



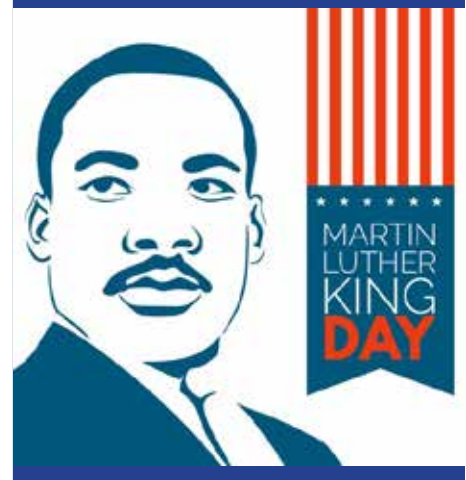
Edison, We Need To Get It Right For Our Community

Monday night, residents of South Boston packed the Tynan School for the latest public meeting hosted by the Boston Planning and Development Agency for the proposed re-development of the former Boston Edison Power Plant. Those in attendance included City Councilor Ed Flynn, State Senator Nick Collins, State Representative David Biele, Samantha Bennett from the office of Councilor At Large Michael Flaherty and Brianna Millor from the office of

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EDITORIAL

What Would Dr. King Think?

Next Monday, the nation observes the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. By almost every account, he is considered to be the most iconic leader of the civil rights movement in the United States. He is remembered for many things he had done and said. High among them were those famous words from his 'I Had A Dream' speech

where he emphatically expressed the hope that one day his... "4 little children will live in a nation where they will be judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character". Today, the overwhelming numbers of Americans agree with these words and support those sentiments.

Yet also today, we have forces in our country, in

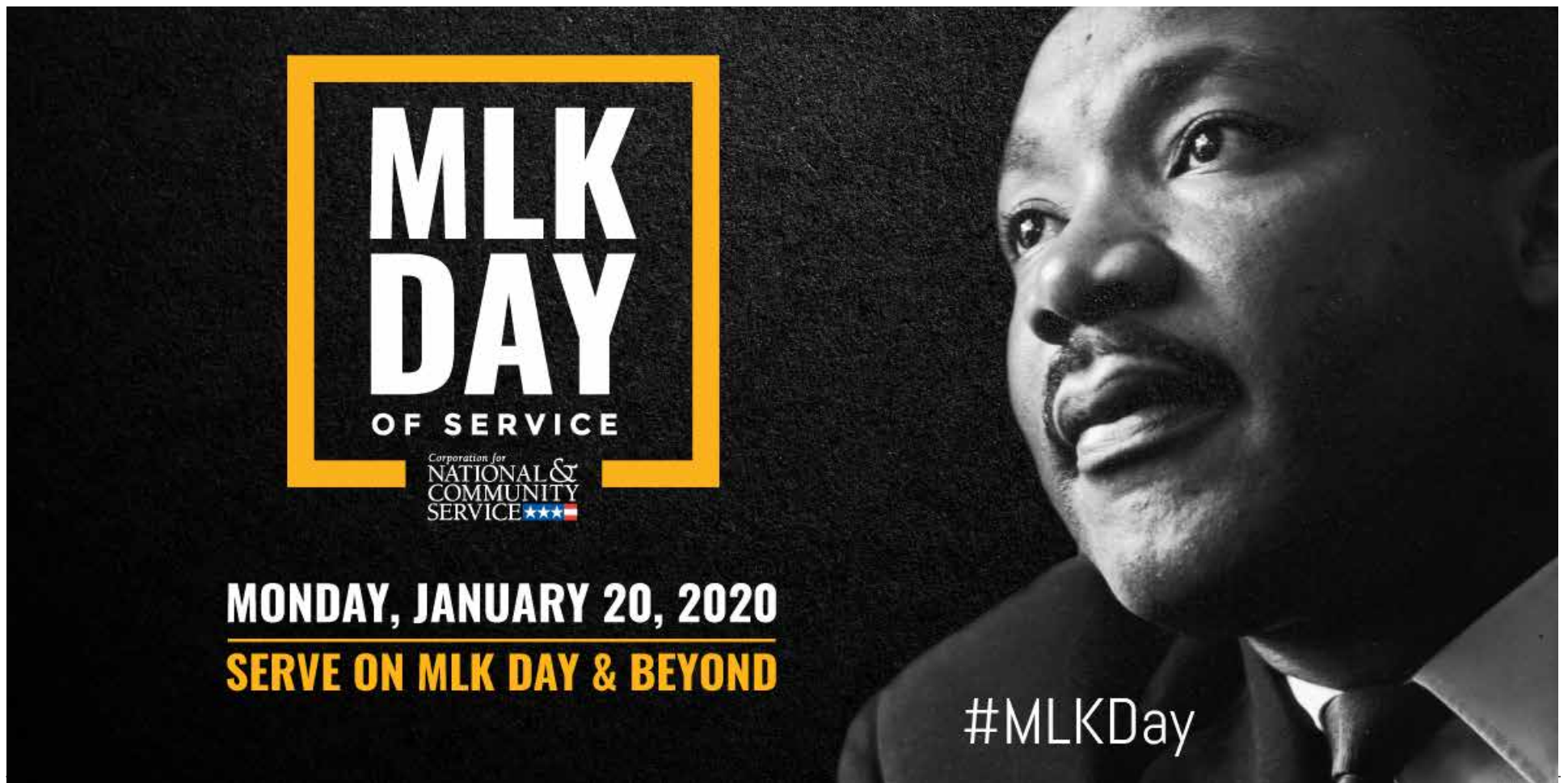
efforts to gain political advantage, working hard to separate Americans. This they do for their own personal and political gain. There are those in politics, in the news media and other activists who actually demand that the various races - Black, White, Brown, Asian etc.- as well as a variety of cultures separate themselves from the larger population.

