

38th Annual SB Vietnam Memorial Dedication

Once Again, A Moving and Emotional Tribute to Fallen Heroes

With each passing year, 38 years to be exact, the suspicion grows among the massive crowds who turn out annually for the rededication of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial that Divine Intervention is playing a role to make sure the weather is perfect. And it was yet again in 2019 as sunny, picture perfect skies and pleasant temperatures



greeted all who showed up at Medal of Honor Park. The special Mass at St. Brigid Church was as always a moving ceremony as American pride filled the air and 25 of South Boston's heroes who gave all for their country during the Vietnam War were fondly remembered by their brothers in arms who did return home. Four

decades ago, they vowed never to forget. Each year, they return to the memorial that they created and are joined by hundreds of supporters to keep that promise. To say it's a beautiful thing would be an understatement. Color Guards from every branch

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EDITORIAL

How Far Left Will The City Council Drift?

The Boston Dailies breathlessly declare that the Boston City Council reflects the changing face of Boston in terms of both gender and ethnicity. But that shouldn't mean that political and personal principles must change or be compromised. Nine Neighborhoods have and need local representation and District Councilors are elected for that purpose. At Large Councilors are elected to bring a broader perspective to issues that affect quality of life such as public safety, overdevelopment, education options and the smart deployment and spending of taxpayer dollars. Some Councilors stick to their neighborhood services, while others step into the national or global arenas, with their municipal duties just an afterthought.

Those municipal responsibilities, in more cases

than usual, seem to be taking a back seat to either a left-leaning, socialistic reaction to sensational events such as the Straight Pride Parade demonstrations and the Boston Police's understandable actions when barged with rocks and urine thrown by masked Antifa activists from out of state; or knee jerk reactions to recent court convictions of certain individuals in government, such as calling for an inspector general or an outright overhaul of the zoning board..

One question is how to understand the ambiguous and sometimes disingenuous political agendas of several of the Councilors, who are seeking to gain national attention, in some cases using the tactics employed by AOC and The Squad. Knee jerk reactions that simplistically use sound bites and buzz words cause political rivalries among colleagues and noth-



ing meaningful gets done beyond self-absorbed grandstanding.

What political direction do citizens want the City Council to go? Or do they simply want them to do the job they were elected to do, political agenda aside? We trust that the District Councilors and At Large Councilors will be reminded who they serve come next Tuesday Election Day September 24.

"Political Correctness is tyranny with manners" Charlton Heston

In Loving Memory of Tom Russell

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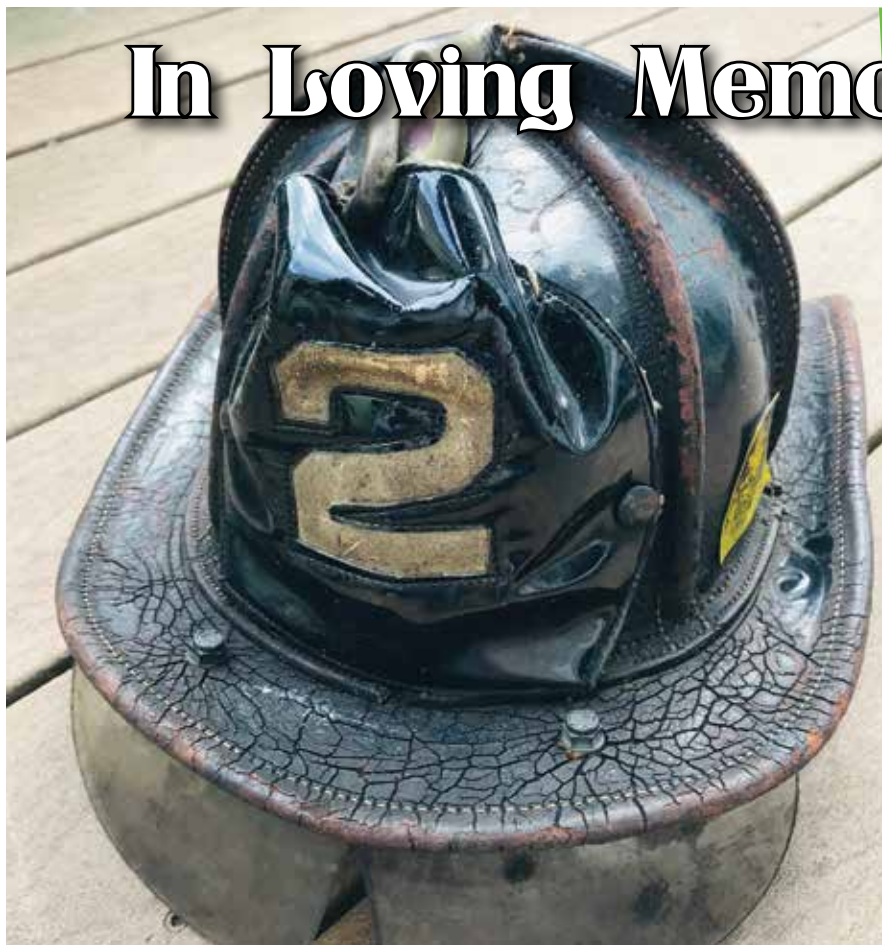
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What is to Become of the Curley Rec Center/The 'L'?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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

One of the big issues on the minds of many local residents is what will become of the Curley Recreation Center, affectionately known by those who use it as 'The L'. As most know, the facility is scheduled for repair and renovation. No one seems quite sure of the date it will all begin, how it will proceed or how long it will take. That's why it is important for those concerned to attend the scheduled community meeting on the topic on September 30th. It begins at 6pm and will be held on the M Street side.

Yes, the place is in need of repairs, renovations and updates. The place is old and gets a lot of use. The fact that it does get a lot of use is why those who use it, hope it can be kept open in parts during the process. The ideal situation would be to have the facility operational, with programs running and equipment still available to use as they work on the building section by section.

