



God Speed Harry Uhlman

There Are People I Remember All My Life, Though Some Are Gone

By Brian P. Wallace

With an apology to the Beatles, one of my favorite songs will forever be pertinent. I know the verse goes, “there are places I remember,” but I am a writer and I am allowed to change a few words now and then. The person who I will remember all my life is a person who spent his life in the service of others. It didn’t matter if you were

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EDITORIAL

Voter ID Is The Right Way To GO

It is puzzling why some elected officials, who know better, still say they oppose a law that would require voters to produce photo identification when casting their vote in every election. The opposition to voter ID laws is said to be that it is 'voter suppression' and of course the label that is often used to frighten and intimidate - racist. Voter ID laws are neither.

Most people can rattle off the following list by heart at this point: We need an ID to cash a check, open a bank account, get on a plane, get a hunting and fishing license, apply for a job, get into college, drive a vehicle and even purchase over the counter cold medicine at the pharmacy. You cannot apply for a loan, return a purchase made at Walmart, Marshalls or Kohl's or get into

a club on Lansdowne Street without an ID. So, if none of what's mentioned on that list and so many other things that require an ID is racist, how is showing an ID to vote, one of the most important things that Americans do, racist? Again, the answer is - it's not.

It's been stated many times that the reason some oppose voter ID laws is because they plan to cheat

so that their side can win an election. Voter fraud is not a myth, it's a reality and anyone who has done the research knows it. Many have been arrested for it, many more have gotten away with it. And the number of voter 'irregularities' and disappearing and compromised ballots being discovered is growing around the country. The excuses for opposing voter ID laws are getting old



and worn and most people suspect what the motivation is. Every survey and poll on the subject shows that the overwhelming number of Americans is in favor of voter ID laws. The time to implement them is now.

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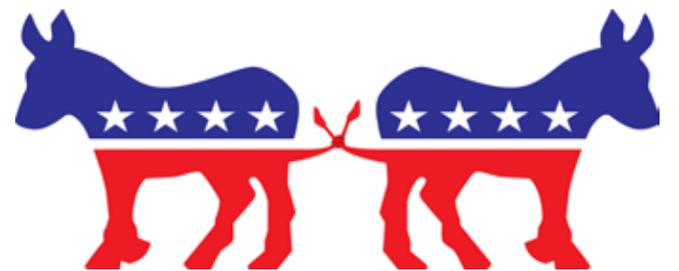
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2020 Democratic Caucus Scheduled

Ward 6 and Ward 7 Democratic Committees have scheduled a Caucus to elect delegates to the Massachusetts State Convention to be held in May. The Caucus will take place on Saturday, February 22 at 9:00am at the Curley Community Center, 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston.

There will be a Ward Committee meeting following the Caucus. Because there are three (3) candidates running for the District's State Committee Woman's seat, we are required to elect members from the Democratic Ward 6 and Ward 7 Committees to attend a meeting in March to elect our district State Committee Woman.



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Are the OSCARS Still Relevant? / God Bless You Harry Uhlman

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John Ciccone

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There was a time when the day after the Hollywood and music award shows were held, they would be the talk of many people the next day about how entertaining they were. That was then, this is now and most of the talk about them, if there is any mention of them at all since the viewing audience continues to shrink by leaps and bounds, is how disgusted, sick of and bored people felt after watching them. This was the case during the past week after the OSCARS, when some of the nation's most insufferable egotists and bizarre narcissists strutted across the stage once again in all their glitter to lecture and scold the rest of us.

The pampered audience in attendance applauded wildly, when Joaquin Phoenix went off about enslaved cows and how we must stop putting milk/cream in our coffee in a rambling insane tirade that would have made Ozzy Osborne sound like Abe Lincoln. Brad Pitt shared his profound views about the recent Impeachment. But the kicker was how the show actually highlighted Jane Fonda, the infamous American traitor who gave comfort, encouragement and support to our country's enemies as they shot at and tortured American troops during the Vietnam War.

