



L Street Brownies 2.0

On Monday, the Curley Recreation Center was overflowing with more than 200 concerned residents and visitors interested in the City of Boston’s \$15mm renovation plans for its 90-year-old and beloved L Street Bath House.

With the ever-intriguing rumor mill speculating about the fate of the facility as a developer’s dream site, Patrick Brophy, Mayor Walsh’s Chief of Operations, quickly dispelled that rumor with an emphatic - NO. NO condos. NO safe injection site. NO water treatment facility.

Brophy patiently fielded questions from the audience, stating that

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EDITORIAL

Getting the Country's Business Done is No Longer a Priority

Tax hikes, climate change hysteria, attacks on ICE and other law enforcement agencies and benefits for illegal immigrants and now, back to impeachment again is all Nancy Pelosi and her followers seem to be interested in since 2016. Their motto should be 'to hell with the country, we must get Trump'. If they think for a minute that this disgraceful frenzy is not being noticed by the public and that it's not angering millions of voters, they are more out of touch with America than perhaps ever before.

During the week, they sat smirking as conservative Congress members from impacted Border States called them out for sitting back and doing nothing while drug cartels are working hard to bring thousands each week illegally into our

country. The good news about the lowest unemployment maybe in our history, jobs and industry coming back into the country, and an economy that's the envy of the world gets completely ignored by the House Speaker and her minions, most likely because they had nothing to do with it. It seems that the better the country does economically, the angrier these liberal Democrat politicians get. It could not be more obvious that they would rather the country crash and burn than for this President to succeed.

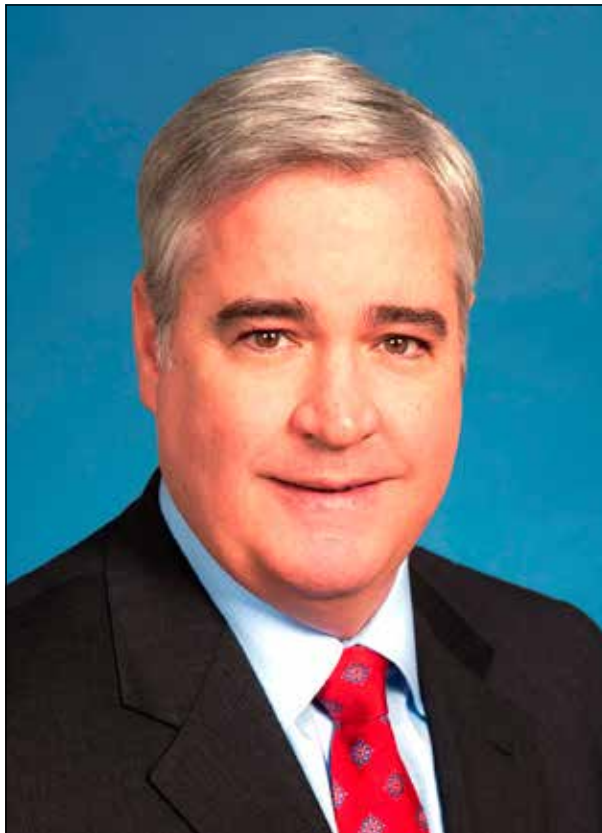
So yes, it's now back to impeachment. When that fails, as it will, they will probably trot out another sexual harassment actress to make more frivolous claims. Nothing has worked for them to this point. If they run out of ideas, they could always do a look



back. Maybe Donald Trump failed to rewind a VHS cassette when he returned it to Block Buster Video in 1994. But the best advice we can think of to give those 'law makers' so consumed with the fact that they lost the last election and trying to influence the next one is - Get Over it and 'Do Your Job', which is working for the American people, not carrying out this sick, endless vendetta.

"If you're going to do something tonight that you'll be sorry for in the morning, sleep late" - Henny Youngman

Councilors Flynn & Flaherty To Hold South Boston Office Hours



Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn and Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty will hold Neighborhood Office Hours this Saturday at the South Boston Branch Library (646 East Broadway) from 12:00pm-1:30pm. Residents are encouraged to bring constituent and neighborhood issues directly to the Councilors and their staff.

"As elected officials who reside in South Boston, it is important for us to continue to bring City Hall services to each of our neighborhoods," said

Councilor Flynn and Councilor Flaherty in a joint statement. "This is an opportunity for us to be in the community over the weekend and hear from our residents directly about their concerns regarding pedestrian safety, development issues, our parks and libraries."

For more information or constituent service issues, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 and Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov or 617-635-4205 and Michael.F.Flaherty@boston.gov.

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The Information Center

‘Climate Change’ Isn’t The Only Cause Students Are Getting Behind

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We often hear our neighbors; particularly parents, lament about how the absence of discipline in some public schools is leading to problems which can sometimes lead to violence. Some say the downhill spiral started when just the mention of God, prayer and religion was discouraged and in many cases banned. But last week, there was a rebellion of sorts at an Alabama high school; the video of which has gone viral across the United States and much of Canada.

At the school football game, because of threatened legal action by an atheist group, school officials issued an order prohibiting the students from starting the event with the traditional prayer they like to say; ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ to be exact. The order was to be in place until a legal decision was finalized. But at this school, the students were having none of it. En mass, hundreds of students approached the ball field’s sound system and microphone and in unison, defied the ban and began to pray openly and with sincere enthusiasm to the delight and the cheers of the crowds in the stands. These students and many of their parents then dared the school to take punitive action against them. It did not. School officials apparently realized that when people wanted to pray; whether at a public event or not, there was nothing they could do about it. This practice of openly and defiantly praying at public school events is now said to be spreading to other schools in other states where rules against it are in place. And again, at these other schools, these kids can’t be stopped. So often we hear praise

heaped on young people for taking stands for causes they believe in. I think the kids at that Alabama school deserve praise as well.

While on the subject of schools, Americans are increasingly taking notice of a trend where there are attempts to indoctrinate rather than educate students with the political agenda of a small group of Socialist leaning teachers. Though the overwhelming majority of teachers are dedicated to instructing their pupils in the assigned curriculum, there are a few who feel they have the right to foist their own political views on other people’s children when they have them in a captive audience in the class room.

The latest incident to make national news was at a middle school in Florida. There, an ‘educator’ drew up a test with at least one question referring to the current President of the United States as an ‘idiot’. The student didn’t like it one bit, and with their camera phones, took pictures of the test and showed them to their parents. This test apparently was never meant to be seen outside of school; especially by parents, who became furious at what they saw and went to the school to protest. They then demanded that action be taken against the offending teacher. Under pressure from the irate parents, the test was removed and so too was the teacher.

The point of this is, students do not have to be subjected to political indoctrination. They have a right and even a duty to speak up and expose the practice and parents have the right to demand that acts like this be dealt with.

On a political note, presidential candidate Bernie Sanders used to rail against and condemn ‘mil-

lionaires’. His view was that no one person should have the right to accumulate that much money. That was of course until he became a millionaire himself. Now Bernie thinks being a millionaire is just fine. He has now moved on to railing against and condemning ‘Billionaires’. Isn’t it Funny how that works?