The Curley Rec Center/The L isn't just some ordinary facility. It is special and means so much to so many. There are quite a few people whose lives center around it. It's a place to gather and socialize for many, both retirees and young people. It provides an inexpensive way to exercise and stay healthy. Many cannot afford the cost of a modern health club or a gym membership. There are programs for children and seniors, parents and singles. In short, this facility is a vital resource to the South Boston Community and this should be one of the main considerations when making decisions on how the work should be done.

The neighborhood is being told

that complicating the plans for renovations is the effort to prepare for rising waters that "experts" say so called Climate Change will bring. The same is being said about the proposed transformation of Moakley Park. However, in many cities around the country, the excuse of preparing for Climate Change is said by other experts to be a sham being used to justify quite a few expensive projects. These false claims are made to temper public opposition to so many things as of late. We hope this is not the case in Boston. People understandably are becoming skeptical. But to those who will be making the decisions about the future of the Curley Center, you are asked to please, listen carefully to the concerns and the needs of the people who use it and have used it over so many years. It's necessary that the decisions made take into consideration how unique and valuable and how important the place is to the hundreds of people who depend on it.

A related thought on this: A meme going around on social media sites has a photo of a certain attention seeking politician – known as AOC, warning that if we don't do something about Climate Change now, 'the planet will be destroyed in less than 12 years'. Below is a photo of Al Gore shrieking that 'YES, I've been saying that for more than 30 years.' It does make people wonder and certainly adds to the skepticism of projects being proposed. Try to make it to that meeting about the Curley Rec Center on September 30th and give your input.

Speaking of attention seeking light weight politicians, one who calls himself 'Beto' has other

Democrat presidential candidates furious with him. At the most recent debate, Beto O'Rourke came right out and said that if elected, he would begin confiscating the firearms of law-abiding American citizens. Now, we all know that this is the intention of liberal politicians, but the trick was to never actually come right out and say it. It would cause a backlash and energize America's now nearly 100 million gun owners to go to the polls and vote against them. Keep it quiet until we get

into power and THEN we'll go after the guns was the covert plan. But now it's too late, the plot has been exposed by little Beto. The fact is, the American people will never allow this to happen. The British tried this in the 1700's and the revolution that followed ended their rule in America. But hopes of success for such a plan have now definitely been dashed. And it's all because one politician, who has been referred to as an 'immature pest' by members of his own party, let the cat out of the bag.

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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.

Don't forget next week's preliminary elections ...

One round of preliminary elections is over – and another round comes next week. And Mayor Marty Walsh and Councilor Michelle Wu appear to be angling to oust Councilor Althea Garrison, a rare gadfly Trump supporter at City Hall, reports the Herald's Sean Philip Cotter.

Meanwhile, the Globe's Adrian Walker says it's clear that city council elections are no longer a joke because the city council is no longer a joke, as the city politically evolves. The Globe this morning lists all its council endorsements for next week's preliminary elections. Meanwhile, Michael Jonas at Commonwealth takes a look at the mayoral election in Taunton, where Rep. Shuana O'Connell has a leg up on rivals, courtesy of the

Baker-Polito switcheroo team.

Grappling with correctional-officer suicides

It's one of the toughest jobs out there – physically and mentally. From Marie Szaniszló at the Herald: "Sheriffs departments across Massachusetts are working to develop a suicide-prevention policy after a state commission found that at least 16 corrections officers had taken their own lives in the past decade. The special commission created by the state Legislature to study the prevention of suicide among 3,800 Bay State correction officers found that life expectancy for prison guards nationwide has hit an alarming low."

The mystery vaping-related lung illnesses: Plenty of questions, few answers

WBUR's Carey Goldberg and

the Globe's Naomi Martin have pieces this morning on what's known and not known about the mysterious vaping-related lung illnesses hitting people, particularly the young. The bottom line: They know very little.

Roy steps down as head of DCR, replaced by agency's finance director

From SHNS's Michael Norton: "Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner Leo Roy is retiring next week, after leading the agency for three and a half years, he announced Tuesday. Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen Theoharides named Jim Montgomery, director of administration and finance at DCR, as interim commissioner. Roy's last day is Friday, Sept. 27."

Passing off pets as disabled service dogs: Worse than phony handicap-driver license plates?

It's a tough call, but we think these guys have handicap-parking scofflaws beat. From SHNS's Katie Lannan: "A bill (H 3657) filed by Rep. Kimberly Ferguson would make it a civil infraction to knowingly misrepresent a dog as a service dog or service-dog-in-training 'for the purpose of obtaining any rights or privileges afforded to a person with a disability requiring the assistance of a service dog.'"

Blowing past school-bus stop signs: Worse than passing pets off as service dogs?

Actually, these people are also down there with those with fake service dogs and handicap parking scofflaws, i.e. drivers who blow past school-bus stop signs. Christian Wade at the Salem News has the details on the latest effort on Beacon Hill to pass legislation to require cameras on school buses to catch vehicles illegally driving past school buses.

Governor Pursues Expansion of Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

Consolidation of Boston venues will enhance economic activity in both the Seaport and Back Bay; Hynes sale will ensure cost-effective financing of BCEC expansion

The Baker-Polito Administration announced plans to pursue an expansion of the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC) in South Boston, with the goal of consolidating



the city's major convention business in one dynamic location to ensure that Boston continues to be a major global

event destination. The plan calls for the sale of the Hynes Convention Center in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood, which

will open up a valuable parcel for redevelopment in the heart of the city and is part of a responsible financing plan for the BCEC expansion. The Administration plans to file legislation authorizing the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) to sell the Hynes property, with the proceeds of the sale set aside for the BCEC expansion project. The legislation will further authorize the MCCA to undertake the BCEC expansion, which is consistent with its master plan.