They insist that every member of a racial or ethnic group must think, speak, act and yes, vote a certain way or they are somehow being disloyal to that group.

We wonder what Dr. King would think of institutions like Harvard University, which holds separate 'Blacks Only' graduations, as do a number of other colleges

around the country. They even try to divide by age, sex, geography and education level. If America truly believes in the words, hopes and dreams that Dr. King worked for, it will pay more attention to what he espoused, rather than fall victim to the self-serving dividers and baiters bellowing from their political soap boxes, trying to split our nation apart.

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John Ciccone

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In a follow up to last week's column about the Iranian situation, there is a new development, but not a surprising one. Last week, many Democrat congress members along with their allies in the media and in Hollywood were literally fawning over the Iranian regime and actually mourning General Soliemani – the dead terrorist. The fact that he was responsible for killing hundreds of American soldiers and maiming many more didn't seem to faze his 'progressive' cheerleaders in the US. In fact, it seemed to further endear him to some of them.

Those elements were cheering the fact that there were the usual 'Death to America' chants emanating from crowds in Iran in response to the killing of Soliemani; not understanding or maybe not caring that those street protests were ordered by the tyrants who rule Iran. But notice the stark difference this week. There is a near dead silence by the US media, Pelosi and crew and Hollywood about the thousands demonstrating in the streets of Iranian cities this week chanting support for President Trump and America and demanding freedom from the Iranian government. The Iranian people, even their college students, want their government leaders gone. The Iranians shot down the civilian airliner killing 176 people, denied doing it and only admitted it when they were caught on video trying to cover up the evidence. And American leftists were STILL supporting the Iranian regime.

On American college campuses, idiot students, indoctrinated by their Socialist, America hating professors want to tear down the system here which gives everyone freedom and liberty; a system that people in Iran would love to have and are risking their lives to demand.

Seeing how the left wing in this country is always so quick to side with America's enemies, no matter what the issue, I'm pretty sure that if 911 happened today, many of our home grown liberals would be setting up memorials to the terrorists that flew the planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. I can just picture Michael Moore, Cher and the cast at CNN placing flowers on the graves of the skyjackers and a distraught Jane Fonda, who has apparently been taken out of mothballs and reactivated, shedding a torrent of tears for them and blaming Trump for the attacks.

People of faith consider places of worship to be peaceful sanctuaries where they go for spiritual rejuvenation and feel safe and happy. Whether Christians in churches or people of the Jewish faith in synagogues, these are sacred. But as we've seen in New York City, where Jewish worshippers were recently stabbed by a fanatic or in the recent Texas church shooting, where a shotgun toting domestic terrorist opened fire into an overflow crowd of congregants, safety is not always a guaranty. In New York City, it was reported that Jewish people are applying for gun permits in large numbers. Gun license applications it is said are up by nearly a thousand percent in some neighborhoods.

In Texas, where most people already have guns, the shooter in that church three weeks ago was stopped cold by armed church goers who pulled out their own firearms and put a quick end to what could have been a massacre if not for their fast action.

Mr. Jack Wilson, a former deputy sheriff, a volunteer security worker and an NRA firearms instructor was credited with firing the shot that stopped the attacker. Wilson was presented the 'Texas Medal of Cour-

age' by that state's Governor Greg Abbott. Wilson was also praised by local law enforcement, hailed as a hero by the hundreds of people at the church and sincerely thanked by the church's pastor. Those most affected by Mr. Wilson's quick response were most appreciative of his response and for the many lives he saved.

As expected, those who are never affected by some of life's real dangers were quick to lecture those who are. Democrat presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg scolded those who carry firearms in one of his typical rants.

Bloomberg has made it clear that he believes that no law-abiding Americans should be allowed to carry a gun. Other Democrat presidential candidates followed with the same and the media attempted to put Wilson in a negative light. But polls following the incident showed that the American people aren't buying the gun grabbing blather by those who, like Bloomberg, surround themselves with private armed security. Americans believe, more strongly than ever, that people like Jack Wilson are heroes. Attempts to change the public's attitude are failing.

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Assisted Suicide Laws May Harm People with Disabilities

By James T. Brett



Compassionate medical care and end of life considerations are some of the most complex and difficult issues facing families, and society in general. It is a reality that may only intensify against a backdrop of an aging population. In the United States, the number of older individuals outpaces younger generations. By 2030, one in five Americans will be 65 years old, and the population of those 65 and older is projected to nearly double by 2050 (Census).

Longevity is one trend that drives us to evaluate how we provide care

for aging adults, people with chronic illnesses or disabilities. End of life issues are particularly challenging, especially when society seeks answers in public policy. Assisted suicide is part of a constellation of end-of-life issues. While some advocate for its legalization as a personal decision, there can be unintended consequences.

In the 115th Congress (2017-2018), a Sense of Congress Resolution (H.Con.Res.80) garnered bipartisan support and expressed awareness that assisted suicide can put vulnerable people at risk of harm. The Nation Council on Dis-

ability is a long-time opponent of assisted suicide laws. In fact, the NCD issued its first report on this issue in 1997, and another in 2005. They concluded that the interests of the few people who would benefit from assisted suicide were “heavily outweighed by the probability that any law, procedures, and standards that can be imposed to regulate physician assisted suicide will be misapplied to unnecessarily end the lives of people with disabilities.”