And speaking of being a tad hypocritical, as most now know, former president Barack Obama and wife Michelle have been wringing their hands, warning of the coming peril of Global Warming/Climate

Change. Mr. Obama cautioned us that if humans didn’t change our lifestyles, sea levels would rise up caused my melting glaciers and polar ice caps and wipe out whole coastal cities. But, with his recent purchase of his newest 15 million dollar waterfront mansion on Martha’s Vineyard, a growing number of Americans are thinking that the Obamas don’t really believe in their own panic filled predictions. Do we see yet another instance of do as we say but don’t expect the same of us?

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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.

Down the road: A 'tax-like' carbon pricing plan for motorists

This is a big deal, for sooner or later this or a similar plan will likely become law one day. From Andy Metzger at Commonwealth magazine: "Officials from Massachusetts and Maryland on Tuesday laid out in broad strokes their plans for a forthcoming program across the East Coast to reduce harmful tailpipe emissions and fund greener transportation alternatives by pricing the carbon contained in gas and diesel fuels. The proposal would mimic a gasoline tax from the perspective of consumers, but it is distinct from a traditional tax in a few ways,

as a Baker administration official noted on Tuesday." Tanner Stening at MassLive has more on the very tentative Transportation Climate Initiative plan.

Hey, look: The 6.25% sales tax on all online purchases also took effect yesterday

Speaking of tax (or "tax-like") moves: The new family-leave payroll tax took effect yesterday, as numerous media outlets have already reported. But Tim Jones at MassLive also reports that, as of yesterday, all online purchases are now subject to the state's 6.25 percent sales tax. Meanwhile, the Globe's Jon Chesto

reports that the "accelerated sales tax collection" issue isn't going away on Beacon Hill, thanks to those pushing a new technology they say will allow retailers to pay sales taxes on the same day purchases are made.

Rock 'em sock 'em politics: Zuckerberg vs Warren

First it was Wall Street plutocrats bellyaching about the prospect of Elizabeth Warren becoming president. Now Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg is bellyaching about Warren becoming president – and he's vowing to fight any antitrust move by Warren if she ever ends up in the White House. Warren,

who loves it when her political enemies rear their heads, is gleefully firing back. The NYT has the details. Btw: Aha! The Washington Post discovers that Warren doesn't have a plan for something, i.e. K-12 education.

Warren's Southern problem, Part II: Is it really a problem?

The Globe's Laura Krantz was definitely on to something the other day with her story about how Elizabeth Warren is struggling in South Carolina, even as she soars in polls in other states. Now the NYT has a story effectively wondering if Warren has hit a political wall with mostly moderate, non-white, Southern voters, a problem that has bedeviled progressive presidential candidates in the past. But then along comes Politico with this story: "Warren gets 'dramatic shift' in support from black voters." We'll have to wait and see how all of this pans out.

SENATOR COLLINS CALLS FOR 24/7 ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING SECTION 35 COURT PROCESS

Legislation Would Remove Barriers to Addiction Intervention



State Senator Nick Collins testified last week on a piece of legislation, S.866, An Act Relative to Saving Lives, designed to save lives by amending Section 35 to allow for those suffering from addiction to be committed to a public health facility by a justice of the court even though the court may be closed for business.

As it stands, individuals who are suffering from a substance use disorder who present a likelihood of serious harm can be involuntarily committed for treatment for up to 90 days, pending a petition from a police officer, physician, spouse, blood relative, guardian, or court official, and a court hearing. However, that process is only available when the court is open for business, eight hours a day, five days a week. That means that for 75% of the hours in a week, this life saving intervention is not available.

"As the opioid abuse epidemic continues to affect individuals and families from all corners of the State, it is imperative that we are exploring all options to save lives and get people on the road to recovery" said State Senator Nick Collins. "Addiction does not care what time of day it is, or what day of the week it is. Our intervention options and treatment services should never be closed for business. It is a matter of life and death."

This language of this bill was previously passed in the Massachusetts State Senate by a vote of 33-4 as part of a 2018 debate on substance abuse. The Joint Committee on the Judiciary will now consider the issue.

REP. BIELE SUPPORTS BILL EXPANDING COVERAGE FOR TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES



Recently, State Representative David Biele supported legislation before the Joint Committee on Mental Health and Substance Use and Re-

covery that would expand insurance coverage for treatment and recovery services.

The bill, H.1732, An Act providing access to full spectrum of addiction treatment services, would require insurance companies to cover at least thirty days of treatment, including a full range of recovery services.

Under the bill, coverage would include detoxification services. The bill would also require coverage for clinical stabilization services for post-detoxification treatment, as well as transitional support services, such as structured residential treatment programs.

"Recovery works when individuals have access to the full range of treatment services, from detoxification services to structured recovery programs," said Rep. Biele. "Unfortunately, inadequate insurance coverage can be an obstacle to meaningful recovery. This bill would begin to address that situation by requiring minimum insurance coverage of the full array of recovery services for individuals and families."

The bill had a public hearing at the State House and is now being evaluated by the Joint Committee.

Councilors Campbell, Flynn To Hold Hearing On Domestic Violence And Sexual Assault



Boston City Council President Andrea Campbell & Councilor Ed Flynn have scheduled a hearing on domestic violence and sexual assault in the City of Boston. The hearing will take place on Monday, October 28th at 5:30pm at Northeastern University, during the final week of National Domestic Violence

Awareness Month. The Councilors called attention to data compiled by Jane Doe Inc., the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and the 2010 National Intimate Partner Survey that indicated Massachusetts is on par with national averages.

The hearing will look to discuss ways to provide support for victims, solutions for increasing

reporting opportunities for all, such as our immigrant and LGBTQ communities, as well as other ways to educate the public about the prevalence of this abhorrent behavior in an effort to reduce domestic violence and sexual assault in the City of Boston.

Council President Campbell said, “October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and so this is an opportune time to bring together our health commission, law enforcement, survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as organizations that work with them to discuss what more the City of Boston could do to address these issues. We want to learn about what others are doing across the country to make these incidents easier to report, and how we can make it easier for survivors to access support and services in the City of Boston. We are proud to be holding this hearing in partnership with the Northeastern University School of Law’s Domestic Violence Institute, which provides support and legal assistance to survivors and organizations addressing domestic violence and sexual assault.”

Councilor Flynn said, “Council President Campbell and I look to have this conversation to ensure

we are doing all we can to try to increase awareness, support victims, offer reporting opportunities for all our communities, and hopefully find ways to reduce domestic violence and sexual assault in the City of Boston. I would like to continue the work of my mother, Kathy Flynn, who sought to support victims of domestic violence during her time as First Lady of Boston.”

Margo Lindauer, Director of the Domestic Violence Institute said, “I am thrilled to work in partnership with President Campbell and Councilor Flynn to bring awareness to the prevalence and challenges survivors face as they seek justice, and to join with Northeastern’s Center for Health Policy and Law to bring this conversation to Northeastern Law School. This is a great example of our institutions working in partnership with local government to move an issue forward, and I hope this is just the beginning of a longer conversation with many different stakeholders and survivors in our city.”

