston' or risk 90 days in jail." In other words, it's now judges, not just cops, openly opposing Rollins's reformist no-prosecute ways.

To the Herald's Howie Carr, the 'Stay out of Boston' command was music to

his ears. But U.S. Rep. Ayanna Pressley is calling for an independent investigation of police action at the parade and describing the judges' rulings as "over-reach," reports the Herald's Jules Crittenden. The ACLU is looking into allegations of police misconduct at the parades, reports by Zoe Mathews at WGBH. And counter-protesters have other supporters, to the tune of \$24K, reports Douglas Hook at MassLive.

Senator: Take off those masks

SHNS's Colin Young reports that state Sen. Dean Tran, a Fitchburg Republican, wants to ban protesters, like those who clashed with police at the Straight Pride Parade over the weekend, from wearing bandanas, masks or other items to shield their identities at "public events and demonstrations," saying they pose a "danger to public safety and our police officers."

Reports: Bryon Hefner considering

plea deal in sexual assault case

The Herald's Mary Markos and MassLive's Shira Schoenberg report that Bryon Hefner, the estranged husband of former Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, is considering pleading guilty to the sexual assault charges, a week before his trial is set to begin Sept. 11.

Warren unveils \$3T climate plan on eve of CNN event

Nice timing. From the NYT: "Senator Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts released an ambitious new climate change plan on Tuesday, embracing goals laid out by a former presidential rival and calling for \$3 trillion in spending over a decade to combat human-driven global warming. Ms. Warren made her announcement on the eve of a CNN town-hall-style event on global warming, which 10 top Democrats in the 2020 field are scheduled to attend on Wednesday."

Worse than the Boston Calling case?

The Globe's Tim Logan and Milton Valencia take a look at John Lynch, the "unflashy, nuts-and-bolts bureaucrat" now at the center of the zoning bribery scandal at City Hall. The Globe's Adrian Walker thinks the bribery case is more serious, and potentially more dangerous to Mayor Marty Walsh, than the Boston Calling case, precisely because of the "blatant, old-school corruption" charges involved. "This is a throwback to the bad old days of Boston city government, when greasing the skids was just the cost of doing business."

Pemberton's campaign recharged by Kennedy talk

The Herald's Joe Battenfeld writes that U.S. Senate candidate Steve Pemberton isn't backing down from his fight to unseat Ed Markey, amid talk that U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy III may throw his hat into the Dem primary ring. If anything, Pemberton's long-shot campaign has gotten a boost from all the Kennedy talk, Battenfeld writes.

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Anniversary of the 9/11 Attacks to be Remembered across the Nation

SBT Staff Report

For millions of Americans, the terrorist attack on September 11th, 2001 seems like yesterday. The impact on the nation was that devastating. When radical Islamic terrorists flew those planes into the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington DC, it stunned a sleepy country with a brutal reminder of just how

dangerous a world we live in. Americans came together in a way somewhat similar to the way they did after the attack on Pearl Harbor, which marked this nation's entry into World War II. The call went out on that day to once again – 'Never Forget'.

Though it's been 18 years since September 11th, 2001, and the full impact has faded somewhat from memory, Americans will still gather at memorial services all across the

country to remember and to honor those who perished on that day. From East Coast and West Coast and certainly in the heartland of America, there will be observances in countless cities and towns as the nation honors those who died.

In addition to honoring those who perished in the attacks themselves, tribute will be paid to those rescue workers and first responders who came down with illnesses related to being in the area and died, as well as those still alive but who to this day, continue to suffer the effects of their efforts in the rescue operations.

It was just 4 months ago that an addition to the 911 Memorial on the plaza in Lower Manhattan in New York was constructed and dedicated to first responders and rescue workers; both those who have passed on and those who still suffer. It's called the '911 Memorial Glade'. And, recently, Congress passed and President Trump signed into law, a provision which will provide continued medical care for those rescue workers still living



with the various diseases and afflictions that resulted from their rescue work at the site of the attacks.

Though the actual sting of the September 11th, 2001 attacks has eased do to so much time having passed, it is plain that the call to 'Never Forget' rings as strong today as it did on that day 18 years ago. The lesson learned by most Americans back then was that this country can never allow itself to let its guard down. The United States has determined enemies from outside and also from within, who will always wait patiently for an opening to inflict harm on our country. It's unfortunate that lesson is lost on some Americans but thankfully, not most. In addition to the call to 'Never Forget', the goal of 'Always be Prepared' should be just as important.

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John F. Kelly

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Former White House Chief of Staff

General Kelly was born and raised in Boston, MA. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1970, and was discharged as a sergeant in 1972, after serving in an infantry company with the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC. Following graduation from the University of Massachusetts in 1976, he was commissioned and returned to the 2nd Marine Division where he served as a rifle and weapons platoon commander, company executive officer, assistant operations officer, and infantry company commander. Sea duty in Mayport, FL, followed, at which time he served aboard aircraft carriers USS Forrestal and USS Independence. In 1980, then Captain Kelly transferred to the U.S. Army's Infantry Officer Advanced Course in Fort Benning, GA. After graduation, he was assigned to Headquarters Marine

Corps, Washington, DC, serving there from 1981 through 1984, as an assignment monitor. Captain Kelly returned to the 2nd Marine Division in 1984, to command a rifle and weapons company. Promoted to the rank of Major in 1987, he served as the battalion's operations officer.

In 1987, Major Kelly transferred to the Basic School, Quantico, VA, serving first as the head of the Offensive Tactics Section, Tactics Group, and later assuming the duties of the Director of the Infantry Officer Course. After three years of instructing young officers, he attended the Marine Corps Command and Staff College, and the School for Advanced Warfare, both located at Quantico. Completing duty under instruction and selected for Lieutenant Colonel, he was assigned as Commanding Officer, 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. Holding this command position for two years, Lieutenant Colonel Kelly returned to the East Coast in 1994, to attend the National War College in Washington, DC. He was a distinguished graduate in 1995 and was selected to serve as the Commandant's Liaison Officer to the U.S. House of Representatives, Capitol Hill, where he was promoted to the rank of Colonel.