The NCD called on Congress to establish a comprehensive, fully-funded system of assistive living services for people with disabilities. Today, their position remains unchanged. The NCD’s recently-released update of that research reinforced their conclusions. Nine states and the District of Columbia have legalized assisted suicide. Over the years, restrictions have been loosened. In some cases, there are insufficient measures to investigate mistakes or abuse.

The NCD also reported inequities in suicide prevention efforts. Often, people with disabilities are not referred for mental health treatment when seeking assisted suicide, while people without disabilities do receive these referrals.

The report found that regulatory safeguards are ineffective. Some considerations:

- A misdiagnosis of a terminal disease can cause a frightened patient to choose to end their life
- People with the disability of depression may be more vulnerable
- Many people with disabilities have been conditioned by society to see asking for help as undignified or burdensome, or that having a disability inherently lowers quality of life

The report recommends steps to be taken at the federal and state levels to ensure that people with disabilities have a system of assisted services and supports, and that they are informed about these supports by medical providers. In addition, providers should receive training on working with people with disabilities.

Here are some steps that Congress could take now:

- Pass another resolution similar to H.Con.Res.80.
- Amend the Social Security Act to remove Medicaid’s statutory bias toward institutional long-term care rather than long-term services and

supports (LTSS) provided for people living in the community.

A voice for people with disabilities

People with disabilities should not consider ending their lives because of a lack of supportive services or because they are working with medical providers who are not required to help patients find alternatives. When policy makers debate legislation around end of life issues, it is critical that the needs of people with disabilities are on the table. As guidelines and guardrails are set, and standards established for education and training, people with disabilities need to be part of the equation. They deserve the same level of care, information, services and support as anyone who does not have a disability.

(The National Council on Disability recently submitted its report, “Assisted Suicide Laws and Their Danger to People with Disabilities,” to the White House.)

Mr. Brett is a member of the National Council on Disability and the former Chairman of the president’s Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 12, 2019			

CITATION ON PETITION TO CHANGE NAME

Docket No. **SU19C0641CA**
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The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
In the matter of:
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Suffolk Probate and Family Court
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This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance if you object to this proceeding.

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

January 02, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
January 16, 2020

SEN. COLLINS, REP. BIELE LEGISLATION TO HONOR AMERICAN REVOLUTION ADVANCES IN LEGISLATURE

Earlier this legislative session, **Senator Nick Collins and Representative David Biele** sponsored a bill to honor the American Revolution. The legislation, entitled An Act establishing a commission on the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, was filed in both the Massachusetts Senate and the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

As written, the bill would establish a special commission tasked with promoting the celebration of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution. The legislation charges the Commission with

identifying historically significant events in Massachusetts that led to the American Revolution, while holding commemorative celebrations across the Commonwealth to recognize the state's role, as well as individual and regional contributions, to the founding of the United States of America.

“As we approach the 250th anniversary of major events in the American Revolution, we have a unique opportunity to celebrate our shared history and drive economic activity across the city and state,” said **Senator Collins**. “From education, to preservation, to cultural



tourism and commemorative events, Massachusetts will continue to be a national voice in celebrating our common values as Americans.

“Massachusetts played an important role in the American Revolution and the founding of our nation,” said **Rep. Biele**. “This legislation will honor those many contributions with commemorative celebrations in cities and towns across the Com-

monwealth, reminding us of our important history, educating our youth about our shared American values, and driving economic opportunities for culture, travel and tourism.”

This bill received a public hearing earlier this legislative session, and received a favorable report and recommendation from the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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Councilor At Large Michelle Wu.

At the meeting, residents discussed the latest filing by the development team, led by Redgate and Hilco, for approval of a Planned Development Area (PDA). A **Planned Development Area (PDA)** is an overlay zoning district that establishes special zoning controls for large or complex projects. The **Development Plan** may provide for uses, dimensions, or parking that deviate from the general zoning for the district. Approval of a PDA requires the submission of a development plan. Development plan submission triggers a **45 day public comment period** and requires the **approval** of both the **City of Boston BPDA** and the **City of Boston Zoning Commission**. If approved by the BPDA and the City of Boston Zoning Commission, the PDA would create zoning for approximately 1.78 million square feet of space, hotel space, and over 630 residential units. The PDA is one approval the project needs to move forward.

Councilor Flynn kicked off the meeting, stressing the importance of transportation and pedestrian safety, and stressed that the development team needs to satisfy the community and residents. Councilor Flynn stated he wants to see more.

Residents expressed their outrage, and asked the development team for a public

apology, for the comment made by Hilco Executive Vice President Andrew Chused: “**Sorry, I wasn’t born in a bathtub in South Boston.**” Ralph Cox and the development team refused to acknowledge the insulting and derogatory remark and would not apologize for the comment. He characterized the comment as being made in a private conversation between individuals, which is incorrect. Mr. Chused did not attend Monday’s meeting and has not attended any public meetings regarding the Edison since the spewing of the comment. As one resident said, he’s on the no fly zone in South Boston.

Several Impact Advisory Group (IAG) members informed the neighborhood that the group boycotted the IAG meeting prior to the community meeting with the BPDA and development team. The IAG members stated they had not received information on transportation or mitigation from the development team, despite the fact they made a request for information months ago. Their concerns and requests for information are not being met.

Rep. Biele commented that there was no consensus on this proposal and commented that the project currently lacked sufficient long-term commitments on transportation. Rep. Biele also stated that if the project is to include housing, the proposal must

include more than the proposed 16% affordable units, pointing out that the developer has 15 acres to work with and other developments in South Boston have larger percentages of affordable housing with smaller parcels.