"Boston is a popular convention destination, and there has been market demand for larger, more flexible event space in recent years. This expansion will meet demand, unlock greater economic potential, and support the creation of new jobs," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Our plan will make Boston's convention space more efficient and maximize new economic

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SEN. COLLINS & REP. BIELE ANNOUNCE \$1.2 MILLION IN STATE GRANTS FOR LABOURE & JULIE'S

*DESE Funding Allocated for Education and Workforce
Development Programs in South Boston*

Two South Boston nonprofits were recently awarded substantial grants from the **Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** for workforce development, adult basic education, and English language education programming. **Julie's Family Learning Program** and the **Laboure Center** were the two recipients, after securing the competitive grants following continued advocacy from **State Senator Nick Collins and State Representative David Biele**. The funds allocated were part of the annual appropriations the Legislature approved in the FY20 Budget for DESE.

"These programs have a proven impact on families and residents in South Boston and beyond. I was proud to be able to work with **Rep. Biele** and DESE official to keep these critical resources in the community," said **State Senator Nick Collins**. "This is a great example of how the Legislative

and Executive branches can work together with community based programs to better serve those in need." The announcement comes in the aftermath of the abrupt closure of the Notre Dame Ed Center.

Both nonprofits will each receive about \$600,000 to serve a total of nearly 400 students in family literacy programs, English proficiency classes, and general workforce development education curriculum. Historically allocated as a larger, single grant, **Senator Collins and Representative Biele** were able to collaborate with DESE to split the funding into two segments to ensure South Boston nonprofit organizations would be eligible.

"These grants will make an immediate impact among our most vulnerable populations and help put them on the path to future success," said **State Representative David Biele**. "I was proud to work with Sen. Collins to advocate for these grants and investments in our



community."

"We are grateful to **Senator Collins, Representative Biele**, and all of the elected officials who worked tirelessly to ensure that these services remained in this neighborhood," said **Jake Bombard, Director of Catholic Charities Laboure Center**. "Our programs in South Boston serve clients for whom English language proficiency is critical in helping them move from minimum wage to a living wage," he added.

"Being awarded this grant provides Julie's with an opportunity to deeply broaden our affirmative impact upon a population so desperately lacking in help from an outstretched hand," said **Sharon Asiaf** of Julie's. "The DESE Grant gives Julie's the ability to



continue servicing disadvantaged ABE students participating in the former NDEC programing. At the same time, Julie's is now able to continue providing needed services amongst our current enrollees thereby widening our outreach which is surrounded by support & promise. The end result shall be recognized by how this DESE Grant shall foster family legacies to be based upon encouragement and assurance as opposed to abandonment and timidity."

This round of grant funding was announced last week. Five proposals were submitted for the competitive grant program, and these two were selected after making the most compelling case for community impact of the funds.

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opportunities in both the Seaport and the Back Bay, benefiting the City of Boston and the Commonwealth."

"As Boston continues to serve as a regional hub for economic activity and growth, the state's proposal presents a new opportunity to expand the Convention Center and bring a significant piece of land back to Boston, benefiting the South Boston Waterfront and city overall," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "I look forward to discussing this proposal with the Legislature and staying engaged through this process as it moves forward."

The BCEC opened in 2004 and outperforms national occupancy figures for major market facilities. The Hynes opened in 1963, and was rebuilt in 1988. The plan will

consolidate Boston's large and small event business in a single, larger, more flexible space with an efficient and fiscally responsible approach. The legislation authorizes 200,000 square feet of additional space, which is expected to include a 100,000-square-foot exhibit hall; a 60,500-square-foot ballroom; and 44,000 square feet in additional meeting rooms.

The legislation includes a provision that would transfer an approximately 12-acre parcel of land located behind the current BCEC facility, not necessary for the expansion project, to the City of Boston. MCCA employees who currently work at the Hynes would have the option of transitioning to the expanded BCEC.

After a meeting of the Executive Committee of the MCCA Board today, the

proposal will be presented for consideration by the full MCCA Board of Directors at its meeting scheduled for Sept. 19. The process began in August 2017, when the MCCA released a Master Planning and Feasibility Study RFP to determine future needs at the BCEC. The MCCA selected Populous Architects to lead the process, working in partnership with the MCCA's Board of Directors and stakeholders.

The study included a detailed marketplace analysis of the MCCA's competitive set, local hotel inventory, BCEC historical performance and future booking commitments, and a comprehensive evaluation of existing MCCA facilities and land use. This was followed by an assessment of the BCEC's current and prospective financial and operating conditions,

anticipated future hotel demand, and potential funding sources to deliver a recommendation for a BCEC expansion program. Once the legislation is enacted, the MCCA is expected to issue a Request for Proposals for the BCEC expansion project that would begin design of the expanded facility.

In 2015 the Baker-Polito Administration postponed the MCCA's plans for a larger expansion of the BCEC which called for the state to borrow \$1 billion to finance the project, without addressing the capital needs of the Hynes facility. The new proposal for an expansion is consistent with the MCCA's current master plan, including the expansion components described above and opportunities to induce private hotel development proximate to the venue, and will require no new state borrowing.

I was just thinking...

By Kevin Devlin



The proposed city ordinance by Boston City Councilor, Tim McCarthy, which would ban face coverings at public demonstrations, is right on the money. Antifa members are notorious nationwide for wearing

black clothing and masks to cover their faces so they can't be identified while involved in acts of violence against those who don't agree with their views. Banning these face coverings at public demonstrations is a good first step in holding any rogue elements accountable while protecting those who are exercising their constitutional rights and simultaneously supporting police officers who are doing their lawful job and overseeing public safety for everyone.