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn’s office at 617-635-3203 & Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov, or Council President Campbell at 617-635-3131 & Andrea.Campbell@Boston.gov.



Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty took part in the unveiling of a new age-friendly bench on East Broadway, outside of Stop & Shop. The benches are part of a new program by the Age Strong Commission in partnership with the Department of Public Works. The requirements for age-friendly benches include ADA compliance, raised armrests on the end and center of the bench, and raised seats and backs for easy support. Age-friendly benches must be placed in accessible locations for our seniors. For further information, contact Councilor Flaherty’s office at 617-635-4205 or via email: Michael.Flaherty@boston.gov.

BOSTON'S HOUSING PLAN HAS CROSSED THE 30,000 UNIT MARK



Building on his Administration's commitment to creating more housing at all income levels to meet the needs of a growing city, Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced that Boston has surpassed 30,000 units permitted under the administration's housing plan, Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030. This includes more than 6,000 income-restricted units, or 20 percent of the total new housing, which is set aside for residents who have qualifying incomes.

This is a significant milestone reached in the work to create 69,000 new units of housing by the year 2030, as called for in the City's housing plan. In addition, the administration announced that rental listing prices are stabilizing across the board, based on analysis over the last 18 months.

"Boston's working families are the backbone of our city, and helped build Boston into the diverse, welcoming city we are today," said Mayor Walsh. "In Boston, we're growing faster than any time in the last 50 years, and it's important that our housing production keeps pace to support

our middle class. My priority is to ensure everyone can stay in the neighborhoods they love, and continue to call Boston home. I'm proud of the progress we've made and the milestones we've reached, which reflects a lot of hard work and strong partnerships in the housing community. We'll continue to work together with our partners to add affordable housing, and make Boston a place for all."

Boston continues to lead in creating affordable housing, with one in five units of Boston's total housing stock and one in four of its rental housing stock made up of deed-restricted affordable units. Of those deed-restricted units, nearly half are affordable to families making less than 60 percent of Area Median Income (AMI), or a household income of approximately \$57,000 for two people, or \$64,000 for a family of three.

Out of 21 municipalities, from 2011 to 2018, 62 percent of all units permitted were in Boston. For comparison, in that same time period, the City of Cambridge permitted one unit for every 7 units that Boston permitted. Another 22 percent of the permitted units were from five neighboring municipalities: Cambridge, Watertown, Everett, Chelsea and Somerville. Five cities, plus Boston, accounted for 84 percent of all units permitted during those seven years.

"For Greater Boston employers to continue to be able to attract and retain a talented workforce, it is critical that we support the creation of affordable and accessible housing options," said James E. Rooney, President and CEO of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce. "I applaud the Walsh Administration for the significant progress that has been made to create a range of new housing opportunities and to maintain Boston's competitive edge. The Chamber and our members look forward to continued partnership with the administration and leaders throughout the region to achieve Mayor Walsh's ambitious housing goals."

Of Boston's total 30,442 permitted

units, more than half were for projects outside of Boston's downtown core. Recent permits data show that 81 percent of the permits pulled so far in 2019 are for projects in Boston's neighborhoods outside the downtown core. One in four of the total 30,442 permitted units represent homeownership opportunities, with a little more than half of those being one bedroom or smaller, and the other half being two-bedroom units or larger. When completed, the 30,442 new units are expected to accommodate more than 60,534 residents.

The City of Boston continues to focus on building transit-oriented housing units. Of the permitted units, nearly two out of three are highly transit accessible and within ¼ mile or a five minute walk to major transit, and three out of four units are within ½ mile or a 10 minute walk from a T stop or commuter rail.

In addition, Boston's strategy of increasing our overall supply of housing units is beginning to show a stabilizing effect on the housing market. Year over year rental listing data from 2017 and 2018 in Boston shows rents increasing by 2.7 percent in older housing stock, and 3.3 percent in all housing, including newly built stock.

Boston has been trending away from large year-over-year increases in rent costs for several quarters as development catches up with demand, creating more rental opportunities across the City. This trend is continuing in 2019: a year over year comparison of the first two quarters in 2018 and 2019 show rent prices incrementally increasing by 1.7 percent in older housing stock, with a 1.5 percent increase in all housing stock.

To accomplish the goals set out in our housing plan, the City of Boston has secured funding to build affordable housing by utilizing a range of tools, including leveraging market-rate development, collecting Linkage and Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) payments from real estate developers, supporting passage of the Community Preservation Act (CPA) to generate approximately \$20 million per year, and

successfully applying for funding rounds to acquire additional financial support. The City has invested more than \$164 million in funding to create the subsidized housing units in cooperation with the state and other housing entities. To find suitable space for new development, the City has also made three million square feet of real estate available.

Included in the 69,000 new units called for in the city's housing plan, 15,820 will be income-restricted units, elevating Boston's total income-restricted inventory to 70,000, which maintains Boston's current one in five ratio of deed-restricted affordable housing to all housing units in Boston. In addition, the plan sets a goal to preserve 85 percent of Boston's most at-risk privately-owned affordable units, and purchase 1,000 units of rental housing stock from the speculative market for perpetuity.

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The Wine Guy Goodonya!

While Australia is a vast continent, the wine-producing regions represent only a few small areas in the country's southern half. For those who aren't familiar with a region called the Margaret River, you're in for a treat; for those who are, it's always a good time to catch up on what's current and exceptional.

The region itself is small but surprisingly diverse in terms of micro-climates; their variety is responsible for the range of wine types produced and the consistent quality of all of

them. Situated on the Indian Ocean in Western Australia, the nightly ocean mist has the same effect on grapes in this area that the Pacific has on California and Chilean grapes.

Leeuwin Estates, 2016 Prelude Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, (\$31.99) is an example of what makes the Cabs from this region so outstanding. Big and rounded, this Cab has beautiful aromas of dark cherries, leather, vanilla and black-currant. The wine is soft, with a long finish that goes really well with steaks, lamb and game birds. The Prelude Vineyards label focuses on the benchmark varietals of the region and represent the first release of Cabernet Sauvignon from Leeuwin Estate each vintage. They are site expressive wines that display the purity and clarity of fruit with a style that is readily expressive for earlier release.

Lenton Brae Vineyards was established in 1982 and is a small family owned and operated Margaret River wine producer. While they excel in the Margaret River specialties of blended Semillon Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, their best wines

by far are their Cabs and Cab/Merlot blends. Their *2017 Lenton Brae Cabernet Merlot, (\$34.99)*, displays fruit cake and spice - like floral notes of Petit Verdot. On the palate, the structure and tannin of Cabernet Sauvignon compliments the mid palate sweetness and fleshy mouth-feel of the Merlot grape. Dark fruit, cedar and tobacco, floral perfume. It's medium-bodied, kind of light, but dense too, with savoury tobacco and cool blue and black fruit, something of a briary taste and feel, well packed tannin, and a fine long finish. Such sophistication at a very fair price. Recommended, especially for the claret fans out there.