Sen. Collins clarified that the final decision on the proposal would be made by a vote of the BPDA Board. Sen. Collins stated his sentiments on public transportation and the proposal’s lack of affordable housing. Sen. Collins also commented that the proposal lacks sufficient green space, pointing out that a proposal in South Boston on a smaller parcel has a larger percentage of green space and open space than what is proposed on the 15 acres of the former Edison. Sen. Collins also responded to the development team’s proposal of taking care of Medal of Honor Park for ten years. The Senator asked what happens after ten years?

Members of the Boston Building Trades and Local 26 hotel workers were in attendance and spoke in favor of the project, including several heated exchanges between residents and union members. A Planned Labor Agreement was signed months ago, which guarantees the Unions that no matter what is built on Edison land, it will be union jobs with union wages. Not quite sure why the building trade unions are fighting their brothers and sisters in the ILA.

Members of the International Longshoremen Association (ILA) were in attendance and spoke against the current proposal, citing concerns on the highly profitable Conley Terminal from housing and overdevelopment.

It appears not much has changed since the last community meeting. **Will the City of Boston approve the PDA and push the project forward despite the concerns of the South Boston community and IAG? Will the extreme height, density, lack of green space, safety, traffic, public health concerns and it goes on, be addressed to the satisfaction of our elected officials and the community? Will Massport stand with the South Boston community and the ILA to protect the Conley Terminal and refuse to lift the deed restriction if the City decides moves forward?**

The public comment period is still open on the proposal until January 24, 2020. Comments should be sent to: BPDA Project Manager Tim Czerwienski Tim.Czerwienski@boston.gov City Councilor Ed Flynn ed.flynn@boston.gov City Councilor Michael Flaherty Michael.f.flaherty@boston.gov State Senator Nick Collins Nick.Collins@masenate.gov State Representative David Biele david.biele@mahouse.gov

Skywriting ‘Success’ in Second Grade

By Frank Galligan,
Principal of St. Peter Academy

For Katie Karalexis, instruction needs to be highly interactive. The second grade teacher takes pride in creating a classroom culture that is not only warm and welcoming, but fun and engaging. Currently in her first year at St. Peter Academy, Karalexis employs a variety of strategies and initiatives that spark student interest and accommodate a variety of learning styles. In a recent phonics and writing lesson, the educator was observed using “skywriting” techniques that help children tackle irregular spelling patterns. After writing and saying the word “know” on the white board, she asked students to print the word for themselves. Once everyone was finished, the class was instructed to “take a picture of it” in their minds.

She then called upon a volunteer to state the word, spell the word, and say the word again. At this point, the students were asked to close their eyes and state the word, spell the word by drawing it in the air, and say the word again – still with their eyes closed. The class then repeated the “skywriting” process with their eyes open. “I find that this approach, using visual, kinesthetic, and auditory methods, really helps the kids” she says. “It appeals to every kind of learner – whether they prefer seeing things, hearing things, or writing things out.”

Karalexis received a Master of Education degree from Lesley University and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Massachusetts - Amherst. When asked about her teacher, second grader Fiona Condon quickly stated, “She makes

learning fun. We’re always doing something interesting!” This comment came before a trip to meet Julio César Román at Microplant Studio on Broadway in South Boston to discuss plants, a current Science class topic. The visit complements a variety of hands-on projects and experiments that will be taking place over the next month. “I’m really excited” Karalexis says. “We’ve been getting a lot accomplished and the kids are making great progress academically.”

St. Peter Academy in 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 on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:30 am and 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm.

Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Principal, Frank Galligan, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing spa@StPeterAcademy.com.

MICRO PLANT STUDIO TO CELEBRATE TWO-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Micro Plant Studio—a creative new take on the traditional flower, plant and gift shop that opened two years ago in South Boston—is celebrating its two year anniversary and customer appreciation day on January 24, 2020, at 8 p.m. The Studio is located at 365 West Broadway near the corner of E Street and is conveniently accessible via the MBTA red line Broadway station and No. 9 bus.

The vision of Boston-based artist Julio César Román, a graduate of Boston’s School of the Museum of Fine Arts and Tufts University, Micro Plant Studio consists of both a showroom and a flexible arts studio. “It all began with my personal succulent collection, which I started after recovering from surgery,” César Román notes. “This expanded into an online website collection, and ultimately the opening of our South Boston space.” César Román col-

laborated with Boston architect Elvin Saya on the layout of the Studio.

The showroom sells a variety of seasonal fresh cut flowers and houseplants, including 30 different types of tropical plants, 20 different types of succulents, 10 different types of cacti, and the ever-mysterious Venus Flytrap. The showroom also features 80 different styles of small, medium, and large pots, planters, and plant stands, 100 decorative/fairy garden toys, plant-inspired artwork, and a balloon-stuffing machine that allows guests to custom-fill balloons with small plants, stuffed animals, photos, gift cards, and more. Visitors will also find César-Román’s own artwork and photographs throughout the space.

“We carefully designed the showroom to embrace the beautiful elements of nature – green and brown colors, textures, lighting – at the same time reinforcing the company’s brand and celebrating the uniqueness of each plant, flower, and product,” says César Román. “We want to make sure guests of all ages and backgrounds experience something unique when they come in to the space, hence playful merchandise names like our ‘Whim,’ ‘Zoom,’ ‘Soulful,’ and ‘Critter’ collections.”

This past year, Micro Plant Studio



experienced an increase in traffic and community support. César-Román observes: “We are very excited to have hosted several educational school trips and summer program trips. We truly believe, plants, flowers, and the arts are a great tool to help youth understand the importance of having a greener and healthier space for all to enjoy. We have helped hundreds of people bring life to their living spaces by selecting plants that fit their unique brands, and we have

leveraged social media to further engage the community. Finally, we have continued building meaningful conversations with visitors to the Studio and diversified our product selection based upon feedback from our guests.”