At the recent Straight Pride Parade in Boston antifa acted in a violent manner, which is their modus operandi, by declaring it's the only way to deal with those they deem as fascists. But they fear exposure because they're cowards. Forget about the right to freedom of expression for others. Tolerate different viewpoints? No way. If you disagree with antifa, you are wrong. You are a fascist. Forget about the

Rule of Law and respecting police officers. Antifa is above the law. It doesn't apply to them. They can commit unlawful deeds and not be held accountable. They alone hold the moral high ground as they hide behind their masks. Such hypocrisy is sickening.

Antifa members should open up a history book. Read about 1930's Germany when bands of Brown Shirts, street thugs like themselves, who were corrupted by the doctrines of Adolf Hitler's National Socialist Party, roamed throughout German cities, physically assaulting, berating, and brutally harming those who didn't agree with their political philosophy. Antifa members aren't any different from those despicable Brown Shirts. They thought there were right too. But they were also wrong.

The majority of Americans on both sides of the political aisle are reasonable people who do not believe

violence serves any useful, positive purpose. Because reasonable people believe violence only sows division. Stirs resentment. Creates more hurt. Creates more problems. And doesn't solve anything.

Using reason as guidance and peaceful means as an avenue to air grievances and discuss differences which need resolution would result in responsible discourse possibly effectuating much sought after compromise and change concerning present day issues. But antifa activists don't believe in taking that road towards peaceful, non-violent solutions to benefit all. They prefer chaos in the streets while embracing disorder in their hearts. Their approach doesn't solve anything, only fosters more discord.

Until they do have a change of heart and embrace democracy, antifa will be viewed in a negative light by those who favor order over disorder and Rule of Law over mobocracy.

At Large Councilor Althea Garrison's Resolution Supports Police

Recently, At Large Boston City Councilor at-Large Althea Garrison proposed a resolution in the council supporting the Boston Police. In response to the recent disturbances and arrests during the 'Straight Pride Parade' where police were attacked and injured by protesters, what she proposed to her fellow councilors for their approval was reasonable and supported by most Bostonians. She asked for and we quote "Unwavering support for the Boston Police Dept. and the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association in their work keeping Boston safe and to unequivocally condemn any and all violence and disrespect toward Boston Police officials". Garrison went on to say "As elected officials, we have a moral obligation to partner with the Boston Police Department. Cops feel unsupported and unfairly criticized by people, including elected officials".

Her effort was opposed by councilors Michelle Wu and Lydia Edwards. So, because it was not unanimously approved, Garrison's proposal will be moved to a



council committee for 'possible' future hearing.

To be clear, Councilor Garrison's efforts and her proposal is not, and even the Boston Herald stated this, a declaration of support for the 'parade, its sponsors, its participants or any political

agenda. It's simply a statement of support for those police officers. One veteran Council observer stated that "given that they have a tough job to do and they do it well, they are entitled to solid backing by elected officials, especially when they come under physical attack by violent, mask

wearing cowards; many of whom travel from out of state to create turmoil in the City of Boston".

Councilor Tim McCarthy also filed a resolution to ban masks during demonstrations in Boston to stop cowardly outside agitators and anarchists from anonymously hurling rocks and bottles at police.

Councilor Michael F. Flaherty Announces ‘CPA in the City’



Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty has announced “CPA in the City” - a community engagement initiative to raise awareness of the 91 community preservation projects that have been recommended since Boston’s adoption of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) and are either completed or underway. Boston voters adopted the CPA through a ballot initiative in 2016. The revenue collected by the CPA funds affordable housing, historic preservation and open space projects.

The CPA has enabled Boston to allocate significant additional funding for affordable housing development, historic landmark preservation, and recreational open space enhancements since its adoption by Boston voters in 2016. By adopting the CPA, the City created a Community Preservation Fund. The City finances this fund in part by a 1% property tax-based surcharge on residential and business property tax bills, beginning in July 2017. A statewide Community Preservation Trust Fund gives cities and towns that passed the act a “match”. The City uses this revenue to fund projects consistent with CPA guidelines. Through a legislative process consisting of two public hearings, Councilor Flaherty recommended passage of funding for 91 community preservation projects, totaling approximately \$42 million over the past year and a half.

“We are going through an era of rapid growth and development, and residents continue to seek resources to stabilize

their neighborhoods. The Community Preservation program ensures that residents have a voice in the betterment of their community,” said Councilor Flaherty. “I look forward to hearing how these 91 projects are improving our communities.”

Councilor Flaherty looks to use “CPA in the City” as a way to recognize community preservation efforts on an ongoing basis. The testimony submitted will be shared with the public. To learn more about the Community Preservation program and where projects are taking place, visit <https://www.boston.gov/community-preservation>. For more information on “CPA in the City”, contact the office of Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty via phone (617-635-4205) or email (Michael.Flaherty@Boston.gov).

Councilor Flaherty, the Chair of the Council’s Committee on the Community Preservation Act, wants residents to highlight how projects have improved their neighborhoods. Residents are encouraged to do so by sending in their testimony via writing, pictures, and/or videos through social media, mail or email. Testimony can be sent to Michael.Flaherty@boston.gov or on various social media platforms using the hashtag #CPAintheCity. You can tag Councilor Flaherty on twitter by using @mfflaherty, on Instagram by tagging @michaelflaherty or on Facebook @flahertyfanpage. Testimony also be submitted via mail to Councilor Michael Flaherty at 1 City Hall Square, Boston, MA 02201.

MAYOR WALSH SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF MARIJUANA BUSINESSES BY CITY EMPLOYEES

Mayor Martin J. Walsh signed an executive order that prohibits City of Boston employees or their immediate family members from participating in a marijuana business that is currently seeking, or intends to seek, an approval from the City of Boston or its agencies. This executive order builds on Mayor Walsh’s commitment to ensuring this new, developing industry is grounded in equity, with a focus on bringing new opportunities to the residents and business owners that have been most impacted by the war on drugs.