It's amazing how the Hollywood so called elites; many of whom have been exposed as child predators and pedophiles, abusers of women and all manner of other pervert can lecture the rest of the country about morality. Or scold us about how OUR lifestyles are ruining the environment when they travel everywhere in private jets and stretch limousines and live in fossil fuel guzzling gated mansions.

It was stated by one radio talk show host that the award shows have turned into a gathering of those who immerse themselves in wealth and privilege then get on stage to berate us about the evils of wealth and privilege.

Each year, the ratings for these shows go down and reach record low levels and this year once again, the OSCARS were at their lowest levels yet. A poll taken by MSN, cheerleaders for these shows, just before last Sunday's event asked the question of respondents if they believe the OSCARS are still relevant. 14 percent had no opinion, 12 percent said yes and a whopping 74 percent said no. This should worry Hollywood, but it doesn't. Because it lives in its own little bubble without a clue or care about the real world. At this rate, in a few years, the entire viewing audience will be able to fit in a broom closet and all that will remain will be the wannabes and paid seat fillers in the hall, who clap like trained seals waiting to be thrown a fish at every ridiculous statement from the stage.

Ok, from the comments I hear from quite a few of our readers, the following statement is one that some of you can relate to regarding shopping at local markets: 'So let me get this straight. I go to the market and buy a pound of sliced ham wrapped in plastic, a loaf of bread wrapped in a plastic bag, a gallon of milk in a plastic jug, a pack of napkins wrapped in plastic, a Greek Salad in a plastic container, a plastic bottle of mustard, a plastic bottle of ketchup and they won't give me a plastic bag to carry it home because it's bad for the environment?' It's kind of comical when you think about it.

In closing, the tragic loss of neigh-

borhood hero and Samaritan Harry Uhlman was hard on everyone who knew him. And it would be hard to say anything more about this saint of a man that hasn't already been said by so many of you already. Harry was the type of man that comes along once in a lifetime and any neighborhood would have been happy, proud and grateful to have such a person living in their community. When God blessed South Boston by giving us Harry Uhlman, I believe it was because he believed Southie was a very special place,

deserving of such a wonderful human being.

It's hard to imagine our town without Harry. He did so much for so many – he made it his life's work to make the lives of others better. There is emptiness without his presence, but comfort can be taken in knowing that he will be forever looking down on South Boston, watching over it from his well-deserved place in Heaven. It was an honor to have called him friend. Like so many of you, I will miss him.

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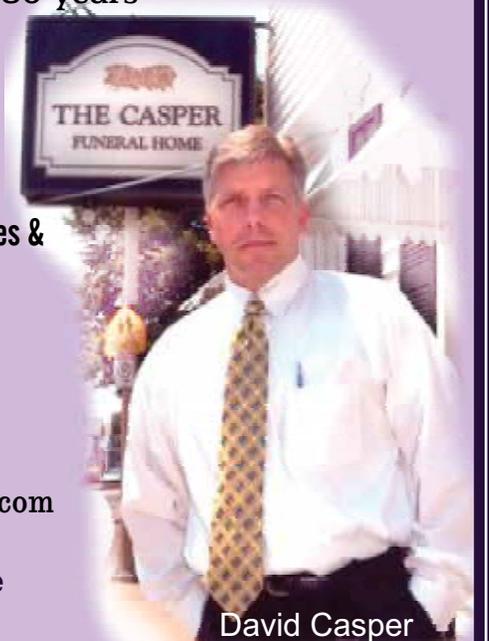
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Window Into The State House

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.