Micro Plant Studio is open Monday – Friday 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. ET. For more information, call 617-855-8785, or visit microplant-studio.com.

Councilor Flynn Re-Files Four Hearing Orders

Focused on Eviction & Housing Stability, Public Safety, Quality of Life

At a Boston City Council meeting, Councilor Ed Flynn has re-filed four hearing orders on issues related to housing stability, public safety, and quality of life issues. The hearing orders include:

Hearing to discuss ways to support tenants facing eviction and displacement: following property transfers, many long time tenants are getting evicted with limited notice and it can be very difficult for them to find new homes in a short period of time. Councilor Flynn hopes to have a conversation on providing longer eviction notice periods for tenants, so that tenants who have lived in properties for five years or more should be provided one year's notice to vacate following property transfers, along with information regarding resources available to assist with searching for new housing;

while seniors, the disabled, and low-income residents should be afforded two years notice.

Hearing on issues related to stray voltage: for the last two years, following tragic incidents where pets were either harmed or passed away, Councilor Flynn convened working sessions with city officials, members of Boston's Street Lighting Division & the Department of Public Works, Eversource, and MSPCA to discuss efforts to address the potential dangers of stray voltage to residents and pets. Councilor Flynn plans to continue building on the city's progress last year regarding infrastructure improvements, coordination with stakeholders, and educational information.

Hearing to discuss safety of construction sites: most recently, a construction worker was struck and killed by equipment while setting up "First Night" celebrations in Boston late De-

cember. There was an incident where a woman was seriously injured by falling debris from a construction site in the North End in July of 2019. The hearing will discuss existing safety procedures and precautions at construction sites and ways that the city can ensure the protection and well-being of our workers and residents.

Hearing to discuss after hours construction and development issues: in the midst of a development boom, many neighbors have reported construction happening beyond permitted hours, which affects the quality of life for residents. The hearing aims to discuss the process for off hours construction and other relevant development issues, such as rodent control, as well as enforcement and accountability for violations.

"The hearing orders that I'm re-filing this week reflect the critical issues



of housing stability, public safety, and the quality of life for our residents," said Councilor Flynn. "From stray voltage to protections for our tenants, to making sure that construction companies abide by the rules and keeping construction sites safe, I believe that these are all important issues that warrant our attention. I look forward to these discussions at the Council in the months ahead."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

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Tuscany Tonight

Just like here, the weather in Tuscany is cold and raw. Some snow has fallen there this winter; actually, more than we've had so far this year. The days are partly sunny but the wind rolling through the hills and the short daylight cause families to retreat to the warmth of their kitchens; meals are hot and hearty—stews, braised lamb and Mushroom Fricassee with some hearty Toscana Rosso and home-made bread will be cooked tonight.

My friend, Elise Bauer, suggested the following recipe for the lamb:

- Prep time: 15 minutes
- Cook time: 2 hours
- Yield: Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

- 2 lamb shanks (3 to 3 1/2 pounds

total), trimmed of excess fat

- Salt
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 medium yellow onion, chopped
- 2 large carrots, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 3-4 medium potatoes, cut into 2-inch chunks
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 1/4 cup chicken or beef stock
- 2 teaspoons fresh thyme, or 1 teaspoon dried
- 1 teaspoon fresh rosemary, chopped, or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 bay leaf

Optional, and highly recommended:

- 3/4 cup raisins, soaked in 1/2 cup sherry for a couple hours
- 1/2 cup of fresh mint leaves
- 1 Preheat oven to 350° F. Season lamb shanks with salt.
- 2 Brown the lamb shanks: Heat the oil in a Dutch oven or an oven-proof, thick-bottomed, pot with a tight fitting cover on medium high heat on the stovetop. Working in batches if necessary, brown the lamb shanks in the pot on all sides. Remove shanks to a dish.
- 3 Sauté the onion, carrot, celery: Add onion, carrot and celery and sauté for 5 minutes, stirring often.
- 4 Add potatoes, then garlic, lamb,

herbs, sherry, raisins: Add potatoes and cook another 2 minutes. Add the garlic, lamb shanks, and herbs (except for the mint). If using, add the sherry and raisins; bring the sherry to a boil and cook for 2 minutes.

- 5 Add stock, bring to simmer, put in oven: Add the stock and bring to a simmer. Remove from heat, cover the pot and bake in the oven for 1 1/2 or 2 hours or until shanks are tender.
- 6 Strip meat from bones: Remove the shanks, strip the meat from the bones and return the meat to the pan.
- Serve with fresh mint leaves as garnish.

Try any (or all) of the following wines with this dish:

2016 Tommasi Poggio al Tufo Rompicollo, Maremma, Tuscany, Italy, (\$16.99). This is a beautiful blend of Sangiovese and Cabernet, full-bodied with dark berry notes, earthy tones and a surprisingly long, pleasant finish. This family has been making wine for generations; when Italy was first unified in the 1870s, this family was one of the first to receive a Royal Warrant from the then-ruling House of Savoy.

2016 Antinori Le Mortelle Botrosecco, Maremma, Toscana, (\$28.99). This estate is one of the family's five Tuscan properties and they've been making wines here

for well over 100 years. This wine is made from a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, an intriguing, decisive wine with great balance that's a unique expression of the Maremma territory. Earthy notes of limestone, blackcurrant and plumbs give this one some real structure. You'll find several layers of chocolate, peppermint and a hint of tabac. Tremendous wine, especially on a cold winter's night.