In 1999, Colonel Kelly transferred to joint duty and served as the Special

Assistant to the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, in Mons, Belgium. He returned to the United States in 2001 and was assigned to a third tour of duty at Camp Lejeune, now as the Assistant Chief of Staff G-3 with the 2nd Marine Division. In 2002, selected to the rank of Brigadier General, Colonel Kelly again served with the 1st Marine Division, this time as the Assistant Division Commander. Much of Brigadier General Kelly's two-year assignment was spent deployed to combat operations in Iraq. He then returned to Headquarters Marine Corps as the Legislative Assistant to the Commandant, and Deputy Legislative Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy from 2004 to 2007. Promoted to major general, he returned to Camp Pendleton as the Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). The command deployed to Iraq in early 2008 for a year-long mission, replacing II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward) as Multinational Force-West in Al Anbar and western Ninewa provinces.

LtGen Kelly commanded Marine Forces Reserve and Marine Forces North from October 2009 to March 2011. At the conclusion of his time in command of the Reserves in New Orleans, he assumed duties in the pentagon as the Senior Military Assistant (SMA) to the Secretary of Defense first serving Secretary Robert Gates, then Secretary




Leon Panetta. At the conclusion of his time as the SMA in October 2012, having been nominated by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate for promotion to General, he took command of the United States Southern Command, Miami, FL. General Kelly retired from active service with the Marines in January 2016.

On 20 January 2017, having been previously confirmed by the U.S. Senate for the position, he assumed duties as the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security. On 31 July 2017 Secretary Kelly was asked by the president to assume the duties of the White House Chief-of-Staff, a position he held until January 2019.

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Rep. Lynch Announces Boston As Recipient Of Assistance To Firefighters Grant

Boston, MA – Congressman Stephen F. Lynch (MA-08) announced the City of Boston has been named a recipient of an Assistance to Firefighters Grant. As part of the second round of grants announced last week, Boston received one

of 166 Assistance to Firefighters Grants that were awarded to cities and towns nationwide. The grant in the amount of \$704,510 will assist the Boston Fire Department with wellness and fitness activities.

“I am pleased to see the City of

Boston receive an Assistance to Firefighters Grants from FEMA,” said Rep Lynch. “Congratulations to Chief Joseph Finn on securing this federal grant that will help the Boston Fire Department with wellness and fitness activities,



which includes a firefighter cancer-screening program. These are all critical components of ensuring our firefighters’ health and safety.”

Teamsters Local 25 Endorses Boston City Council Candidates

Leading Boston labor organization announces support at historic Local 25 Union Hall

Teamsters Local 25 is proud to announce endorsements in races for Boston City Council. During a forum hosted at its iconic union hall in Charlestown, Teamsters Local 25 announced its support for candidates in seven district and three citywide races, including two open seats. Teamsters Local 25 is New England’s largest Teamsters union with more than 12,500 members. More than 2,300 active and retired Local 25 members and their families live in the City of Boston, and nearly 3,000 members work in Boston.

“These candidates are proven leaders who work tirelessly to improve our communities and who will never stop

fighting for working families,” said Teamsters Local 25 President Sean M. O’Brien. “During a time when Local 25 is forging new partnerships to provide training and career opportunities for underserved Boston residents, we are confident these City Council candidates share our vision for a well-trained, well-paid workforce, one that truly reflects the diversity which makes Boston and its neighborhoods a great place to live.”

Teamsters Local 25 is proud to endorse union members for Council seats. They include Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty, a Teamsters Local 25 member who worked at Air-

borne Express while attending Boston College and Boston University Law School. Other union members earning Local 25 endorsements are Councilor At-Large Anissa Essaibi George (Boston Teachers Union), District 2 Councilor Ed Flynn (NAGE), District 3 Councilor Frank Baker (CWA/Boston Typographical Union, Local 13), and Dan Daly (IBEW Local 103), who is seeking the open seat in the 9th District.

The Boston City Council candidates endorsed by Teamsters Local 25: Michael Flaherty, Councilor At-Large Michele Wu, Councilor At-Large Anissa Essaibi George, Councilor

- At-Large Lydia Edwards, Councilor, District 1
- Ed Flynn, Councilor, District 2
- Frank Baker, Councilor, District 3
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- Matt O’Malley, Councilor, District 6
- Kim Janey, Councilor, District 7
- Dan Daly, Councilor, District 9
- *Open Seat

The Boston City Council Primary election is on Tuesday, September 24th and the general election is set for Tuesday, November 5th. For more information about Teamsters Local 25, please visit www.teamsterslocal25.com.



COUNCILOR FLAHERTY VOTES TO PASS LEGISLATION TO INCREASE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND JOB TRAINING



Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty, Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, has recommended passage of An Act to Further Leverage Commercial Development to Build Housing, Create Jobs, and Preserve Inclusionary Development. The Act, which is a home rule petition sponsored by Mayor Martin J. Walsh, seeks to provide the City of Boston with the ability to make adjustments to the Linkage formula and threshold for application, eliminating the restriction on making adjustments only once every three years based on Consumer Price Index (CPI), and linking the threshold to Article 80; and to codify the City of Boston's Inclusionary Develop-



ment Policy (IDP) into the Zoning Code, allowing Boston to maintain its ability to secure IDP obligations from residential projects, regardless of zoning approvals. The recommendation for passage of this proposal comes during a time where greater affordable housing and access to jobs continues to be in high demand.

"We move Boston forward when we work collaboratively on legislative solutions to our City's greatest needs," said Councilor Flaherty. "Linkage, was first introduced in 1983; and unfortunately, for 17 years the City used 1983 exaction rates. The rates were first updated in 2000, when I joined the body and called upon the Boston Redevelopment Authority to take note of building boom in our City. While exaction rates have been updated several times since 1983--and most recently in 2018--the City was restricted to making adjustments only once every three years based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This home rule petition enables Boston to

update the Linkage exaction rates on an annual basis to allow for the City to make adjustments based on the realities of the real estate market. Giving the City more flexibility and local control over the exaction rates is especially important so as we continue to go through an era of rapid growth and development."

The goals of the legislation are to allow the City of Boston to have

local control and flexibility regarding Linkage adjustments based on the housing market conditions; and to codify Inclusionary Development into the City of Boston's Zoning Code. This allows the City to maintain its ability to secure IDP obligations from residential projects, regardless of the need for zoning approvals. The codification of inclusionary development into the zoning code is especially important in light of the efforts to modernize our City's zoning codes.