The Voyager Estate is a long-standing favorite winery among tourists, wine lovers, and local residents. The winery has a tasting cellar that features their award winning Margaret River varietals of Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, daily free wine tasting for those willing to stand at a counter, a private wine tasting room for a small fee, a kitchen garden, and an abundance of red and white roses that accent each row

of vines. Their *Voyager Estate 2016 Shiraz, Margaret River, (\$32.99)*, reminded me more of an elegant Cotes du Rhone than a Shiraz. It's a vibrant wine with great complexity and purity of fruit, yet still retaining the finesse and elegance which are the hallmarks of the Voyager Estate style. It displays floral aromatics with vibrant blackberry and mulberry notes and hints of earth and spice, the wine is medium bodied, finishing with a nice savoury line.

The other wine from this estate that you really have to try is the *2018 Chenin Blanc, (\$21.99)*. It displays flavours of vibrant tropical fruits with underlying citrus and nuances of red apples. Whilst light-bodied, some weight and a creamy, textural element are derived from a small portion of barrel fermentation. The wine finishes with a perfect balance of sweetness and acidity. I'm really partial to this varietal any time of the year and I think you will be, too. Try it with mildly spiced Asian dishes or fresh seafood dishes; this Chenin Blanc is also well-paired with vegetarian dishes.

I Was Just Thinking...

By Kevin Devlin

During the past three years there have been more leaks emanating from our intelligence community about President Donald Trump than from broken faucets in abandoned tenement buildings. It's a disgrace our president can't have confidential calls with other foreign leaders without the details being made public by so-called patriots who think they're doing the right thing for America. Because they're not!

In October of 1962, the world was on the brink of nuclear Armageddon when the United States confronted the former Soviet Union (USSR) and established a naval blockade on October 22, 1962, to prevent further Soviet missiles from reaching Fidel Castro's Cuba. President John F. Kennedy himself thought the probability of war was as high as fifty percent and the country was on high alert at Defcon2, one step away from nuclear launches. Fortunately after days of tense negotiations between President Kennedy and

Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, it was agreed that the Soviets would, subject to United Nations verification, dismantle their offensive weapons in Cuba and return them back to the Soviet Union. In exchange the United States would publicly declare and agree to avoid invading Cuba again. Secretly, the United States would dismantle all US-built Jupiter MRBMs which had been deployed in Turkey against the Soviet Union. When the offensive missiles and Ilyushin II-28 light bombers had been withdrawn from Cuba, the US blockade was formally ended on November 21, 1962.

As a result of this, and necessitating timely, clear and direct lines of communication between Moscow and Washington, the Moscow-Washington hotline was established which resulted in a series of subsequent agreements that reduced US-Soviet tension for several years.

The whole Soviet-American Cold War gambit in which both sides were culpable of many misdeeds on

the world stage is obviously much more complicated and lengthy to discuss in this piece. But could you imagine if any of these Cuban-missile crisis talks had been released to the American public and press or to hardline Soviet government officials at that time? The hardliners in the Soviet Union weren't pleased with Khrushchev's decision to pull out of Cuba and if the talks were leaked it's more than likely they would have removed him from power (which they did in 1964) at that precise moment in time. And

if they did remove Khrushchev at that time (because of any leaks hypothetically speaking) nuclear war may have ensued catastrophically changing the course of history.

Our president who is the commander-in-chief of this nation must be able to talk with foreign leaders without worrying about his foreign-policy conversations being leaked by political adversaries. Although (they attempt to) justify these leaks as a matter of national security, it's not true. In simple terms they just don't like Trump, actually can't stand him one bit.



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205 E St UNIT 8 N	\$995,000	6/28/19	5	2	1,241
255 Dorchester St UNIT 22	\$890,000	6/27/19	4	2	1,269
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627 A Dorchester Ave UNIT 627 A	\$735,000	6/28/19	5	2	1,312
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CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR

☒ RESIGNATION ☐ REMOVAL ☐ TERMINATION

OF A

☒ GUARDIAN OF AN INCAPACITATED PERSON

AND/OR ☐ CONSERVATOR

Docket No.

SU18P2436GD

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

In the Interests of: Christopher T Yebba

Of: South Boston, MA

RESPONDENT

Incapacitated Person/Protected Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by

Mary T Reilly

of South Boston, MA

in the above captioned matter requesting that the court:

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street

Boston MA, 02114

☒ Accept the Resignation of the ☒ Guardian and/or ☐ Conservator of the Respondent

☐ Remove the ☐ Guardian and/or ☐ Conservator of the Respondent

☐ Terminate the ☐ Guardianship and/or ☐ Conservatorship

The petition asks the court to make a determination that the Guardian and/or Conservator should be allowed to resign; or should be removed for good cause; or that the Guardianship and/or Conservatorship is no longer necessary and therefore should be terminated. The original petition is on file with the court.

You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/24/2019. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 25, 2019

Register of Probate

ORDER OF NOTICE

It is ORDERED that a copy of this citation be:

Served, with a copy of the petition, in hand to Christopher T Yebba by a disinterested person at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the return date; or if applicable to G.L. c. 190B, §§1-401, 5-304, 5-405, as applicable; or by leaving a copy of the petition and citation at the respondent's last and usual place of abode; and

Served on the Department of Developmental Services and/or the United States Department of Veteran's Affairs, if interested, and served on all other interested persons at least Fourteen (14) days prior to the return date by delivering in hand or by mailing by certified, registered, or first-class mail as described in G.L. c. 190B, §§1-401, 5-304, 5-405, as applicable; or by publishing a copy of the citation once in SOUTH BOSTON TODAY SOUTH BOS, MA, publication to be at least Seven (7) days prior to the return date. (Newspaper) (Newspaper city/town)

See Standing Order 3-09 On Sufficiency of Proof of Notice

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 25, 2019

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South Boston resident and brain aneurysm rupture survivor Tom Tinlin, his family, and fellow survivors and supporters organized the First Annual 18 for 18 Tinlin Family Golf Tournament. Former Boston Bruin Shawn Thornton showed his support by auctioning off tickets for the Boston Bruins vs. Florida Panthers game. Together supporters raised over \$150,000 for the Brain Aneurysm Foundation's work to increase awareness, education, support, advocacy and research funding for the disease.

Curley continued from front page

they were at least a year away from any renovations and that a community engagement process will be conducted that will include a design and planning review committee that those in attendance hoped would include residents and patrons. Design Labs is the contract architect and its main objectives will include preserving the façade, bringing the facility up to code relative to access for persons with disabilities, sprinkler system, state of the art mechanicals and surveillance and monitoring for public safety. The question remained as to whether there would be a complete shutdown of the facility for its full renovation or be phased in in sections.