Frescobaldi, Tenuta Perano Chianti Classico, 2016, (\$26.99). The Marchesi de' Frescobaldi is one of Italy's oldest wineries, with a history dating to the 1300s. The family has included medieval knights, bankers, lawyers and patrons of the arts. The Marchesi de' Frescobaldi is one of the most significant wine producers in Italy, with nine estates—and roughly 2,500 acres—in Tuscany. The Wine Spectator gave it 92 points and called it, "a beautiful expression of ripe black cherry, black currant and violet notes, accented by graphite, tobacco and tar hints. Shows muscle, with some grip on the finish." It's at its peak from now through 2030.

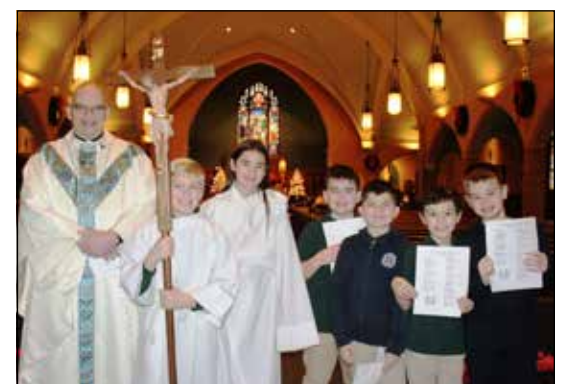
Hope the preceding warms you up a little bit -Bon Appetit!

Talk to The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

South Boston Catholic Academy News

Grade 6 students at South Boston Catholic Academy created an Enchanted Village to highlight the spirit of Christmas while incorporating important math and design concepts. The students created models adhering to building constraints ensuring that their structures fell within allowed guidelines such as surface area, volume, and the cost of construction using rates and proportions. Having studied the character of Scrooge in Dickens' A Christmas Carol, they drew inspiration for their village from the novel's Victorian setting. Each student constructed a building of their choice, some replications of South Boston businesses are represented! The younger students visited the display and were invited to participate in a math scavenger hunt to enjoy and to appreciate the math work involved in this production. Great job 6th grade!

On Friday, January 10, 2020 our students in grades 4A & 4B did a wonderful job participating in our school Mass at St. Brigid Church. Father Casey, our Pastor, was the celebrant at this Mass and our South Boston Catholic Academy Children's Choir, led by our music teacher, Ms. Eleanor Tynan, did a great job singing at this Mass.



Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
346 Congress St UNIT 402 Condo	\$1,825,000	10/21/19	8	2.5	1,933
15 Sleeper St UNIT 206 Condo	\$1,385,000	10/24/19	4	2	1,180
509 East Second St UNIT 5 Condo	\$1,150,000	10/31/19	4	2	1,685
14 West Broadway UNIT 603 Condo	\$1,089,000	10/31/19	5	2	1,129
25 Channel Center St UNIT 607 Condo	\$950,000	10/22/19	4	1.5	1,229
335 West Second St UNIT 23 Condo	\$855,000	10/28/19	4	2	1,020
346 Congress St UNIT 612 Condo	\$833,400	10/24/19	3	1	789
225 Dorchester St UNIT 29 Condo	\$775,000	10/30/19	4	2	1,195
488 Dorchester Ave UNIT 4G Condo	\$750,000	10/31/19	5	2	1,225
633 Dorchester Ave UNIT 1 Condo	\$699,900	10/30/19	7	2	1,258
152 O St UNIT2 Condo	\$690,000	10/25/19	4	2	928
8 Springer St UNIT 2 Condo	\$620,000	10/30/19	6	1	1,019
451 West Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$615,000	10/25/19	5	1.5	1,243
274 West Fifth St UNIT3 Condo	\$520,000	10/25/19	5	1	642
153-155 West Sixth St UNIT 6 Condo	\$510,000	10/30/19	3	1	650

Get plugged in.

Learn about an approved substation project in South Boston.

You are invited to join us as we share information about an upgrade to the fence surrounding our existing K Street Substation, located on the corner of K Street and East 1st Street in South Boston. Eversource is in the process of finalizing the design of the substation's upgraded security fence. As an important part of the process, residents of the South Boston community are invited to attend an information session and offer feedback about the aesthetic design of the fence.

Information Session:
 Tuesday, January 21, 2020
 Drop in between 6–8 p.m.
 Lincoln Tavern & Restaurant
 425 W. Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127

Keeping the lines of communication open is an important part of our work in the community. The information session is designed to give residents an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions about the next steps in the project.

For more information about this project, please send an email to ProjectInfo@eversource.com or call 800-793-2202.



Public Meeting

Six Glover Court

Thursday, January 23
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Project Proponent:
Six Glover Court, LLC

Project Description:
Six Glover Court, LLC propose to construct a five-story, residential development totaling approximately 33,546 square feet. The proposed project will have thirty-four (34) home ownership units which includes six (6) IDP Units, and fourteen (14) garage parking spaces.

** An alternate date of Tuesday, January 28 is scheduled in the event of inclement weather on January 23*

Tierney Learning Center
125 Mercer Street
South Boston, MA 02127

Close of Comment Period:
2/7/2020

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Public Meeting

South Boston Innovation Campus

Thursday, January 30
5:30 PM

Project Description:
Rescheduled BPDA-hosted Article 80 Public Meeting for the proposed South Boston Innovation Campus project at 2 Harbor Street in the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park. The Proposed Project calls for the demolition of the existing warehouse on-site and construction of a ten (10)-story, approximately 381,000 square foot building including laboratory, research and development, office, and supporting uses. Parking for 325 vehicles is also proposed in surface lots and a below-grade garage.