New Hampshire I: And the big winners were ... Sanders, Buttigieg and Klobuchar

Let's get this out of the way quickly, for we know what you really want to read about (see next three posts): Bernie Sanders, Pete Buttigieg and, surprisingly, Amy Klobuchar were yesterday's big winners in the New Hampshire primary, as WGBH's Paul Singer and Angela Fu report. The Globe's Stephanie Ebbert has more on the new Klobuchar phenomenon. The Globe's James Pindell has a candidates' scorecard. And here's the partial Dem results from CNN. ... Now onto our local candidates!
WGBH

New Hampshire II: And the huge losers were ... Warren and Biden

Even before yesterday's polls closed in New Hampshire, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren's campaign was conducting proactive damage control, vowing in advance to continue the fight after what turned out to be Warren's humiliating fourth-place showing with only 9.3 percent of the vote. The NYT and the Herald's Lisa Kashinsky have more on the campaign's mid-afternoon memo leak and Warren's plans for a possible/probable Super Tuesday last stand. Our quickie reaction to Warren's results: 1.) Only 9.3 percent? 2.) Will she even make it to Super Tuesday?

But there was someone who was even more humiliated yesterday: Joe Biden, who came in fifth place and didn't even stick around New Hampshire for the results. Kudos to the Herald's Erin Tiernan for buttonholing Biden before he bolted the Granite State and getting this quote from the former VP: "And why are you so negative?" Well, because ...

The Globe's Jess Bidgood and Jazmine Ulloa have more on the Warren-Biden debacles yesterday – and intensifying talk about how long they can last as candidates.

New Hampshire III: So when will Patrick join Yang and Bennet as former candidates?

After his poor showing in N.H. yesterday, former Gov. Deval Patrick says he will now "reflect" on his lackluster performance and soon "make some decisions" on the future of his presidential candidacy, the AP reports at WGBH.

If his decision goes in the direction we think it will go, Patrick will soon be joining Andrew Yang (WGBH) and Michael Bennet (WBUR) as former candidates. The two dropped out of the race last night.

Trump was right: Massachusetts residents have indeed flooded into NH!

Arjun Singh at WGBH and Joe Battenfeld at the Herald report on President Trump's attempt yesterday to steal the New Hampshire show on the eve of today's big primary elections in the Granite State. And MassLive's Benjamin Kail noticed a familiar refrain from the president: "Trump renews claim Massachusetts residents bused into New Hampshire during 2016 election." That 2016 claim has been largely debunked. But it's true that Bay State residents have indeed been flooding into N.H. -- for the president. From the Herald's Lisa Kashinsky: "Massachusetts cops show up for Trump at N.H. rally." But the big question is: Were they bused in?

Ukraine conspiracy: Trump world tries to dirty-up Romney after conviction vote

It seems to be working on Joe Biden, so why not Mitt Romney? Tina Ngyuen at Politico reports President Trump and his allies are actively trying to sully the reputation of U.S. Sen. Mitt Romney, our former Massachusetts governor, by suggesting that he, too, is connected to a controversial Ukraine energy company --and that Romney's vote to convict the president on an impeachment charge was really just a cover-up move. And ... they have no shame. Really. It has to be said.

Pundit prosecutor: Lelling blasts sanctuary cities and Chinese spies in two op-eds

We're not sure we've seen this before (or at least lately), to wit: Not one, but two, opinion pieces on the same day in two local papers by a sitting U.S. attorney in Boston. In an opinion piece at the Herald, U.S. Attorney Andrew Lelling warns that sanctuary cities have "become a genuine and persistent threat to our communities and the rule of law." Meanwhile, in a joint Globe opinion piece with local FBI chief Joseph Bonavolonta, Lelling warns of the growing threat of Chinese espionage here in Boston and across the nation. We'll refrain from speculating

about possible political aspirations at work here.

The Allston-Pike megaproject: Second thoughts ... and third thoughts ... and fourth thoughts

CommonWealth magazine's Bruce Mohl and SHNS's Chris Lisinski (pay wall) report on the various factions, ideas and second thoughts etc. that surfaced yesterday regarding that proposed Allston/Pike reconfiguration project, which now appears as far from settled as ever.

Confirmed: Massachusetts residents blow more money on lottery than anyone else in U.S.

There's got to be some regional psychological/sociological explanation for this, to wit: Massachusetts residents lead the nation in lottery ticket purchases, spending an average \$933.33 a year, nearly \$650 more than the national average, according to a new study, as reported by Michael Bonner at MassLive.