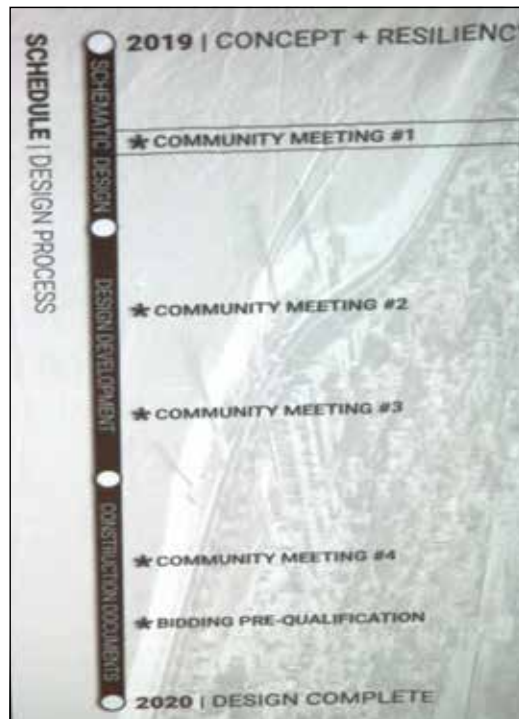
The renovations would be a full gutting of the interior space with new showers, locker room and training rooms. The restoration would preserve its iconic construction as built in the James Michael Curley era in whose name it is memorialized. Some even consider it historic, although, according to Mr. Brophy, that kind of designation process would take a lot of time and may not even result in a designation.

Elected and other officials included Congressman Stephen Lynch, who is an active user of the gym facilities, City Councilors Mike Flaherty and Ed Flynn and BCYF Commissioner William Morales. Andrea Flaherty, the Center's Executive Director, was also on hand.

Ms. Flaherty assured folks that it would continue to be a Senior-Friendly Center and that the vision will ensure that the family beach and kids play areas would be greatly improved. Popular programs and traditional services and aspects of the center such as the solarium, handball courts, steam and sauna, boxing and separate areas for men and women are expected to be in the mix. Patrons from around the City are frequent users and on weekends the beach goes find it a convenient amenity and they may be targeted for membership recruitment.

Concern was also expressed about any increase in the cost of membership when completed. Folks don't want this jewel of the Parks System to be another costly fee for residents who pay high taxes already.

Brophy assured the attendees that this was the first of many meetings planned over the next year. Of all of the projects underway in South Boston, this one has a host of promising community benefits to be looking forward to.



ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston Launches 2019-2020 Program

Invites Local High School Students to Participate in Free After-School, Hands-On Educational Program; \$156,000 in Scholarships Awarded to Select Students from the 2018-2019 Program

ACE Hosts New Student Kick-Off Event October 16, 2019 for High School Students Aspiring to Continue Education in the Architecture, Construction and Engineering Industries



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM
ARCHITECTURE • CONSTRUCTION • ENGINEERING

ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston is a free after-school program run by local design and construction professionals with the goal of inspiring high school students to pursue careers in the architecture, construction and engineering industries. Students have the opportunity to learn from professionals in an introductory program gaining experience in industries such as civil engineering, construction management, and interior design, to name a few. Along with the hands-on experience, students who participate in the program have the opportunity to receive a scholarship to further their education in their specific industry of choice. At the Spring 2019 final presentation, the program awarded \$156,000 in scholarships, ranging from \$3,000 to \$12,000, to graduating high school seniors.

ACE of Greater Boston runs its mentor program from October 2019 through March 2020, starting with the Student

Kick-Off event on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at Wentworth Institute of Technology. To sign up for the program, please attend the event or visit the registration site. Throughout the program, each participating student will meet with mentors weekly at one of the five meeting locations. Participants have the choice of attending one of the following locations: Northeastern University (Mondays), Wentworth Institute of Technology (Tuesdays), Boston Society of Architects (Wednesdays), Symmes Maini & McKee Associates Inc. (Wednesdays) or Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology (Thursdays).

Students reap the benefits of working alongside mentors who are full-time architects, engineers and project managers for companies including but not limited to Turner Construction Company, Gilbane Building Company, Bolyston Properties and Perkins + Will. They will learn valuable skills and practices of working on a construction site as well as developing skills to maneuver design and construction software programs. The students also have the ability to build professional contacts in their field of work, potentially leading to more high school and college internship opportunities.

At the conclusion of the program, participating students give a final presentation in front of industry experts, school staff, family and friends highlighting their work throughout the program. Also, at the year-end award ceremony, the students receive scholarships and the Mentor of the Year is presented to a crowd of hundreds.

"There is a clear need for skilled architects, engineers, project managers and designers, especially in the Greater Boston area where we continually see so much growth," said Michael Tecci, chairman, ACE Mentor Program of Greater Boston. "At ACE, we are proud to help prepare youth across the region to better take advantage of opportunities, ultimately blazing a path to jobs in those industries in companies already aligned with the ACE program."

The students who have participated in the ACE Mentor Program often speak to the benefits of the program and how it helped them forge a successful career. "I was able to work with the kind of engineers I aspire to be who have qualities that I strive to have. I am forever grateful that I was chosen for this opportunity,"

said Hunessa Louis, 2019 graduate from the Newman School, Boston, and ACE scholarship recipient.

ACE of Greater Boston was launched in 2007 and is one of 70-plus affiliates under the ACE national umbrella. Through practical, project-based, hands-on explorations, students work collaboratively and creatively to design innovative solutions to real world problems. With professional guidance by esteemed industry mentors who are full-time employees of construction, design and engineering firms, students embark on a five-month design project, through weekly sessions after school, to develop the professionalism, teamwork, and collaboration that the industry requires. During this time, the students construct a hypothetical project in order to learn about each discipline and take part in activities such as the ABX (Architecture Boston Expo) exhibition hall scavenger hunt, site visits, Revit training and trade day.

For all interested high school students, please attend the Student Kick-Off event on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 from

6-8 PM at Wentworth Institute of Technology, in the Watson Auditorium (550 Huntington Ave). For more information on how to sign up for the program, please visit the registration site.

About ACE Mentor Program of America:

ACE Mentor Program of America, Inc. (ACE) is a non-profit organization, which seeks to introduce talented and motivated students to the architecture, construction, and engineering industries. ACE performs this function through local affiliates in over 79 locations throughout the country. Along with its affiliates, ACE is the industry's fastest growing high-school mentor program in the country, reaching over 9,000 students from 1,000 different high schools in 2018-2019 alone. In addition to exposing students to real-world opportunities, the program financially supports students furthering their education through scholarships and grants. Nationally, ACE and its affiliates have awarded over \$16.6 million in scholarships since the program started in 1994. For more information, please visit www.acementor.org.

Save The Date!
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The Joseph Nee South Boston Collaborative Center is gearing up for it's annual Comedy Night.