“I am committed to ensuring this new industry is fair, transparent, and equitable for all who wish to participate in it,” said Mayor Walsh. “My Administration works closely with businesses and applicants to make sure they get the support they need, and neighborhoods have a voice in the process. This executive order will create a new standard for city employees and remove potential conflicts of interest that may arise as the City continues its work to develop and implement the growing cannabis industry.”

Under the executive order, no City of Boston employee or immediate family member may participate in a marijuana business that is currently

seeking, or intends to seek, an approval from the City of Boston or its agencies.

No member of the Zoning Board of Appeal, the Boston Licensing Board, the Boston Public Health Commission, the Boston Zoning Commission, the Boston Planning and Development Agency, or their immediate family members, may participate in a marijuana business that is currently seeking, or intends to seek, an approval from the City of Boston, or its agencies.

The Office of Economic Development and any other City employees who participate in any grant of approval from the City of Boston, shall consider the participation of any City employee, or their immediate family members, in a marijuana business to be a negative factor that supports denial of approval of that business.

The City of Boston also now mandates cannabis applicants complete a Beneficial Interest Form so that an applicant’s business, personal and capital interests are disclosed. With this completed form, the application is signed under the pains and penalties of perjury so if a candidate or company provides false or misleading information, it could lead to a license revocation.

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The Wine Guy

Hot Times

You might recall that there were a number of stories this past summer about the excessive heat in Europe, especially France. In the country's Burgundy region, where they've been keeping harvest-related weather records since the 1300's, the region's Wine Information Bureau says that there hasn't been a summer as hot as 2019 since 1354; while they're not

expecting any religious wars or Plague outbreaks for the rest of this year, as they had then, harvests have been started earlier and should be completed by the end of this week. Barrel samples from the best estates in the Cotes d'Or will be ready for the November auctions held at the Hospices de Beaune and those sales will result in pricing for this year's wines. They are, by any standards, some of the finest and most naturally complex wines in the world.

In the Commune of Nuits-St.-Georges, which sits in Eastern Burgundy, the Gouges family has tended the same vineyards for over 600 years, as have many of their neighbors. This family is significant because in the late 1800's, they were the first to bottle their own wine and not sell it to the powerful negociants, who bought most of a region's wine, blended it and sold it under their own label. My friend, the late

Henri Gouges, was a master wine-maker and marketer and those traditions continue today.

2014 Henri Gouges Nuits-St.-Georges, (\$69.99) is a classic Pinot Noir-lush, dense notes of cherries and blackberry jam, earthy tones and tremendous body, this wine drinks exceptionally well now, but will be even better through 2045. Boar, venison and pheasant are natural complements.

2014 Henri Gouges, Nuits-Saint-Georges, 1er Cru, Les Vaucrains, (\$134.99), is rated a perfect 100 points by French, American and British writers. Henri has said that it's a wine that only comes once or twice in a century. It's hard to describe because it goes through so many changes after it's decanted. The nose is chocolate and earthy-almost leathery and on the palette it causes an explosion of tastes in only a few minutes with a richness that makes it impossible to drink in more

than sips. Have it on only the most special occasions.

2015 Domaine Dublere Nuits-St.-Georges 1er Cru Terres Blanches Blanc, (\$79.99), is a Chardonnay produced by the Gouge family's neighbors and cousins, the Dubleres. This wine is the epitome of White Burgundy-structured, floral notes with a golden hay hue and sound body. It will be at its peak in 4-5 years and will drink well into the '30s. I think the word, "elegant" is over-used in writing about wine, but not here.

My friend Henri passed away recently at 96. He grew wine, fought in the Resistance, helped re-build his country after World War II and as he told me many years ago, had only two loves-his family and his grapes. You only need to meet his kids and grandkids and taste the wine to understand why.

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St. Peter Academy 2019/2020 School Year Begins!

By: Maria Blasi

What a busy September St. Peter Academy has had so far. On September 3rd Principal Frank Galligan welcomed our students to the first day of the 2019/2020 school year. Our curriculum night on September 11th was very well attended. Mr. Galligan did a phenomenal job of introducing our exceptional staff and rolling out the direction of our school for the new year. Our annual Back to School BBQ was held on September 13th, although it was Friday the 13th and a Full Moon, it did not stop everyone from having a fantastic time. Thank you to all that stopped by the St. Peter Academy booth at the South Boston Street Festival. Broadway was a sea of green St. Peter Academy balloons.

St. Peter Academy is located at 371 West Fourth Street, South Boston Grades: Toddler Program 15 months to Grade 6. For more information about St. Peter Academy please contact the business office at spa@stpeteracademy.com or 617-268-0750



Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

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300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 8 E Condo	\$2,825,000	6/12/19	5	2	1,406
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 5 N Condo	\$2,186,120	6/12/19	5	2	1,333
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 6 K Condo	\$2,092,000	6/13/19	3	1.5	1,046
300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 4 N Condo	\$2,088,000	6/12/19	5	2	1,211
14 West Broadway UNIT 7 K Condo	\$1,600,000	6/14/19	7	3	1,705
69 Telegraph St UNIT 301 Condo	\$1,075,000	6/14/19	5	2	1,668
125 B St UNIT 2 B Condo	\$934,000	6/12/19	4	2	1,055
1 Leonaard Place UNIT PH1 Condo	\$929,000	6/13/19	5	2	1,227
651 East Third St UNIT 1 Condo	\$819,000	6/13/19	5	2.5	1,416
4 Ward Court Single Family	\$749,000	6/14/19	5	1.5	1,158
120 West Seventh St UNIT 505 Condo	\$692,000	6/13/19	4	2	1,066
498 East Fourth St UNIT 8 Condo	\$650,000	6/14/19	4	1.5	1,025
120 West Seventh St UNIT 204 Condo	\$642,500	6/14/19	4	2	1,076
111 West Eighth St UNIT H Condo	\$613,000	6/13/19	4	1	773
181 H St UNIT 3 Condo	\$592,000	6/14/19	3	1.5	644
351 Dorchester St UNIT 4 Condo	\$487,500	6/14/19	5	1	807

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765 East Third Street

Wednesday, September 25
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

841 East Broadway
Saint Brigid Parish, Cushing Hall
South Boston, MA 02127

Project Proponent:
Richard Cox and Joy Cox

Project Description:
Meeting to show the community design revisions to the development proposed by Richard and Joy Cox. Proposal to construct a four-story, residential development totaling approximately 34,714 square feet containing twenty-five (25) housing units which includes three (3) IDP Units (affordable) and thirty-six (36) off-street parking spaces.