Further, any recommendations for changes to the inclusionary development percentage by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (d/b/a Boston Planning & Development Agency) would need a two-thirds City Council approval before proceeding to the Zoning Commission for final review.

"Boston is going through a housing crisis and we need to legislate accordingly. This proposal allows for the City to advance its affordable housing goals through two successful programs - linkage and inclusionary development," said Councilor Flaherty. "The wide variety of stakeholders who spoke on this proposal expressed in-depth knowledge of the need for affordable housing and strong, forward thinking legislation that balances our need for affordable housing and market-rate development during this booming real estate development market."

The home rule petition was voted on by the Council at its formal session on Wednesday, August 21, 2019. The home rule petition now seeks to be signed by Mayor Walsh, after which the legislative proposal will seek state approval.

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The NOCC's Massachusetts Chapter will be hosting its 21st Together in TEAL® Run/Walk on Sunday, September 8, 2019 at DCR Mother's Rest Area, South Boston.

Hosted in communities across the United States, Together in TEAL® - Ending Ovarian Cancer is the signature fundraising series for the NOCC. The funds raised through these events support the organization's mission focused programs and initiatives that spread earlier awareness of the signs and symptoms, provide quality of life programming to Survivors and

their families, and support the critical research needed to fight this disease.

"It's been wonderful to see the positive response that Together in Teal has received to date," said NOCC's Chief Executive Officer, Melissa Aucoin, "and we are excited to build on that momentum this year with a day dedicated to celebrating life with the many families impacted by ovarian cancer, and paying tribute to the lives that were taken from us much too soon. This year's event will be about hope, inspiration, and uniting communities to take action against this devastating disease."

Did you know that ovarian cancer is the fifth leading cancer-related death in women? Unfortunately, there is no early detection test that exists which means that 1 in 78 women will be diagnosed this year alone with ovarian cancer and that nearly 70% will be in advanced stages when prognosis is poor.

The NOCC invites you to join the expected 1,800 participants on September 8 for a special ceremony honoring Survivors, recognizing the caregivers that support them, and celebrating the memory of those that we have lost to this disease. Please visit RUNWALK.OVARIAN.ORG/MASSACHUSETTS to register, start a team and fundraise today!



TRAFFIC & PARKING NOTICE

There will be no parking on Day Boulevard from I Street to Farragut Road from Saturday September 7, 2019 at 10:00 pm through Sunday, September 8, 2019 at 11:30 am.

WHAT: On Sunday, September 8, 2019, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard in South Boston to all traffic to accommodate the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition 5K Race. All four lanes of Day Blvd will be used for the race. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: Columbia Road, Farragut Road, and Shore Road will serve as a route to Castle Island.

Parking will also be prohibited along Day Boulevard, and will be tow enforced.

WHEN:
Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, 9:00 AM – approx. 11:30 AM

WHERE: Day Boulevard will be closed from Kosciuszko Circle to Farragut Road from approximately 9:00 AM to approximately 11:30 AM.

ADDITIONAL RESIDENT PARKING

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 10:00 PM. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.

The Wine Guy

It's Red Time Again



Don't mean to rain on anyone's final attempt of the summer to stretch that tan out, but the Brady/Belichick Show is coming out of final rehearsals for a new season, the tops of the trees are turning and I had to put a sweatshirt on this morning before going out; finally, I just checked this year's version of The Farmer's Almanac and it wasn't what you'd call "good news", unless you're one of that small group who is rooting for a new Ice Age. In short, let's look at some Reds.

In the Murcia region of Spain, the Jumilla district produces red wines that are unusually smooth and supple. **Bodegas Luzon Jumilla Red Wine 2017, (\$12.99)** is a perfect example. Located 200 miles southeast of Madrid, Luzon is a family owned winery which includes 130 acres of vines. The vineyards are in the scenic valley of La Hoya de la Carrasca surrounded by low mountains. The warm days and cool nights typical of Jumilla provide structure and balance to the grapes, together with the little rain and a very chalky soil produces wines of intense color with violet hues and round, rich flavors of dark ripe fruit with hints of licorice and mint. This is one of a number of wines made by the Luzon family; when you see any of them for sale, buy them. You'll be very happy you did.

If you really want to greet early Autumn with substantial nod, try a bottle of **Herencia Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California, 2013, (\$85.00)**. This wine is a sensory experience. The nose is powerful and pungent, with notes of cassis, chocolate and a tabac residue. This Cab greets you with tastes of dark berry fruit, integrated with light vanilla and hints of fresh oregano that is framed by sweet

oak notes. This is a broad, voluptuous red wine that carries its oak in balance with the fruit and has underlying firmness that indicates great aging potential; Parker says it will be drinking extremely well into 2025. Have this one with grilled red meat, preferably the best steak you can find. It's a combination you won't soon forget.

I should mention that, especially for this time of the year, Pinot Noir is a great wine to break out. Further, if you're looking for an area that's rapidly producing substantially better and better vintages, New Zealand should have your undivided attention. **2017 Loveblock, Pinot Noir, Central Otago, New Zealand, (\$31.99)** is from one of the most distinctive regions in the country, where mountains on South Island give unique cover to the vineyards. This wine is fantastic and a real tribute to the quality that comes from minimal intervention farming. It has a beautiful crimson color with purple hues and aromas of ripe black cherry with smoky notes and hints of mushroom and will pair well with turkey, salmon, beef and especially with lamb, as you might suppose. Drink it now through 2027.

Now if you find yourself trying to brush off an early Fall chill, then it's time for a glass of good Port. **Quinta do Infantado Tawny Port, Douro, Portugal, (\$17.99)**, has excellent body and richness, with notes of roasted hazelnuts and sultanas followed by just a hint of sweetness. Simply delicious and in my opinion, excellent value.

Don't forget that fleece or sweater when the sun's gone down!