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Jimmy Flaherty Kick-Off Breakfast Set for Saturday, February 29th

The SBCA President Thomas McGrath is pleased to announce that on Saturday, February 29th, 2020, the Jimmy Flaherty Kick-Off Breakfast, at the SeaPoint Restaurant at 10:00AM. The Henry Knox Award Presentation will take place. Family, Friends and Neighbors are respectfully invited to attend this wonderful event. A \$10.00 donation is requested at door to help offset some of the costs. This year's event will once again feature great music of Bob Fowkes and Curragh's Fancy.

The New Event Chairman will be **State Representative David Biele, Hon. Michael Joseph Donovan, Suffolk County Clerk of the Civil Court**, has always supported the fight to preserve the historical importance of Evacuation Day and has passed the torch to Rep. Biele. "As President of the Association, it has been an honor for me to have worked side by side with Mike Donovan to kick-off

the festivities. His commitment and involvement with the SBCA and the entire community has been a tremendous asset to me and the Executive Board. Mike assures me that he will still be involved with the events. Thank You Mike!" said McGrath. Representative David Biele is currently serving in the last half of his first term in the House of Representatives.

A lifelong resident of South Boston, David grew up playing organized sports, while attending St. Peter School and Boston Latin School. David graduated from Boston College, completing his degree in three years, and was the first person in his family to receive a college degree. He then attended Boston College Law School, where he represented tenants in housing law cases. McGrath also stated "I have known Dave since his Little League and Youth Hockey days and now I will continue to work with him on

many community issues that will try to improve the quality of life in South Boston".

Rep. Biele has been deeply engaged with local community-based programs and volunteer programs here in South Boston for many years. He currently mentors local youth through the TEAM Mentoring Program at South Boston's Labouré Center, and has also served on the advisory board for the South Boston Boys and Girls Club. David also served as President of the Harry McDonough Sailing Program and volunteers with South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults.

Prior to entering public office, Biele spent four years working in the Massachusetts State

House on policy, legislation, and constituent services. He also worked as a hearing officer for the Department of Public Utilities, developing evidentiary records and crafting legal decisions. Henry Knox recipients will be announced next week.

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Councilor Flynn to Host Office Hours in South Boston on February 14th & 15th



Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn will be hosting office hours in South Boston this Friday, February 14th, 3-5pm, and Saturday, February 15th, 9-11am both at the South Boston Branch Library. The office hours are a place where residents can come and speak with Councilor Flynn about any concern or issue that they may have.

"It is important that I'm accessible to my constituents in District 2, so

that I can hear directly from residents about issues that are of concern in our community," said Councilor Flynn. "Holding regular office hours is part of my commitment to delivering basic city services to my constituents, and I will continue to work hard to improve the quality of life for all of our residents."

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



Councilor Ed Flynn started the morning with volunteers from Gate of Heaven Catholic Youth Organization Basketball and Pete Marquette at the annual Free Throw Contest on Feb. 9th.

"It was great to see so many South Boston youths participating at this fun event," Councilor Flynn said. "Thank you to all the volunteers, parents, and sponsors for your support in youth sports and making this event successful."

MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING PERMITS



Building on Boston's work to address the need for more affordable housing in Boston, Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced that one in four units of new housing permitted in the City of Boston in 2019 was below market-rate and deed-restricted, according to an analysis of year-end data from the Walsh Administration. According to the data, nearly 26 percent, or 830 of the 3,206 housing units permitted in 2019, will be made available to those meeting income-eligibility criteria. The data also shows that in 2019, 77 of all new permits were in Boston's neighborhoods outside of the downtown area.

"There is no question that housing is the biggest economic challenge our residents face," said Mayor Walsh. "These permits show that in Boston, we're taking our role in creating and permitting affordable housing seriously, and we continue to do everything in our power to ensure there are affordable housing options available for all those who call Boston home. I want to thank all our partners who share our goals, and make this work possible."

As of the end of 2019, Boston had permitted 32,627 new units of housing, 127 percent of the target pace necessary to successfully execute Mayor Walsh's comprehensive housing plan, which calls for the creation of 69,000 new units by 2030 as described in [Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030](#).