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South Boston Seaport Strategic Transit Plan

Wednesday, October 2
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

303 Congress Street
WPI Seaport (1st Floor)
Boston, MA 02210

Project 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. At this second public meeting, the project team will present goals and objectives, existing conditions, and the evaluation process, and seek feedback from attendees. There will be opportunities for discussion and Q+A.

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Even the Rain Couldn't Dampen the Fun at the Southie Street Festival

SBT Staff Report

20 years and it's still going strong. The throngs turned out once again for this year's South Boston Street Festival held last Saturday on East Broadway. The merchants, neighborhood groups and vendors of every kind had their selections out on their tables and under tents. The banners and the colorful balloons added

to the festive atmosphere as everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. The smiles on the faces of the legions of kids, in attendance with their families, were accompanied by the sounds of laughter and live music. The Irish Step Dancers and the martial arts demonstrations helped bring a combination of talent and adventure. Even the dogs on leashes seemed to be having a great

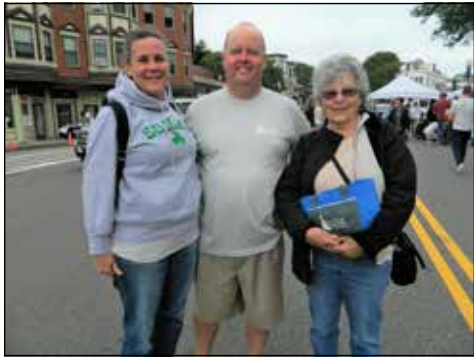
time and as is always the case, became the center of attraction for many.

The fall weather for the most part was beautiful. That is of course until the skies opened up and allowed a deluge of downpours and wind. But you know what? Most stayed and weathered the storm that lasted for about a half hour, because they were having just too much fun to allow

getting wet; well, actually drenched, spoil the time.

Congratulations to all the organizers who work so hard each year to make this such a great event. A well done also to the massive crowds who turn out each and every year; now for 2 decades, to keep this successful and wonderful tradition – The South Boston Street Festival alive and growing every year.





Vietnam Memorial continued from front page

of the US Military marched in step led in by the traditional sounds of bagpipes and drums which set the formal tone of the morning's exercises. As Master of Ceremonies Tom Lyons stepped to the podium, grateful emotions showing in his face, to thank the crowd for its never ending support and the volunteers, who make it possible each year, there was a feeling among all present that they were taking part in a truly unique and special experience.

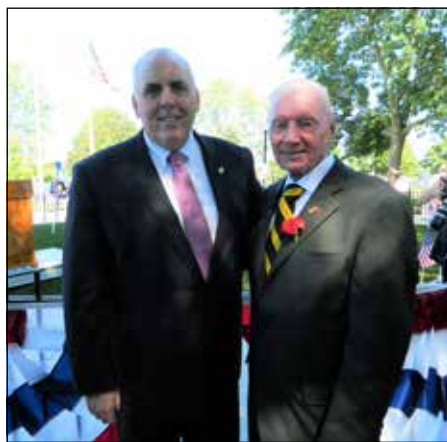
The National Anthem was beautifully sung by Tom Linehan with the crowd standing in respectful silence, hands over their hearts. Father Casey said the opening prayer overlooking a sea of bowed heads. And then this year's impressive and prestigious guest of honor, General John F. Kelly, U.S. Marine Corps, Retired, kept the crowd spell bound by a speech that seemed to touch the hearts of everyone in attendance. South Boston's elected officials were on hand: Congressman Stephen Lynch, Governor Charlie Baker, who is the only Governor that has ever attended this event and returns each year, Mayor Marty Walsh, Senator Nick Collins, Representative David Biele, and City Councilors Mike Flaherty and Ed Flynn all took turns at the podium to reflect on what the men being remembered and honored on this day mean to a grateful nation and a proud community.

Also in attendance were two decorated heroes, Medal of Honor recipients Tom Kelley, US Navy and Ryan Pitts, US Army. They too were extended the hand of friendship and welcomed to a neighborhood that sincerely thanks them for their service.

As is part of the tradition of the Memorial Service each year, the family members of the fallen were in attendance and laid red roses at the base of the monument and the ceremonial wreaths were also so carefully placed. As the Honor Roll was called, naming the 25 heroes whose names are engraved on the beautiful black stone, 'Amazing Grace' was played which brought a tear to many an eye. It was that emotional.

After the Memorial Services officially ended, many in the crowd lingered and talked among themselves and marveled at how even after 38 years, the people continue to return to be part of this very wonderful experience and are so proud and so happy that they do.





SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER



REMINDERS:

PLAYERS & PARENTS:

All children **MUST** wear shin guards in order to play. It is for the child's safety, so if they **DO NOT** wear shin guards, they **CANNOT** play. Please no big bows in the hair, not plastic headbands and no hats.

Plases keep away from the nets when the children are playing their game. We know you want to help your child if they are in goal but most kids get distracted. No smoking near the field. Please go outside the park if you want a cigarette. Finally, remember to have fun.