Talk to The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

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300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 4 G Condo	\$4,348,300	6/6/19	7	3.5	2,126
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 3 L Condo	\$2,897,600	6/6/19	5	2.5	1,811
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 3 F Condo	\$2,574,625	6/7/19	4	2	1,569
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 7 J Condo	\$2,329,000	6/7/19	4	2.5	1,374
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 6 J Condo	\$2,024,000	6/7/19	4	2.5	1,374
893 East Second St UNIT 7 Condo	\$1,700,000	6/6/19	6	3.5	2,603
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 3 M Condo	\$1,698,000	6/6/19	5	2	1,362
257 West Third St UNIT 4 Condo	\$1,392,000	6/5/19	6	2.5	1,924
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 3 L Condo	\$1,298,000	6/6/19	2	1.5	969
928 East Broadway UNIT 1 Condo	\$1,275,000	6/5/19	4	2	1,505
720 East Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$885,000	6/5/19	4	2	1,201
14 West Broadway UNIT 8D Condo	\$840,000	6/5/19	4	1	1,055
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Public Meeting

South Boston IPOD Zoning Amendment

Thursday, September 5
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Condon School
200 D Street
South Boston, MA 02127

Monday, September 9
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tynan School
650 East 4th Street
South Boston, MA 02127

Project Proponent:
Boston Planning and Development Agency

Project Description:
The Boston Planning and Development Agency and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will hold two community meetings in South Boston regarding the South Boston Interim Planning Overlay District (IPOD), set to expire on October 31, 2019. Extensive outreach to and discussion with the community and elected officials has resulted in proposed changes to the South Boston Zoning Code which will set new limits on height, minimum lot size and density. The new zoning would take effect at the expiration of the IPOD. The meetings will be held: Thursday, September 5, 2019, 6-8PM at the Condon School, 200 D Street, South Boston, and, Monday, September 9, 2019, 6-8PM at the Tynan School, 650 East 4th St. South Boston For more information visit: www.bostonplans.org or contact Mark McGonagle at 617-918-4283

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COUNCILOR FLAHERTY FILES AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE REGARDING CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENTS

Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty filed a text amendment to the City of Boston Zoning Code regarding Cannabis Establishments to provide clarity on a 2016 text amendment that created a half-mile buffer zone between cannabis establishments. The text amendment intended to ensure that cannabis establishments were sited in an equitable manner and that one community or neighborhood does not host a cluster of cannabis establishments.

The current language in the zoning code states the following with respect to Cannabis Establishment under Article 8-7, Table A, Use Regulations Item #39B:

Cannabis Establishment-provided that any cannabis establishment shall be sited at least one-half mile or 2,640 feet from another existing cannabis establishment and at least 500 feet from a pre-existing public or private school providing education in kindergarten or any of grades 1 through 12. Distances shall be determined from the nearest lot line of the proposed establishment to the nearest lot line of an existing establishment or school.

A recent interpretation at a Zoning Board of Appeal hearing suggested that the word “existing” applies only to businesses already running, and not to cannabis establishments that have been approved but not yet operating. As a result, two cannabis es-

tablishments within half-mile of one another, both of whom sought to be sited in East Boston, presented at the same hearing.

To clarify the intent of the amendment that was established in 2016, Councilor Flaherty filed a text amendment to include not only “existing cannabis establishment”, but also “proposed cannabis establishment that has obtained municipal permits, approvals, including but not limited to executed host community agreements”.

“This industry is going to continue to grow in Boston, and as it does, we need to ensure that we are siting cannabis establishments in an equitable, predictable, and transparent way,”



stated Councilor Flaherty. “This text amendment calls for definitive wording to how the City of Boston should approach the approval process of very specific industry seeking to be part of our neighborhoods.”

The text amendment was passed unanimously by the City Council at its formal session on Wednesday, August 21st. The text amendment now awaits approval by the City of Boston Zoning Commission and the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Councilor Flynn Holds South Boston Office Hours



Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn will take his Neighborhood Office Hours program to the South Boston Branch Library (646 East Broadway) this Saturday, September 7th from 12:30pm-1:30pm. Residents are encouraged to bring constituent and neighborhood issues directly to Councilor Flynn and his staff.

“As the District City Councilor, it is important for me to continue this program and bring City Hall services to each of our neighborhoods. This is an

opportunity for us to be in the neighborhood over the weekend and hear from our residents directly about their concerns regarding pedestrian safety, development, and our parks and libraries,” said Flynn. “My belief is that every part of District 2 deserves to be treated with respect and dignity, as well as having equal access to basic city services. I will continue to bring City Hall services to each of our neighborhoods.”

For more information or constituent service issues, please contact Councilor Flynn’s office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov.

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South Boston Street Festival September 14

The South Boston Chamber of Commerce in partnership with South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation is pleased to announce that the **20th Annual South Boston Street Festival** will take place on Saturday, **September 14, 2019**. Over the past nineteen years, the festival has grown significantly and has become South Boston's most highly anticipated event, attracting over 8,500 residents and visitors on **East Broadway between I Street and L Street, South Boston**.

This year's festival will once again feature **"The Best of South Boston"** including over 100 merchants, restaurants, artists and community organizations, which will fill the festival area from **11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.**



Live entertainment will take place on two stages providing festival goers with a fun filled day. Entertainment will include performances by The Wood's School of Irish Step Dance, Miss Linda's Dancers, Ultimate Self Defense, The Boston Children's Chorus, Southie's own Thomas Park, Rising Stars – Teen Sensation X's & O's, and much, much more.

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clude face painters, balloon twisters, caricature artists, and street performers, – be sure to keep an eye out for a roaming band of Pirates.

Alfresco dining and libations will be available at; The Broadway, Café Porto Bello, The Playwright, and Roza Lyons. **Enjoy a great selection of take-away food options** from some of South Boston's favorite food spots

including; Backyard Betty's, Capo, Fat Baby, Lincoln Tavern, Loco, the Paramount, Publico, Sal's, and more.

Shop until-you-drop – enjoy outstanding **one-day-only** savings from local retailers including; Best Dressed, Bringing Up Baby, Covet, Deirfiur Home, Habit, Ku De Ta, Southie's Own, Wears + Wares and many more.

Local artists from the South Boston Art's Association including; **Dan McCole, Norman Crump, Deb Putnam, and several others** will be displaying and offering for sale, one-of-a-kind originals and prints of paintings and photos from South Boston and far beyond.