When: Friday, November 8, 2019
Where: Florian Hall

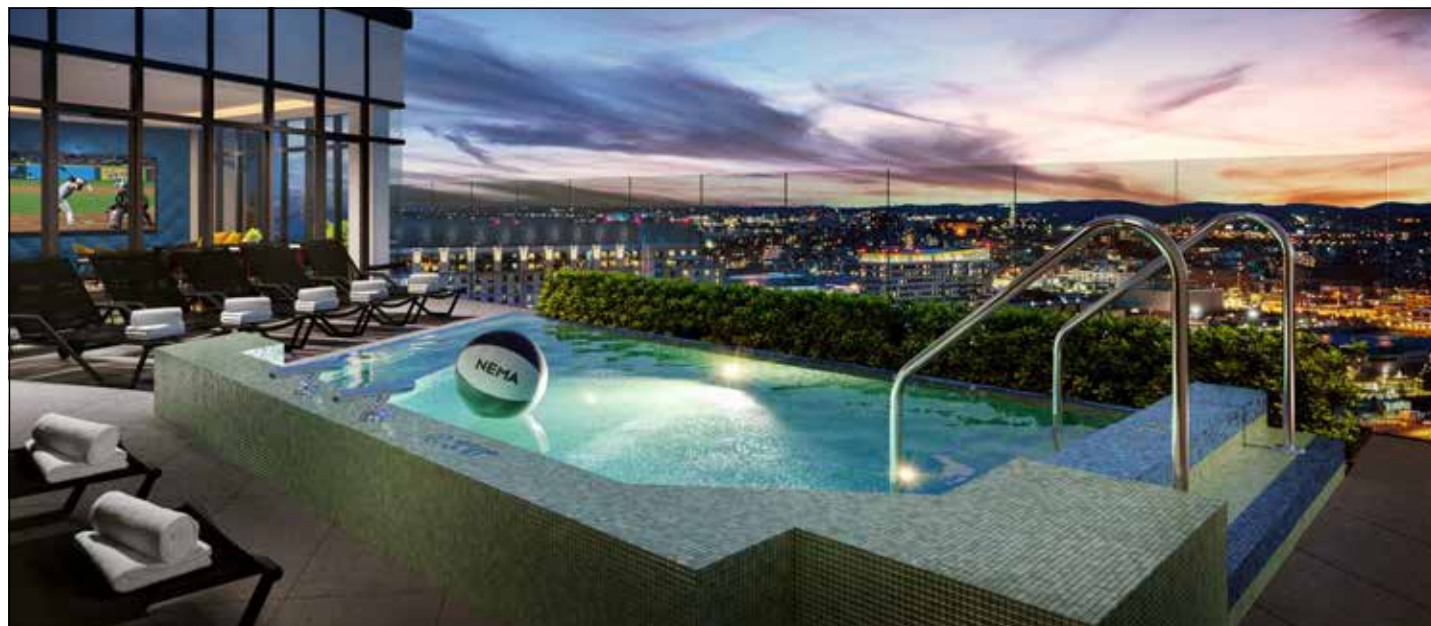
Details to follow...

NEMA BOSTON UNVEILS ELEVATED DESIGN INSPIRED BY THE SEAPORT'S CULTURE AND CHARACTER

Now rapidly pre-leasing with move-ins planned for November, NEMA Boston sets a new standard for luxury rental residences, combining locally-inspired architecture, design, and, art with functionality and hospitality-inspired amenities. Developed and curated by Crescent Heights, the building exemplifies a thoughtful design process derived from the culture and character of Boston and the Seaport neighborhood.

"We sought to infuse elements inspired by Boston's past and present, creating an elevated design aesthetic," said Bruce A. Menin, Managing Principal, Crescent Heights. "From the onset, every effort was made to blend space and design holistically to offer NEMA Boston residents a bespoke home that voices the modern vernacular of their city."

NEMA Boston establishes a neighborhood beacon in the Seaport with its façade designed in a grey tonal spectrum with ledger stone, bronze panel-



ing, and glass. NEMA's architecture embraces the color palette and textures reflective of the Seaport's industrial history and present-day developments while its distinctive slant, reminiscent of the bow of a ship, gently nods to the district's nautical history.

The impressive art collection at NEMA was also curated with local inspiration in mind. Upon arrival, residents are welcomed home by a 70-foot LED art wall in the building's porte cochere, creating a vivid backdrop with revolving nature scenes from Boston's environs. Other notable pieces include *Leaning*, a steal I-beam multi-media piece by Randy Doering designed to recognize the Seaport's contribution to industrializing the Northeast, and November, a wool blanket piece by renowned artist Tom Burr, which demonstrates the important role that textile trade played in the development of the Seaport as a mercantile center, while also paying tribute to Boston winters and the warm sense of home that NEMA represents.

The Lobby Lounge features a dedicated art wall celebrating the 1980's hotspot The Channel, as well as a fireplace, laptop spots and comfortable seating for a variety of group sizes. The goal is to offer residents an inviting and attractive space that also supports social interaction and a feeling of community. Adjacent to the Lobby is the Garden, a dedicated green space complete with an herb garden and a fire pit, offering residents a private respite in the heart of one of Boston's hottest neighborhoods. The view into the Garden can be enjoyed from the Lobby through the floor-to-ceiling glass wall, an element intended to blend the lines between the natural beauty of the outdoors and the interior comfort.

Collectively, NEMA Boston's ardent

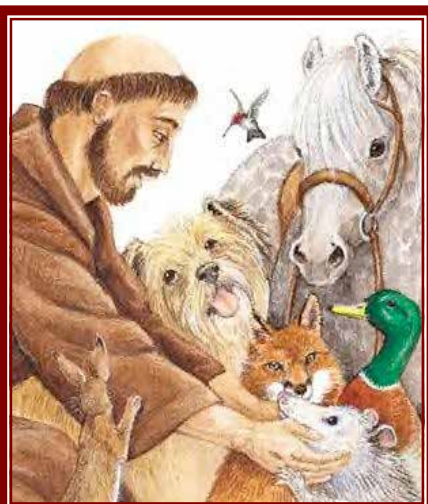
attention to detail and the elevated, design-driven aesthetic create a building as dynamic as the Seaport neighborhood itself. NEMA's Skyline Lounge ceiling displays custom metal work while Edison bulb accents, pulley lamps and cantilevered wall sconces adhere to the nautical theme with materials like driftwood and aquarium-style glass. The rooftop Skyline Terrace includes a heated plunge pool, fire features, lounge-style seating and barbecue grilling stations alongside The Lawn, perfect for picnics and sunset views, and the Drive-In, an outdoor movie theater. NEMA's Creators Suite, a high-tech workspace with 3D printing, scanning, coding, and design equipment, and the CoWork space, are designed to respond to creative, professional, and academic aspirations of Boston's forward-thinking residents in the comfort of their own home.

About Crescent Heights

Crescent Heights is one the nation's leading urban real estate firms, specializing in the development, ownership, and operation of architecturally distinctive mixed-use high-rises in major cities across the United States. The company's 30-year history demonstrates its commitment to creatively designed and fully serviced residential and hotel projects. The architecture and interiors of each Crescent Heights Residence are infused with the history, climate, and character of the building's neighborhood. With a focus on locally inspired amenities, both public and interior art, and extensive lifestyle programming, Crescent Heights manages its projects to create authentic, positive experiences.

The Annual Blessing of the Animals

*In honor of the feast of
St. Francis of Assisi,
Patron Saint of Animals*



ALL ARE WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**That will take place on Sunday, October 6
Outside of Gate of Heaven Church at 1:00 PM,
downstairs in the I Street Courtyard,
near the Celtic Cross, following the 12 Noon Mass.
Please have your pets on a leash or in a pet carrier.**

St. Peter Academy Field Trips Commonwealth Museum and Tougas Farms

By: Maria Blasi

It must be Fall! This past week St. Peter Academy attended field trips to the Commonwealth Museum and apple picking at Tougas Farms in Northborough, MA.