COACHES:

If you have the first game of the day, please be at the field early to help set up the field. If you have the last game of the day, please put all the equipment away. Please fill out your score sheets correctly and turn them into the

clubhouse (there is a box on the counter), email them to soccerana54@gmail.com or drop them off to Dianne Horne at 373 West 2nd Street by **SUNDAY EVENING.**

Now on to a recap of the games:

UNDER 4 DIVISION: MASSPORT

The team played a great game. George Younger and Maeve Walsh were to goal scorers for their team. Owen Quirk and Pippa Keach did a terrific job sharing the goaltending duties. Hope Loy was awesome on offense.

FRENCH FRIES

The French Fries sponsored by the Police Athletic League (PAL) played a superb game playing to a tie. Cash McAndrew kicked one in the net. Mora Rya, Elizabeth Walsh, Emma Donovan, Willa Taylor, Harper Deady, Tommy Ward and Jack Pindell all played an outstanding game.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by: Congressman Stephen Lynch, Sullivan's at Castle Island, East Boston Savings Bank, J. F. O'Brien & Sons, Boston Home Inspectors, Councilor Ed Flynn, Lovey's League, City Councilor Michael Flaherty, The South Boston Today and the Coyne-Adams Club.

UNDER 6 DIVISION: SHILLELAGHS

The Shillelaghs sponsored by Massport played a fantastic game. Greyson Meyers scored four goals and Corey Fenton scored two goals. Corrine Ryan was dazzling on defense. Elizabeth Rodgers was superb on offense. Jane Bennett and Smith Southand were terrific team players.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Boston Firefighters Credit

Union, South Boston Dental Associates, Billy Flaherty's Gang, Veritac Advisors, Jim Cahill Club, Ironworkers Local 7, Stapleton Florist, Yankee Bus Line and Metro Energy.

UNDER 8 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by, Massport, Michael Perkins Post, Eileen Hennessey J & S Solutions, Southie's Own and Senator Collins Club.

UNDER 12 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Representative David Biele, Abacus Builders, Wayne Morrison Club and Massport

South Boston Catholic Academy News

Celebrating our first school Mass for the beginning of our new school year!

South Boston Catholic Academy opened the 2019-2020 school year with a Mass of the Holy Spirit presided by Fr. Robert Casey, our Pastor. K2 and 3rd grade students presented four symbols of the school year in a procession prior to Mass: a candle signifying children as Christ's light, a Bible to remind us to live out

God's Word, a globe to signify the wider community of the Catholic Church in the world, and a cross of St. Brigid to remind us of the gifts and blessings God has given the South Boston Community. Our South Boston Catholic Academy Children's Choir lead by our Music Teacher, Ms. Eleanor Tynan and Parish Music Director/Organist, Ms.

Carolyn Martin provided the wonderful music and our Principal, Mrs. Civian and several of our faculty members participated at this Mass. This was the first monthly Mass of the year organized by South Boston Catholic Academy's new Director of Catholic Identity, Lisa Soegaard. Lisa's role will be to assist Principal Helenann Civian and Pastor Fr. Casey in enriching the faith lives of students, teachers, faculty and parents at South Boston Catholic Academy, living out the school's mission of Faith, Family Spirit and Aca-

ademic Excellence.

South Boston Catholic Academy (www.SBCatholicAcademy.org) is currently accepting applications for all classes PreSchool-Grade 6. We have Before School and After School Programs available and high acceptance rate to Parochial, Private and Boston Exam Schools. Please contact: Mrs. Jamie Brown, our Vice Principal, with any questions or for a tour of the School at j.brown@sb-catholicacademy.org or phone **617-268-2326** for more information.





If you've been listening, you know. I'm off to a great start this season. And after going 4-1 with my picks in Week 2, I'm now 7-3 against the spread entering Week 3 in the NFL.

This week is more difficult than the first two weeks though, mainly because of all the major injuries throughout the league. And yeah, I'm staying away from the Patriots (-22.5), even though I did hit on them last week as an 18.5-point favorite in Miami. Look, a 21-point Patriots win is still a dominant win. But it doesn't cover.

All you need is one big Le'Veon Bell run to get that back-door cover for the New York Jets. That's what scares me. So I'm staying away.

Anyways, here are my picks for Week 3:

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (-4.5) over New Orleans Saints

-This one is in Seattle on Sunday at 4:25 p.m. The story of the game will be New Orleans' quarterback situation. Drew Brees is out indefinitely with a torn thumb ligament in his throwing hand. Brees suffered the injury in Week 2 against the Los Angeles Rams. Teddy Bridgewater was his replacement, and it didn't look good once Brees went down. Can Bridgewater walk into Seattle and steal a win? I doubt it. The Seahawks

are 2-0 and are coming off a win in Pittsburgh. I expect Seattle to bring the pressure and force Bridgewater into making quick decisions at a loud CenturyLink Field. The spread only being -4.5 is disrespectful to both the Seahawks and Brees. Give me Seattle at home all day.

HOUSTON TEXANS (+3.5) over Los Angeles Chargers

-Both the Texans and Chargers are 1-1. Houston is coming off a win over Jacksonville, while Los Angeles is coming off a loss to Detroit. With Melvin Gordon still holding out for a new contract, the Chargers are not as dangerous, obviously. And since the Texans only put up 13 points last week, I'm expecting Deshaun Watson to have a big day in LA on Sunday at 4:25. You never really know what to expect from the Chargers, so this could be called a somewhat dangerous pick. But if I'm going to be wrong betting a Chargers game, I'd rather be wrong betting against Philip Rivers than be kicking myself watching that stiff throw stupid interceptions with my money. I'll take the road dog Texans.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (-6.5) over Pittsburgh Steelers

-This is another somewhat disre-

spectful spread. Based on how the 2-0 49ers have been playing, you'd think they'd be giving more than 6.5 points to a Steelers team that just lost Ben Roethlisberger for the season to an elbow injury. I don't care that Pittsburgh traded for safety Minkah Fitzpatrick this week, the Steelers are an 0-2 team on the road, without their top QB, going up against an undefeated 49ers team that's scored 72 points combined in their first two games, which were road wins in Tampa Bay, 31-17, and in Cincinnati, 41-17. Jimmy Garoppolo and the boys should be able to win by a touchdown in their own building. So I'm taking them to do just that. Give me San Fran by 10.