Be sure to stop by the booths of the South Boston's vital non-profit agencies that will be providing information about their services.

For up to date information visit: **www.southbostonstreetfestival.com**

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MassLive.com flexes its digital muscles

They're now kicking sand in Boston.com's face. From Ed Kubosiak at MassLive: "MassLive's statewide growth strategy continues to show impressive results with the site topping six million unique visitors in June and topping competitor Boston.com in digital audience for the first time in July, according to the most recent data for Massachusetts and New England digital media properties from independent media analytics company comScore."

Granted, Boston.com, owned by the Boston Globe, is a mere shell of its old self. And the Globe's own visitor count is double that of MassLive. But still ...

A weaker Hurricane Dorian may still side-swipe Nantucket

After pummeling the Bahamas, the now downgraded Hurricane Dorian is headed toward the southeastern United States and is expected to slowly move up the coast later this week, bringing with it strong (though

diminished) winds and tides just south of Nantucket. WGBH and the Globe have the details.

All for one, one for all: Former economic secretaries endorse Baker's housing bill

Four former state economic secretaries plan to endorse Gov. Charlie Baker's housing legislation at a press conference today (see our Happening Today section above). But Ranch Kimball, Dan O'Connell, Greg Bialecki and Jay Ash, economic czars under the Romney, Patrick and Baker administrations, sort of beat the governor to the PR punch with an opinion piece at the BBJ, where they say addressing the housing crisis is key to the state's economic future.

Saying farewell to Master Sgt. Luis DeLeon-Figueroa

Elizabeth Roman at MassLive reports on the sad funeral services for Master Sgt. Luis DeLeon-Figueroa, the long-time Chicopee resident who was recently killed in Afghanistan. His young daughter, Angie De-

Leon, brought tears to the eyes of even battled-hardened military personnel, Roman writes. Lot of photos accompany the story.

Lawmakers seek early medical intervention to help opioid babies

Christian Wade at the Newburyport News reports state lawmakers are seeking to expand programs and services offered by the state Department of Developmental Services to children diagnosed with opioid-related illnesses tied to their mothers' use of drugs while pregnant.

The Weymouth compressor station decision: Delayed again

Just fyi for those keeping close tabs on this one. From SHNS's Chris Lisinski (pay wall): "A key state agency's decision on a controversial natural gas compressor station proposal in Weymouth will not come this week as anticipated following an agreement to delay the review process once again."



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38th Anniversary of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial to be Celebrated Sunday, September 15, at Medal of Honor Park

Marine Corps General John F. Kelly, Ret., will be the keynote speaker

South Boston will celebrate the 38th Anniversary of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial, located in Medal of Honor Park, on Sunday, Sept. 15.

A Memorial Mass will be held in St. Bridgid Church, 841 East Broadway, South Boston, at 10:30 a.m., followed by an 11:30 a.m. rededication ceremony at the South Boston Vietnam Memorial in Medal of Honor Park on M Street.

Retired Marine Corps General John F. Kelly, a Boston native, will be the keynote speaker.

Mayor Marty Walsh, Governor Charlie Baker, and Congressman Stephen Lynch are expected to attend, as well as Medal of Honor Recipients Thomas G. Kelley (Vietnam) and Ryan M. Pitts (Afghanistan). Also attending the rededication ceremony will be the families of the 25 men from South Boston who were killed in action during the Vietnam War, along with many South Boston Vietnam Veterans.

The South Boston Vietnam Memorial was among America's first formal memorials for Vietnam Veterans – predating the dedication of the national Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. by 13 months. It honors 25 men from South Boston who gave their lives during the war. South Boston suffered one of the highest losses of men killed in action in the country for a community of its size.

The South Boston Vietnam Memorial was dedicated on Sept. 13, 1981, and a rededication ceremony is held every September.

The 25 men honored on the South Boston Vietnam Memorial are: Joseph J. Agri, LCpl USMC; Charles A. Bazzinotti, 1stLt USA; Richard J. Borovick, SP4 USA; John C. Calhoun, LCpl USMC; John H. Cole, PFC USMC; Paul M. Daley, SP6 USA; Ronald L. Delverde, PFC USMC; Joseph F. Desmond, PFC USMC; Joseph W. Dunn, PFC USMC; Devon M. Enman, Sgt USA; Gene D. Gro-



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Back-to-School continued from front page

child's new teacher at the beginning or end of the day so the teacher knows how much you want to be supportive of your child's school experience.

- Consider starting your child on their school sleep/wake schedule a week or so ahead of time so that time change is not a factor on their first couple of days at school.

Backpack Safety

- Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back.

- Pack light. Organize the backpack to use all of its compartments. Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back. The backpack should never weigh more than 10% to 20% of your child's body weight. Go through the pack with your child weekly, and remove unneeded items to keep it light.
- Remind your child to always use both shoulder straps. Slings a backpack over one shoulder can strain muscles.

- Adjust the pack so that the bottom sits at your child's waist.

Traveling To & From School

School Bus

- Children should always board and exit the bus at locations that provide safe access to the bus or to the school building.
- Remind your child to wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb.

- Make sure your child walks where she can see the bus driver (which means the driver will be able to see her, too).

- Remind your student to look both ways to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing the street, just in case traffic does not stop as required. Encourage your child to actually practice how to cross the street several times prior to the first day of school.

- Your child should not move around on the bus.

Develop a Sleep Routine

- Getting enough sleep is critical for a child to be successful in school. Children who do not get enough sleep have difficulty concentrating and learning as well as they can.

- Set a consistent bedtime for your child and stick with it every night. Having a bedtime routine that is

consistent will help your child settle down and fall asleep. Components of a calming pre-bedtime routine may involve a bath/shower, reading with them, and tucking them in and saying good night to them.

- Insufficient sleep is associated with lower academic achievement in middle school, high school and college, as well as higher rates of absenteeism and tardiness. The optimal amount of sleep for most younger children is 10-12 hours per night and for adolescents (13-18 year of age) is in the range of 8-10 hours per night.

Developing Good Homework & Study Habits

- Create an environment that is conducive to doing homework starting at a young age. Children need a consistent work space in their bedroom or another part of the home that is quiet, without distractions, and promotes study.