22 Drydock Avenue
3rd Floor Conference Room
Boston, MA 02210

Close of Comment Period:
2/14/2020

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Gateway Hoop Notes

By Kevin Devlin

The McDonough gym, located within the James “Stretch” Walsh Community Center, is the place to be for hoop lovers in Southie on the weekends. Last Sunday January 12, the Gate of Heaven CYO boys’ cadet house league concluded its regular season schedule.

In the final two regular season cadet

house league tilts, the PS Deli Club hammered the Boston Home Inspectors Club, 57-38, while the Metro Energy Club eked out a hard-fought victory against the McDonough Club, 33-29.

In the first game, PS Deli Club center, Max Smith, was again unstoppable, netting 39 points. Ed Kinney had eight points and James Buzzell contributed five points. Smith is an accomplished player and a joy for Coach Jimmy Geisel. Smith’s a good passer, rebounds well, and can score from the perimeter as well as under the hoop. For the Boston Home Inspectors Club, guard Chris Hosea had a strong game, netting 15 points. Cormac Lafferty scored 12 points, including two three-pointers, while forward Tristen Pecevich, finished

with 10 points. Hosea and Lafferty have improved their game on the offensive end and Pecevich continues to play steady, smart ball.

In the second game, both teams played sluggish and committed costly turnovers. But one club had to prevail, and that was Coach Chris DiMaggio’s Metro Energy squad. For the Metro Energy Club, star guard, Owen “The Gunslinger” Donovan, netted 16 points, including two treys. Sean Grant had nine points. Donovan and Grant are a formidable duo. Both can score and are game-changers. For the Jack McDonough Club, Robert “The Sharpshooter” Wisniewski, had 14 points including two three-pointers. Lydon McGarrell and Aidan Young

had five and four points respectively. Wisniewski is a threat on the offensive end every time he touches the ball. He can hit the outside shot and drive to hoop with authority. Wisniewski is an accomplished player, an all-star in the Gateway cadet house league, along with Smith, Grant, Donovan, Lydon McGarrell, and Conor Strickland, among others.

The Jack McDonough Club, coached by Bobby McGarrell, finished in first place in the cadet house league. Playoffs will begin this upcoming Sunday, January 19. The McDonough Club will play against the Boston Home Inspectors Club at noon, and the PS Deli Club will play against the Metro Energy Club at 11 a.m. in the opening round of the playoffs.



Pictured is cadet house league player, Cormac Lafferty (on left) with Chris Hosea. They play on the **BOSTON HOME INSPECTOR’S CLUB**.



Pictured is cadet house league player, Lenny Aquino, (on left) with Victor Suazo. They play on the **PS DELI CLUB**.



Pictured is cadet house league player, Evan Markos (on left) with Robert Wisniewski. They play on the **JACK MCDONOUGH CLUB**.



Pictured is cadet house league player, Sean Grant (on left) with Eddie Tirabassi. They play on the **METRO ENERGY CLUB**.



Pictured (from left) is Ryan Collins, Derek Austin, and Bobby Rehm. They play on the **JOEY EVANS CLUB** in the midget house league.



Pictured (from left) is Liam Long, Owen Sullivan, and Jake Rae. They play on the **EAST BOSTON SAVING BANK CLUB** in the midget house league.



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We're down to the Final Four in the NFL Playoffs. And for the first time since 2010, the New England Patriots are not one of those final four teams.

The Patriots made eight consecutive trips to the AFC Championship from 2011 through last season. But since the Pats lost in the Wild Card round this year, we'll see two new AFC teams this Sunday taking a shot at a Super Bowl appearance.

Three of the four teams remaining had a first-round bye. The only team that didn't is the No. 6 seed Tennessee Titans. Can the Titans shock the world for the third straight weekend?

Here are my picks for Conference Championship Games:

**AFC CHAMPIONSHIP:
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (-7) over
No. 6 Tennessee Titans**

-The No. 2 seed Chiefs host the No. 6 seed Titans Sunday at 3:05 p.m. It's a rematch from Week 10, when the Titans beat the Chiefs 35-32 in Tennessee. It was Patrick Mahomes' first game back after missing the previous two games with a dislocated kneecap. The game ended with the Titans blocking a field goal in the final seconds, secur-

ing the three-point win. The key to the game? Of course it was Tennessee running back Derrick Henry, who finished the game with 188 rush yards and two touchdowns.

Henry has been an absolute beast all season, and the Chiefs will have to try and find a way to contain him this Sunday, something that neither the New England Patriots or Baltimore Ravens could do in the Wild Card and Divisional rounds.

This has been quite the run for Tennessee. First, the Titans knocked off the No. 3 seed Patriots at Gillette Stadium. Then, they went into Baltimore and upset the No. 1 seed Ravens last Saturday night. The common theme to those games? That's right, Henry. In the Titans' two playoff wins, Henry has a combined 377 rush yards and a touchdown. He ran for 182 yards against the Patriots, and 195 yards against the Ravens. Henry even threw a touchdown pass against Baltimore. He's doing it all.

But this time, this matchup will be in Kansas City. The Chiefs had a first-round bye and are coming off a wild comeback win over the No. 4 seed Houston Texans last Sunday. In that Week 10 loss to Tennessee, Mahomes threw for 446 yards and

three touchdown passes. So I'm not concerned about him. If I'm a Chiefs fan, I'd be concerned about my defense.

When it comes down to it though, I have to put my money on Mahomes at home. This could be close for three quarters, but I expect the Chiefs to pull away at some point and cover the seven-point spread. Give me Kansas City to represent the AFC in Super Bowl LIV after a 13-point win over the Titans.