Grades 3 to 6 visited the Common-

wealth Museum. The students participated in the Massachusetts Symbols and Immigration Program Exhibits. The interactive exhibits were fantastic and tied into the present curriculum.

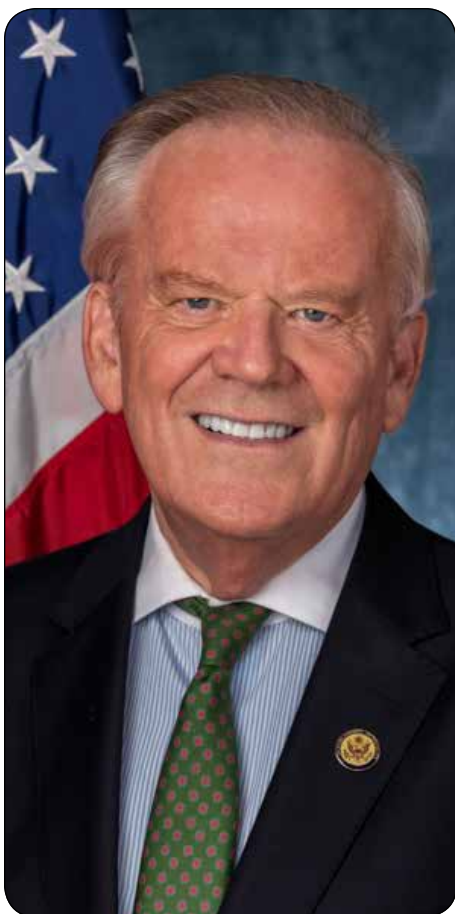
Toddler Programs through Grade 2 visited Tougas Farms for our an-

nual apple picking trip. Each student picked a bag of apples and their very own pumpkin to take home. The weather was beautiful and a wonderful time was had by all!

St. Peter Academy is an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the

limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Join us for our Open House November 5th 9:00 – 11:30 am.

Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Main Office at 617-268-0750 or by emailing SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.



JAMES T. BRETT REAPPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE DISABLED PERSONS PROTECTION COMMISSION *Governor Charlie Baker Reappoints Brett for Second Term*

New England Council President & CEO James T. Brett has been reappointed Chairman of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission, an independent state agency responsible for the investigation and remediation of instances of abuse committed against persons with disabilities in the Commonwealth.

“Supporting individuals with disabilities is a cause that is near and dear to my heart, and I am honored and humbled to have been reappointed to this role by Governor Baker,” Mr. Brett said.

A former state representative, Mr. Brett has been an outspoken advocate for people with intellectual disabilities over the course of his career. Most recently, he was reappointed to

the National Council on Disability by Speaker Nancy Pelosi and serves as the Chairman of the Governor’s commission on Intellectual Disability. He previously served on the President’s Commission for People with Intellectual Disabilities under Presidents Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama.

Mr. Brett has served as the President & CEO of the New England Council, a non-partisan business organization representing businesses throughout the six New England states, since 1996. Prior to joining the Council, he served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for over 15 years. Throughout his career, Mr. Brett has been a tireless advocate for people with

intellectual disabilities. In 2018 he was awarded the Michael and Kitty Dukakis Lifetime Achievement Award from the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health. In 2014 he was inducted into the Special Olympics Massachusetts Hall of Fame. The Disability Law Center bestowed upon him the Edward M. Kennedy Leadership Award. In 2013, the University of Massachusetts Boston established the James T. Brett Chair in Disability and Workforce Development, the nation’s only endowed chair in disability and workforce development. Bay Cove Human Services of Boston named a new community home for adults with disabilities “Brett House” in his honor.

SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

What a great weekend for a soccer game. Mother Nature has been very cooperative so far. Couldn't ask for better weather.

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, **NO** 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 soccernana54@gmail.com or drop them off to Dianne Horne at 373 West 2nd Street by **MONDAY MORNING**.

Now on to a recap of the games:

UNDER 4 DIVISION:

COYNE-ADAMS CLUB

The Coyne-Adams Club played

a great game and ended up victorious with a score of 4-2. Liam Crush scored two goals for his team. Emery Lavalie manned the net and made 2 great saves.

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

UNDER 6 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Boston Firefighters Credit Union, South Boston Dental Associates, Massport, 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

Highlights from the Gym Class

This year in Gym Class, we welcomed Mrs. Monica Cherry... "Physical Education at South Boston Catholic Academy is all about growing a healthy mind, healthy body and healthy spirit. Our students work hard at gaining the knowledge and skills it takes to achieve a love for fitness that will last a lifetime. Whether it is learning to throw a ball or lead a team, South Boston Catholic Academy students are gaining the confidence needed for future fitness goals."

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.





MINNESOTA VIKINGS (-5.5) over New York Giants

-This game is Sunday at 1 p.m. at MetLife, and the 2-2 Giants have to be feeling pretty good about themselves after winning two straight games since benching Eli Manning and handing the keys to rookie quarterback Daniel Jones. New York is coming off a 24-3 win over Washington, which is nothing to write home about. But still, in this league, a win is a win is a win. Saquon Barkley is expected to once again be out of action with a high ankle sprain, which opens the door for the 2-2 Vikings to go on the road and shut down a Giants offense that might be feeling a little too good right now. Minnesota is coming off a loss to the Chicago Bears, and this kind of feels like a desperation game for Kirk Cousins and a Vikings offense that has disappointed thus far in 2019. I expect a big day for Cousins, and a potential blowout win for Minnesota to cover the spread, bringing everyone in New York back to reality for at least a week. Give me the Vikings to win big on the road.

ATLANTA FALCONS (+5) over Houston Texans

-Speaking of desperation, the 1-3 Atlanta Falcons are currently the

definition of it, after losing two straight to the Indianapolis Colts and Tennessee Titans. The Falcons put up just 10 points at home in last week's loss to Tennessee, and now they head to Houston to take on a 2-2 Texans team that's coming off a 16-10 loss at home to the Carolina Panthers. So, both offenses are due to break out in this one. I've been high on Houston all year, and while I still think they have a really good chance to win this game in Week 5, I think the Falcons will certainly make it interesting, given the fact that they're currently in must-win mode. At the very least, I'm expecting Matt Ryan to lead the charge on a back-door cover. I'll take the points with Atlanta on the road in a game that could decide which way their season is going to go.

DALLAS COWBOYS (-3.5) over Green Bay Packers

-Just last week, both the Cowboys and Packers were undefeated. But both teams are coming off a loss in Week 4. Dallas lost to New Orleans, and Green Bay lost to Philadelphia. This Week 5 matchup is in Dallas Sunday at 4:25. I'm looking at a big day for Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott, who was held to just 35 rush yards in Sunday night's

loss to the Saints. Now, Zeke goes up against a Packers defense that allows 142 rush yards per game. It's time for the Cowboys to once again feed their star running back at home. Outside of last week's loss to New Orleans, the Cowboys have looked like one of the more complete teams in the NFL. They'll show that again at home. Give me Dallas by a touchdown.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (-11) over Indianapolis Colts

-The Chiefs are one of just three undefeated teams in the league — along with New England and San Francisco — and host the 2-2 Indianapolis Colts on Sunday Night Football. The Colts have been somewhat of a surprise so far this season, considering they lost their star quarterback Andrew Luck to retirement. But Jacoby Brissett has filled that void nicely, throwing 10 touchdowns and only two interceptions through the first four games. Indy is coming off a loss to the Oakland Raiders though, and it won't get any easier in Kansas City on Sunday night. The Chiefs just barely escaped Detroit with a win last week, and have failed to cover a 6.5-point spread in their last two games. But this has the potential to be a blowout, as Patrick Mahomes

will be ready to put his elite talent on display for the national TV audience. I'll take the Chiefs to roll at home.