- Schedule ample time for homework; build this time into choices about participation in after school activities.

- Establish a household rule that the TV and other electronic distractions stay off during homework time.

- Supervise computer and Internet use.

- By high school, it's not uncommon for teachers to ask students to submit homework electronically and perform other tasks on a computer. If your child doesn't have access to a computer or the internet at home, work with teachers and school administration to develop appropriate accommodations.

- Be available to answer questions and offer assistance, but never do a child's homework for her.

- If your child is having difficulty focusing on or completing homework, discuss this with your child's teacher, school counselor, or health care provider.

- For general homework problems that cannot be worked out with the teacher, a tutor may be considered.

- Some children need extra help organizing their homework. Checklists, timers, and parental supervision can help overcome homework problems.

- Some children may need help remembering their assignments. Work with your child and their teacher to develop an appropriate way to keep track of their assignments – such as an assignment notebook.

SBYS Parade of Champions Tonight!

On Thursday, **September 5th at 6:00 P.M.**, the South Boston Youth Soccer League is holding their 36th annual **"Parade of Champions"** at Moakley Park in the Paul Saunders Stadium. This is the official kickoff for the Fall season in which over 600 of Southie's finest – it's kids, will participate in a fun filled opening night parade.

City Councilor Ed Flynn will be the Master of Ceremonies and Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be providing the marching music for the kids once again. The Boston Police Honor Guard will lead the slowest parade in town as they lead the kids on their route around the track. Some of the officers have been involved with this parade for over 35

years and tell me that this is the one event they look forward to every year where they get to be right up close with all the kids.

Coaches - Please be at the Clubhouse by 5:00P.M. to pick up shirts, have your team sign ready and line up with your team.

Parents - Look for signs on the fence outside the stadium with age and team number to locate your child's Coach.

Players - All players should be at the stadium by 5:30P.M. to get jerseys and line up with their team for the start of the parade.

Any player who registered but has not been contacted by a coach and does not know their team should go to the clubhouse at 4:30 where an information table has been set up.

There will be no registration



of players on this night. The sign up period is closed until the 2020 season.

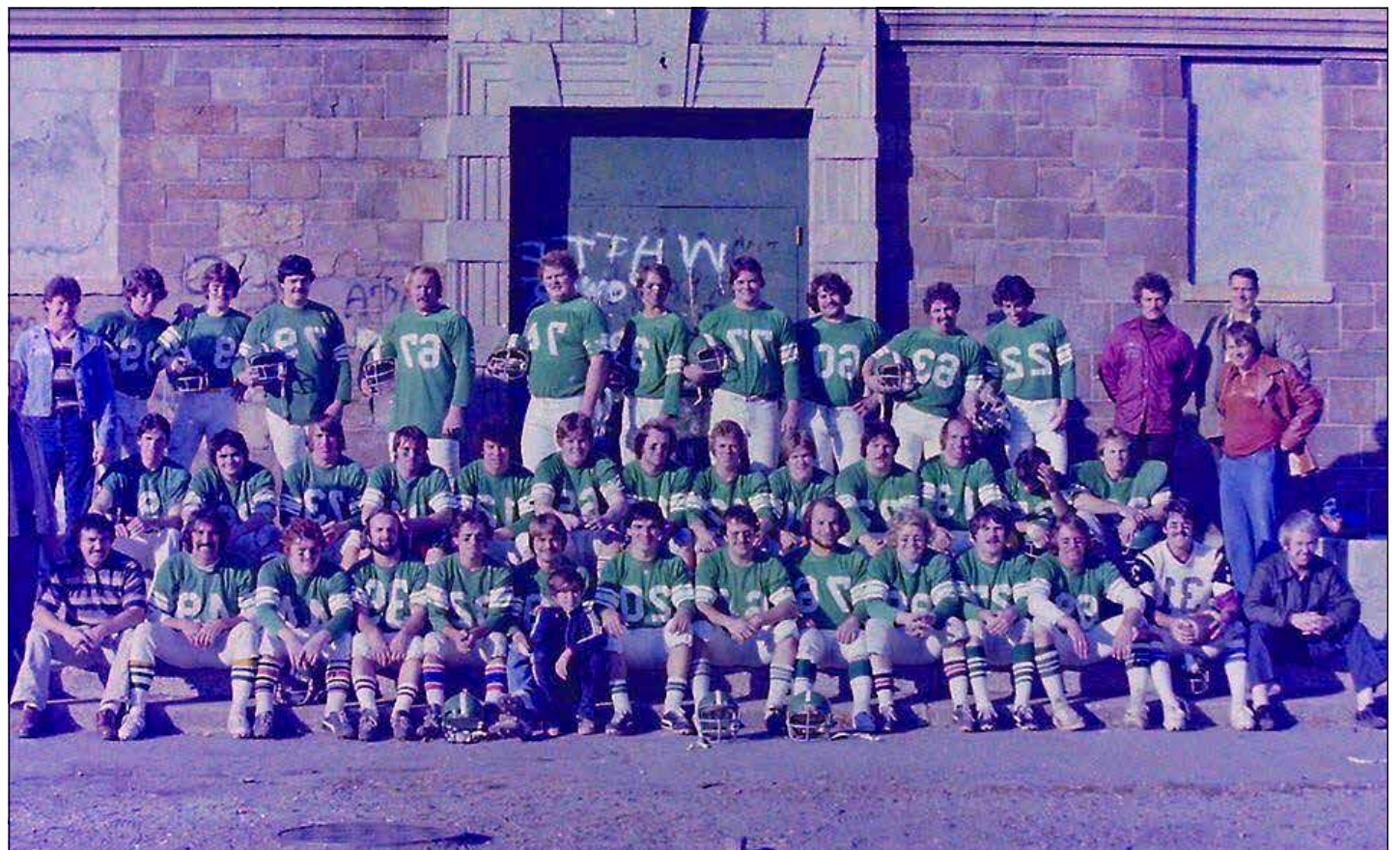
Games start Saturday, September 7th with the 10/12 year olds playing AND Sunday, September 8th for U4, U6 and U8

playing. Let the games begin!

Save the date! End of Season Banquet on Sunday, November 24th at the Boys & Girls Club, 230 West Sixth Street. Schedule; U4 at 12:00P.M., U6 at 1:00P.M., U8 at 2:00P.M., and U10/12 at 3:00P.M.