ATLANTA FALCONS (+2) over Indianapolis Colts

-The 1-1 Falcons are coming off a huge win over the Philadelphia Eagles at home on Sunday Night Football. It's evident that Matt Ryan is committed to taking plenty of shots down the field once again this season, and I expect that commitment to continue in Indianapolis on Sunday at 1. The Colts are also 1-1 and are coming off a win in Tennessee. Without Andrew Luck, Indy doesn't have the same type of firepower as Atlanta, and that is going to be a problem

against a Falcons pass defense that leads the league allowing just 167 pass yards per game so far. I think the Falcons find a way to win on the road against a team they're clearly better than on paper. Atlanta is the pick.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (-6.5) over Baltimore Ravens

-This is probably the game of the week, even though it's not on NBC's Sunday Night Football. The 2-0 Chiefs host the 2-0 Ravens on Sunday at 1, and with the highest over/under of the week at 55, they're expecting this to be a high-scoring affair. Both Patrick Mahomes and Lamar Jackson have proven themselves to be fantasy football Gods through the first two weeks of the season. But if I had to choose one of these two young quarterbacks to hit a wall first this season, it would be Jackson. My pick here is as simple as that. Mahomes or Jackson? Who do you got? I'm taking Mahomes and the Chiefs to win by a touchdown in their own building.

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PATRIOTS LOOK TO KEEP IT ROLLING VS JETS

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots have shown no signs of slowing down since their Super Bowl LIII win over the Los Angeles Rams back in February. In fact, the Pats' defense hasn't even allowed a touchdown since last year's AFC Championship game in Kansas City.

That's 12 straight quarters without allowing a touchdown, which is the longest streak in team history. The last team to not allow a touchdown in each of its first three games of the season was the 1937 Chicago Bears.

New England enters its Week 3 game against the New York Jets at Gillette Stadium as a 22-point favorite, having wiped the floor with both the Pittsburgh Steelers, 33-3, in Week 1 and the Miami Dolphins, 43-0, last Sunday in Week 2. Now, the winless Jets



come to town having lost to the Buffalo Bills in Week 1 and the Cleveland Browns in Week 2 on Monday night.

The Jets will once again be without quarterback Sam Darnold, who's out with mono. And Darnold's backup, Trevor Siemian, suffered a season-ending ankle injury in Monday's loss to the Browns. That means third-string quarterback Luke Falk will make the start under center for the Jets against the Patriots on Sunday at 1 p.m.

There are some injury concerns with the Patriots' offensive line, but not concerning enough to make the Jets any type of threat in this one. And looking at the Patriots' schedule after Week 3, there isn't a real threat until maybe Week 8 at home against the Cleveland Browns. Or

Tweet of the Week



perhaps Week 9 in Baltimore against the Ravens on Sunday Night Football.

Right now, the Patriots are sitting pretty at the top of the AFC. The Chiefs are right there with them, which sets up a pretty important game in Week 14 between New England and Kansas City at Gillette Stadium.

Until then, all we're left to wonder is, when will somebody score a touchdown against the Patriots? By taking a good look at Sunday's opponent in the Jets, everyone here in New England might be asking that same question once again next week.

BRUINS SIGN MCAVOY, CARLO TO NEW DEALS

SBT Staff

The Boston Bruins made two key signings at the start of training camp, locking up defensemen Charlie McAvoy and Brandon Carlo to new multi-year deals earlier this week.

McAvoy, a restricted free

agent, signed a three-year, \$14.7 million deal, worth an average annual value of \$4.9 million.

Carlo, also a restricted free agent, signed a two-year, \$5.7 million deal, worth an average annual value of \$2.85 million.

The B's played their first

preseason game of the year on Monday night, losing to the Devils in New Jersey, 4-3, in overtime. Their first regular-season game is on Thursday, Oct. 3 in Dallas, with their first home game of the regular season on Saturday, Oct. 12 against the Devils.

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL Week 3

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19

Tennessee (-1.5) at Jacksonville
8:20 P.M. NFL Network

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

NY Jets at New England (-22.5)
1 P.M. CBS

Houston at LA Chargers (-3.5)
4:25 P.M. CBS

LA Rams (-3) at Cleveland
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, SEPT. 23

Chicago (-4) at Washington
8:15 P.M. ESPN

NCAAF Week 4

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21

#7 Notre Dame at #3 Georgia (-14)
8 P.M. CBS

WYNN PLACED ON INJURED RESERVE WITH FOOT INJURY

SBT Staff

Patriots left tackle Isaiah Wynn has been placed on injured reserve and will miss at least eight weeks after leaving Sunday's win over Miami with what had been previously reported as "turf toe."

NFL Network's Ian Rapoport initially reported that Wynn would be "week-to-week" with turf toe, but after an MRI on Monday, ESPN's Field Yates reported on Tuesday that Wynn would be placed on injured reserve.

As a result, Wynn isn't eligible to play in a game until Week 11 against the Philadelphia Eagles, and he can't practice for six weeks.

It's somewhat concerning news for a Patriots team that's already lost starting center David Andrews for the season, and was missing starting right



tackle Marcus Cannon on Sunday against the Dolphins because of a shoulder injury.

In the meantime, the Patriots have reportedly signed free-agent offensive lineman Caleb Benenoch, just a week after he was cut by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. According to Rapoport, nine teams had requested to bring Benenoch in for a workout, but Benenoch wanted to play for Patriots offensive line coach Dante Scarnecchia.



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