LOCK OF THE WEEK: NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (-15.5) over Washington Redskins

-Like the Chiefs, the 4-0 Patriots have failed to cover the spread in each of their last two games. The Pats are coming off an ugly 16-10 win in Buffalo, and now head to D.C. Sunday at 1. The story here? Washington is horrible. They're 0-4, their coach could be fired soon, and they don't know who their quarterback is. They drafted QB Dwayne Haskins in the first round this year, but has yet to start a game. But I'm wasting my time talking about Washington. Let's talk about the Patriots. Some will panic after an ugly offensive performance in Buffalo, but the Bills have a very good defense. It'll be a different story on Sunday in D.C. Trust me. Washington allows 30 points per game. I expect Tom Brady to put up 45. Big day coming for Julian Edelman. Patriots win big.

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RED SOX LOOKING TO CUT PAYROLL IN 2020, BETTS' FUTURE IN QUESTION

SBT Staff

There will be a new World Series champion this year. The reigning champion Boston Red Sox are on the outside looking in at the 2019 MLB Post-season. And now, an interesting, yet somewhat cloudy offseason looms.

Not only will the Red Sox be looking to replace recently-fired president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski, but they'll also be giving that new general manager a complicated laundry list.

First thing on ownership's agenda is shedding salary to get under the \$208 million luxury tax threshold. That much has been said over the past week by principal owner John Henry, chairman Tom Werner, and president and CEO Sam Kennedy.

If the Red Sox go over the luxury tax threshold for a third consecutive season in 2020, their tax rate would increase to 50 percent, and they would also face hefty surcharges.

"We need to be under the CBT [Competitive Balance Tax]," said Henry last Friday at Fenway. "That was something we've known for more than a year now."

Knowing that, Henry still allowed Dombrowski to give \$68 million to Nathan Eovaldi in December, \$145 million to Chris Sale in March, and \$120 million to Xander Bogaerts in April. All while also knowing that Mookie Betts will be entering the final year of his contract in 2020.

In a press conference at Fenway Park earlier this week, Kennedy stressed that getting under the luxury tax threshold was a "goal" but not necessarily a "mandate."

"The CBT is always a guidepost in our budgeting, as we build our financial plans for the following season," said Kennedy. "We use CBT as one guidepost. It's something we consider."

"John and Tom have shown a willingness — I believe in the past 17 years, we've been over that CBT threshold 10 times," added Kennedy. "And we will continue to demonstrate a willingness to go over. That said, John made it clear that there is a goal to try and get under the CBT in 2020. But he also said — and Tom followed up and clarified — that is a goal, but not a mandate."

As for Betts' future in Boston, the Red Sox are on the record saying they want him to stay. But considering the enormous contract that the reigning American

Tweet of the Week



Okay I'm awake, let's do this hockey.

The Stanley Cup @StanleyCup

Wake me up when September ends.

League MVP will be looking for after next season, the team's plan to shed salary this offseason certainly does not coincide with a plan to sign Betts to a big-money deal.

Betts turns 27 this month. He's arbitration eligible one last time this winter, and is projected to make at least \$25 million next season. If the Red Sox can't shed payroll in other spots, then 2020 could be Betts' final season in Boston. Or, perhaps the Red Sox could trade Betts this winter if they don't think there's any chance of giving him the type of money he wants.

It remains to be seen what will happen next. But now that we know what the Red Sox' financial strategy will be, it seems the rumors surrounding Betts' future have only just begun.

BRUINS OPEN 2019-20 REGULAR SEASON THIS WEEK

SBT Staff

The Boston Bruins look to turn the page on a heartbreaking Game 7 loss in the Stanley Cup Final, when they open the 2019-20 regular season this week with a four-game West Coast trip.

Las Vegas is giving the Bru-

ins the third-best odds to win the Stanley Cup at +1400, which is also tied with the Colorado Avalanche. The favorite to win the Stanley Cup is the Tampa Bay Lightning at +700, followed by the Toronto Maple Leafs and Vegas Golden Knights both at +1200. The

defending champion St. Louis Blues are tied for the fourth-best odds to win the Cup at +1600, along with the Florida Panthers and Winnipeg Jets.

The Bruins' first home game of the season is Saturday, Oct. 12 against the New Jersey Devils.

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL Week 5
THURSDAY, OCT. 3
LA Rams at Seattle (-2)
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFL Network

SUNDAY, OCT. 6
New England (-15) at Washington
1 P.M. CBS
Indianapolis at Kansas City (-11)
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, OCT. 7
Cleveland at San Francisco (-3.5)
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THURSDAY, OCT. 3
Boston at Dallas
8:30 P.M. NESN

SATURDAY, OCT. 5
Boston at Arizona
9 P.M. NESN

PATRIOTS ADD WATSON, LOOK TO REDISCOVER OFFENSE IN D.C.

SBT Staff

Patriots tight end Ben Watson is eligible to return to the team this week, after serving a four-game PED suspension to begin the season.

The Patriots waived offensive lineman Caleb Benenoch earlier this week, presumably to open up a roster spot for Watson. They also released injured wide receiver Cameron Meredith, who was on the "physically unable to perform" list.

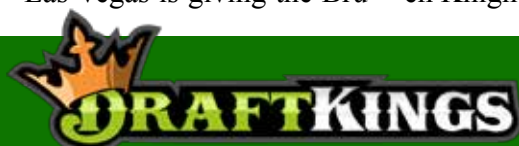
Watson's presence will be welcomed, as the Patriots offense is coming off an ugly performance in a 16-10 win over the Bills in Buffalo on Sunday. The only Patriots touchdown in the win came on a Brandon Bolden four-yard run. Tom Brady finished the game 18-of-39 for just 150 yards and an interception.

Watson, 38, signed with the Patriots in May. He had two touchdowns and made 35 catches in 16 games with

the New Orleans Saints last season. Watson was originally drafted by the Patriots in the first round of the 2004 NFL Draft (32 overall) and spent six seasons in New England. Since, he has played for the Cleveland Browns, Baltimore Ravens, and the Saints.

"Fortunately, Ben has a lot of experience in our system and has been with us all through the spring and training camp," said Bill Belichick in a conference call on Tuesday. "So hopefully he'll be able to recall what he did and the things that are new."

The Patriots are a 15-point favorite in Washington on Sunday at 1 p.m. Washington is 0-4 and is coming off a loss to the New York Giants in Week 4. In the first three weeks of the season, Washington allowed at least 30 points in all three games, which were losses to Philadelphia, Dallas, and Chicago.



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