5th ANNUAL SOUTH BOSTON CHIPPEWAS FOOTBALL TEAM REUNION

COOKOUT
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 14,
2PM



Members of the South Boston Chippewas Park League Football Team will be holding its 5th Annual Reunion Cookout on Saturday, September 14th at 2pm. This will be the 5th reunion cookout put together by Pat

O'Toole and Mike Larkin and will be held at 174 Lake Street in Weymouth, MA. When playing in Boston's Park League, the South Boston Chippewas was the oldest amateur football team in the country. This will be a great opportunity for players of

the past to get together and talk over old times.

Anyone interested in attending, please call Mike Larkin or Pat O'Toole at 617-827 5032 for information on this year's get together which again, will be held on Saturday, September

14th beginning at 2pm. (Rain date will be Sunday, September 15th at 2pm.)

Check out the above photo of the Chippewas Team for someone you may know from 1973 taken at M Street Park (Now called Medal of Honor Park).

Three C's Club Captures Championship Defeat the Curran Club to win men's local hoop league title

By Kevin Devlin

On Tuesday evening, August 27, at the Mike Pano basketball courts located within M Street Park, the Three C's Club defeated the Edward "Wilt" Curran Club, 51-37, to win the South Boston Basketball Association men's summer league championship. South Boston Today's MVP was Junior Martinez (14 points/four three-pointers) who went on a scoring binge midway through the second half to assure his teammates of a victory. It was a close contest until Martinez started knocking down outside shots in deadly and consecutive fashion.

The Curran Club took an early 5-0

lead. With 3:45 remaining in the first half, Three C's Club star guard, Jherison Colon, hit a much-needed three-pointer to cut their deficit to three, 15-12. Both teams committed some untimely turnovers and the score remained close during the final minutes of the first half. At the break it was all tied-up, 20-20.

Unfortunately, Colon suffered an injury in the first half and would not return to action but Martinez stepped up to lead the team in the second half. With 13:02 remaining in their summer hoop season, the Three C's Club took their first lead of the game, 28-27. The Three C's Club then went on an impressive 10-2 run to take a 38-29 lead.

And although Martinez spearheaded the offense, it was surely an overall team performance at both ends of the court which sealed the deal in the end.

To round out the scoring for the 2019 summer men's hoop league champs, David Shaw had seven points. Brandon Cox and Tequan Hopkins each had six, while Henry Tyra and Anderson Santana had four points apiece. For the Curran Club, John Costello netted ten points. Marty Ridge had nine points and ten rebounds, while John Hynes and Bob Bartlett scored six and five points respectively.

It was an exciting championship tilt for the local men's league, which is overseen by the indefatigable Ed-

die "Wilt" Curran, commissioner (and player-coach) of the league. The league which was born in the Old Colony hoop courts celebrated its thirtieth season at M Street Park this summer.

"It was a great but definitely hot season at the courts this summer," said Curran. "The games were competitive throughout the season and the players had a good time while getting a good workout playing a game they love to play.

"And after a break in action and some relaxation," Curran added. "We'll start up the winter men's hoop league in October at the Tynan."

(Commissioner Curran is looking for men's hoop teams to play in the winter league at the Tynan Community Center gymnasium beginning in October. Those interested can contact Ed Curran at eddiecurran@outlook.com)



Pictured are the South Boston Basketball Association men's summer league champions, the Three C's Club. The players are: David Shaw, Wes Platt, Henry Tyra, Tequan Hopkins, Brandon Cox, Anderson Santana, Jherison Colon, Evan Lorfilis and Junior Martinez. (Not all players pictured.)



Pictured are the South Boston Basketball Association men's summer league finalists, the Edward "Wilt" Curran Club. The players are: Eddie "Wilt" Curran, Joey Chapin, John Hynes, Scotty Lewis, John Costello, Marty Ridge, Bob Bartlett, Chris Doyle, Jeff Powers, Frank Jankowski, and Mike Kinahan. (Commissioner Ed Curran not pictured.)



Certified (IAABO) basketball officials, Victor Baldassari (on left) and Kevin O'Neil, did a tremendous job officiating the championship game at Mike Pano basketball courts at M Street Park.



This week, Danny was joined by Jeff Howe from The Athletic to talk all things Patriots:

DANNY PICARD: One thing I cannot get over, with Gronk, is his agent Drew Rosenhaus. Right after Gronk announced his retirement, Rosenhaus was leaving that door open for a return. He wasn't even just leaving the door open, he was basically trying to throw Gronk through that door, it seemed. So if Rosenhaus knew all the stuff that Gronk opened up about last week while talking about CBD, what's the benefit for even leaving the door open if he knew he wasn't returning? Or how does it hurt to close the door completely if he knows he's not coming back?

JEFF HOWE: I asked Gronk about coming back, and all that stuff. And I'll hit on a quick point first. I don't think the CBD Medic thing came about until sometime after his retirement announcement. So I don't think he retired with that in mind, and I don't think Drew Rosenhaus — the day after Gronk's retirement — left the door open just as a marketing ploy for the CBD Medic. I think that was something that sort of took place over the course of the long haul. The reason why Gronk was getting into CBD Medic was because he was saying he was out playing soccer and he stubbed three

of his toes on the back of his friend's foot, and they swelled up, and his Dad had a connection to this CBD Medic company. He was using the CBD cream, gave it to Gronk, and then eventually they formed a partnership. I'd be surprised if all of that happened while Gronk was recovering and getting 1,000 milliliters of blood drained from his thigh after the Super Bowl. So, I asked Gronk about the retirement and leaving the door open, and he was just like, "Why am I going to tell people it's over," and he was sort of laughing about it, "so I'm just going to leave the door open because nobody is going to believe me anyway." And then that sort of leads into the mental and physical part of it. Even though he's down to 245 pounds, he said, physically, he feels good enough to go out and play. He said if he showed up in uniform, people would look at him and think he's a wide receiver because he's lost 20 pounds. But, physically, he said he feels a whole lot better than he did at any point last season. Mentally, he said he just doesn't have that desire, and it's not one of those things that's going to hit him over the head and be like, "Oh ya know what, I want to play football

today, I'm going to go down to Gillette and file for my reinstatement. He said that's going to have to be a consistent hole, on a daily basis, over an extended period of time, for him to be like, "Ya know what, I think I went out too early, I'm going to come back now." And at this point, that process hasn't started. I think reading a lot of the signs, and then talking to him again on Friday, I just don't believe that a return is in Gronk's future.