**NFC CHAMPIONSHIP:
GREEN BAY PACKERS (+7.5)
over San Francisco 49ers**

-The No. 1 seed 49ers host the No. 2 seed Packers Sunday at 6:40 p.m. Like the AFC Championship, this is also a rematch from the regular season. The 49ers whooped the Packers back in Week 12, in San Francisco, 37-8. Aaron Rodgers was sacked five times and threw for only 104 yards in that game. Needless to say, it's one the Packers would like to forget.

Both the 49ers and Packers had a first-round bye. San Francisco beat the Vikings last Saturday, while Green Bay held on to beat Seattle on Sunday night. I'm taking the points because I think this game will be much closer than

what we saw in Week 12. But I also think Rodgers will find a way to get back to the Super Bowl. I don't want to root for either Jimmy Garoppolo or Rodgers, but if I had to just bet with my brain, I'll take Rodgers over Garoppolo right now. Garoppolo might one day get to the Super Bowl, but it won't be this year.

The Packers finished with the same amount of wins — 13 — as the 49ers this season. Green Bay won its last five games of the regular season. And I do think Seattle was a tougher test for Green Bay in the Divisional Round than Minnesota was for San Francisco. But the way Rodgers was dropping dimes to Davante Adams against the Seahawks, that was all I needed to see in order to believe this Packers team has what it takes to go into San Francisco and make up for a tough Week 12 loss.

Give me a Packers vs Chiefs Super Bowl.

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SPORTS TODAY

RED SOX OUST CORA AFTER MLB INVESTIGATION

SBT Staff

The Boston Red Sox and manager Alex Cora “mutually agreed to part ways” on Tuesday night, just a day after Major League Baseball laid the hammer down on the Houston Astros for their use of technology to steal signs during their World Championship season in 2017.

Cora was the bench coach for that 2017 Astros team, and was also being investigated for bringing a similar sign-stealing scheme to the Red Sox when he became manager in 2018.

On Monday, Astros manager A.J. Hinch and general manager Jeff Luhnow were suspended for the entire 2020 season, and then were both fired by Astros owner Jim Crane. The Astros organization lost its first and second round draft picks in 2020 and 2021, and was fined \$5 million.

Before any punishment came down on the Red Sox, the team announced in a statement on Tuesday night that both sides believed it was best to call a divorce.

“Today we met to discuss the Commissioner’s report related to the Houston Astros investigation,” said a statement on behalf of Principal Owner John Henry, Chairman Tom Werner, CEO Sam Kennedy, and Alex Cora. “Given the findings and the Commissioner’s ruling, we collectively decided that it would not be possible for Alex to effectively lead the club going forward and we mutually agreed to part ways.”

Henry, Werner, and Kennedy said, “This is a sad day for us. Alex is a special person and a beloved member

Tweet of the Week



of the Red Sox. We are grateful for his impact on our franchise. We will miss his passion, his energy and his significant contributions to the communities of New England and Puerto Rico.”

Cora said, “We agreed today that parting ways was the best thing for the organization. I do not want to be a distraction to the Red Sox as they move forward. My two years as manager were the best years of my life. It was an honor to manage these teams and help bring a World Series Championship back to Boston. I will forever be indebted to the organization and the fans who supported me as a player, a manager and in my efforts to help Puerto Rico. This is a special place. There is nothing like it in all of baseball, and I will miss it dearly.”

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred’s nine-page statement that explained the findings of the investigation into the Astros concluded that Cora was “involved in developing” Houston’s sign-stealing scheme in 2017 in which they used a live center-field camera feed and the replay review room to decode and transmit the opposing team’s signs.

Cora’s punishment was expected to be just as harsh, if not worse, than that of Hinch and Luhnow.

EDELMAN ARRESTED IN BEVERLY HILLS



SBT Staff

Patriots wide receiver Julian Edelman was arrested for vandalism on Saturday night in Beverly Hills, California, after jumping on the hood of a driver’s car and causing damage to that car, around 9 p.m. PT.

Edelman was released on a citation and is scheduled to appear in court on April 13.

Prior to the arrest, Edelman was shown on Instagram to be hanging out with former Celtics star Paul Pierce and former Patriots wide receiver Danny Amendola.

Edelman, 33, will reportedly have offseason surgery on both his left knee and his left shoulder. He also played most of the season with partially torn rib cartilage.

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS SUNDAY, JAN. 19

AFC CHAMPIONSHIP

No. 6 Tennessee at No. 2 Kansas City (-7)
3:05 P.M. CBS

NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

No. 2 Green Bay at
No. 1 San Francisco (-7.5)
6:40 P.M. FOX

MMA MONDAY, JAN. 13 UFC 246

Donald “Cowboy” Cerrone vs Conor
McGregor (-337) • 10 P.M. ESPN+

NHL THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Pittsburgh at Boston 7 P.M. NESN

NBA THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Boston at Milwaukee 8 P.M. TNT

MCDANIELS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO PATRIOTS IN 2020

SBT Staff

It looks as though Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels will be staying in New England.

McDaniels interviewed with the Cleveland Browns late last week, but the Browns have since hired Vikings offensive coordinator Kevin Stefanski to be their next head coach, replacing the recently-fired Freddie Kitchens.

According to a report out of Cleveland, McDaniels refused to adhere to Browns owner Jimmy Haslem’s requests that the next Browns head coach turn in his gameplans to Haslam and the analytics department, and have a member of the analytics team be connected to the coach with a headset during games.

McDaniels had also been previously linked to the Carolina Panthers head coach opening, but the Panthers hired Baylor’s Matt Rhule to replace Ron Rivera.



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