DP: When it comes to the Patriots' offense without Gronk, another big story was with the backup quarterback. I don't think it hurts to use Stidham's presence as extra motivation for Tom Brady. We all agree that Jimmy Garoppolo added some extra motivation for Brady. Why not try to do something like that again? Brady's not getting any younger. I just think that this is the smart move. If you told me that was the only reason they cut Hoyer and kept Stidham, to give Brady some extra motivation, so that he sees somebody coming up behind him again, then that to me is the right play.

JH: Yeah, I mean, if that's the strategy, they're certainly not going to publicize it. But, you're right.

Somebody like Stidham, or just his presence, you can't just discount that. Because it absolutely happened with Garoppolo. Garoppolo pushed Brady to have, quite possibly, the best five-year stretch of his career. So, what Brady has done and what the Patriots have done since 2014 is absolutely remarkable. In terms of regular-season wins, in terms of postseason success, they've got to a point where they've basically trumped the first decade of the success that they had when this thing really started moving. It's not just because Garoppolo showed up and caused everybody to be like, "We've got to start playing better football." These have been a lot of talented teams over the last five or six years. But when they drafted Garoppolo, Brady was telling people, "I don't know why they drafted this kid. I'm going to play until I'm 44, 45 years old." He saw that right away. And it certainly fueled him. I don't even think that's debatable at this point.

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PATRIOTS BEGIN 2019 SEASON THIS SUNDAY VS STEELERS

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The New England Patriots will begin their quest for a seventh Super Bowl championship this weekend when they host the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday Night Football at Gillette Stadium.

New England is a 6-point favorite at home, where the team will also reveal its Super Bowl LIII championship banner for the world to see.

It also marks the first of five prime-time nationally-televised games that the Patriots will play in this season. The Pats will also play on Thursday Night Football in Week 6 against the New York Giants at Gillette Stadium, on Monday Night Football in Week 7 against the Jets in New York, on Sunday Night Football for a second time in Week 9 against the Ravens in Baltimore, and on Sunday Night Football for a third time in



Week 13 against the Texans in Houston.

The Patriots (+700) open the season as the favorite to win Super Bowl LIV, which is on Feb. 2 in Miami. The Kansas City Chiefs have the second-best odds at +800, followed by the New Orleans Saints at +1000, Philadelphia Eagles at +1200, and both the LA Rams and Chargers at +1400.

Tweet of the Week

Russell Wilson @DangeRussWilson · Aug 31
Me: So you telling me you're not chasing me anymore?

@ClowneJD: "Nah bro...all other QBs"

Me: okay we're cool we're cool. 🙄

Welcome to the squad bro! 🍷🍷🍷



HOYER RELEASED, STIDHAM NAMED BRADY'S BACKUP

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NFL roster cutdowns can sometimes get tricky. But tough decisions have to be made, and the Patriots made one last weekend in releasing veteran quarterback Brian Hoyer.

Hoyer, 33, was outplayed by rookie QB Jarrett Stidham in training camp, and based on how Bill Belichick handled his quarterback situation in the final two preseason games, it was clear that Hoyer's days in New England were numbered.

It would've been possible to keep three quarterbacks on the roster, but in the end, cutting Hoyer and allowing him to choose his own destination as a free agent was something that the Patriots felt was the right

decision. And Hoyer wasted no time once being released, signing a three-year, \$12 million deal with the Indianapolis Colts, which includes \$9 million guaranteed.

The Pats drafted Stidham, 23, out of Auburn in the fourth round of this year's draft. Stidham's presence behind Brady — and the team's commitment to the rookie as Brady's backup instead of the veteran Hoyer — could suggest a strategy that adds some extra fuel to Brady's fire at the age of 42.

Much like Jimmy Garoppolo's presence as the Patriots' backup before he was shipped off to San Francisco, giving Stidham the backup job while cutting Hoyer is most likely going to give Brady some extra motivation entering the 2019 season, especially given Brady's current contract situation, where he's eligible to become a free agent next offseason.

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL Week 1
THURSDAY, SEPT. 5
Green Bay at Chicago (-3)
8:20 P.M. NBC

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8
Pittsburgh at New England (-6)
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, SEPT. 9
Houston at New Orleans (-7)
7 P.M. ESPN

Denver (-1) at Oakland
10 P.M. ESPN

NCAAF Week 2
SATURDAY, SEPT. 7
#12 Texas A&M at #1 Clemson (-17.5)
3:30 P.M. ABC

#6 LSU (-5.5) at #10 Texas
7:30 P.M. ABC

TATUM SPRAINS ANKLE IN FIBA WORLD CUP

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Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum suffered a left ankle sprain in Team USA's win over Turkey in the 2019 FIBA World Cup on Tuesday morning.

Tatum rolled the ankle as he was driving the lane and making a pass to teammate Khris Middleton. The

Celtics' young star had to be helped off the court by two trainers.

Four Celtics players are on Team USA, as Tatum is joined by Kemba Walker, Jaylen Brown, and Marcus Smart.

The C's begin the preseason on Sunday, Oct. 6 against Charlotte. Their first regular-season game is Wednesday, Oct. 23 in Philadelphia.

ORTIZ HIRES FORMER BPD COMMISSIONER TO INVESTIGATE SHOOTING

SBT Staff

David Ortiz is out of the hospital and looks to be in good spirits, just months after being shot in the Dominican Republic.

But now, Big Papi wants answers. Or at least, he wants better answers than he's already received.

According to The Boston Globe, Ortiz has hired former Boston Police com-

missioner Ed Davis to lead a team of private investigators to further look into the motive for the shooting back in June.

Ortiz' spokesman Joe Baerlein told the Globe, "He's damn interested in finding out what really happened."

The initial investigation, led by Dominican law enforcement, found that it was simply a situation of mistaken identity. Needless to say, Ortiz is not buying it.



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