More than half of the 2019 newly permitted affordable housing units are income-restricted to households earning less than

approximately \$54,000 for a two-person household. During 2019, the City awarded \$50 million in funding to create 445 new income-restricted units and preserve 194 existing affordable units. In addition in 2019, the Boston Planning & Development Agency approved 4,715 residential units, including 1,216 income-restricted units, representing over 26 percent of total units. The BPDA approved projects will generate over \$2 million in new Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP) funds and \$21.7 million in Linkage fees to support affordable housing and job training.

These actions have brought the active affordable housing pipeline to a total of 4,890 units. Along with the 6,309 units permitted to date, the City now has 11,199 affordable units that are complete, in construction or underway. This total represents 70 percent of the City's 15,820-unit target for 2030.

"Building affordable housing in Boston is a challenge, but one that we are committed to," said John B. Cruz III, President and CEO of the Cruz Companies. "In 2019, we moved forward on the Michael E. Haynes Arms Apartments on Warren Street in Roxbury. We're building 55 rental units, 46 of which will be below-market and affordable, plus great commercial space, partly on formerly city-owned land. This is one of 14 affordable housing projects we've worked on with the City of Boston. Together, we've built more than 830 units of affordable housing, and I look forward to our continued partnership."

The Walsh Administration has also made commitments to incentivizing these kinds of affordable developments by making 3 million square feet of city-owned land and buildings available for redevelopment. 2.3 million square feet is in the process of redevelopment, and will ultimately produce 1,770 units of housing, of which 71 percent will be income-restricted affordable units. In 2019 alone, DND designated developers for 262,000

square feet of City-owned real estate that will result in 310 new affordable units.

"At Caribbean Integration Community Development (CICD), we're working with the City of Boston as we move forward on creating Cote Village, a 100 percent affordable housing facility that reflects the needs of the working class residents in Mattapan," said Donald Alexis, President of CICD. "This city-owned land that has been an eyesore for many decades will house 76 units to be rented at below-market prices, community space, and commercial space that will benefit the Mattapan Square Neighborhood. This is truly a transformative project for Mattapan and we're proud to be a part of it."

Last week, Mayor Walsh awarded [\\$69.2 million in funding for the creation and preservation of 1,097 units of housing in Brighton, Chinatown, Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roslindale, Roxbury and West Roxbury](#). These funds represent the largest affordable housing funding awards by the City of Boston since the release of [Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030 in 2014](#). The \$69.2 million commitment is over and above the commitment made in his State of the City address last month, where Mayor Walsh pledged \$500 million over the next five years to create thousands of homes across Boston affordable to households with low and middle incomes.

In an effort to remove barriers to housing for residents, Mayor Walsh last week also announced that he is launching a [working group to study broker fees](#) in Boston to understand how these fees impact renters in the City.

Through increases in the City's operating and capital budgets, the investment announced in the Mayor's State of the City address will double the City's current funding in affordable housing to \$100 million. Additional revenue will be

generated by selling the Lafayette Garage, as well as working with the Massachusetts Legislature to approve a [transfer fee](#) of up to 2 percent on private real estate sales over \$2 million in the City of Boston. These combined investments will increase the available funds for affordable housing to five times current funding levels over the next five years.

The need for affordable housing options for Boston's aging population has also been a focus of similar incentives. Mayor Walsh's housing plan calls for 2,000 new units of low-income senior housing by 2030. Offering city-owned land and funding for deeper affordability has stimulated development, with 507 units currently in development, and another 853 in the pipeline. That pipeline includes [Boston's first LGBTQ-friendly senior housing development](#) on the site of the former Rogers School in Hyde Park. When complete, the \$33 million development will preserve the beauty of the original 1899 building, while creating 74 new income-restricted rental units that will be welcoming to seniors 62 years and older, and specifically welcoming to seniors who identify as LGBTQ. All units will be deed-restricted in perpetuity, and will provide affordable, safe housing for seniors across a wide variety of incomes.

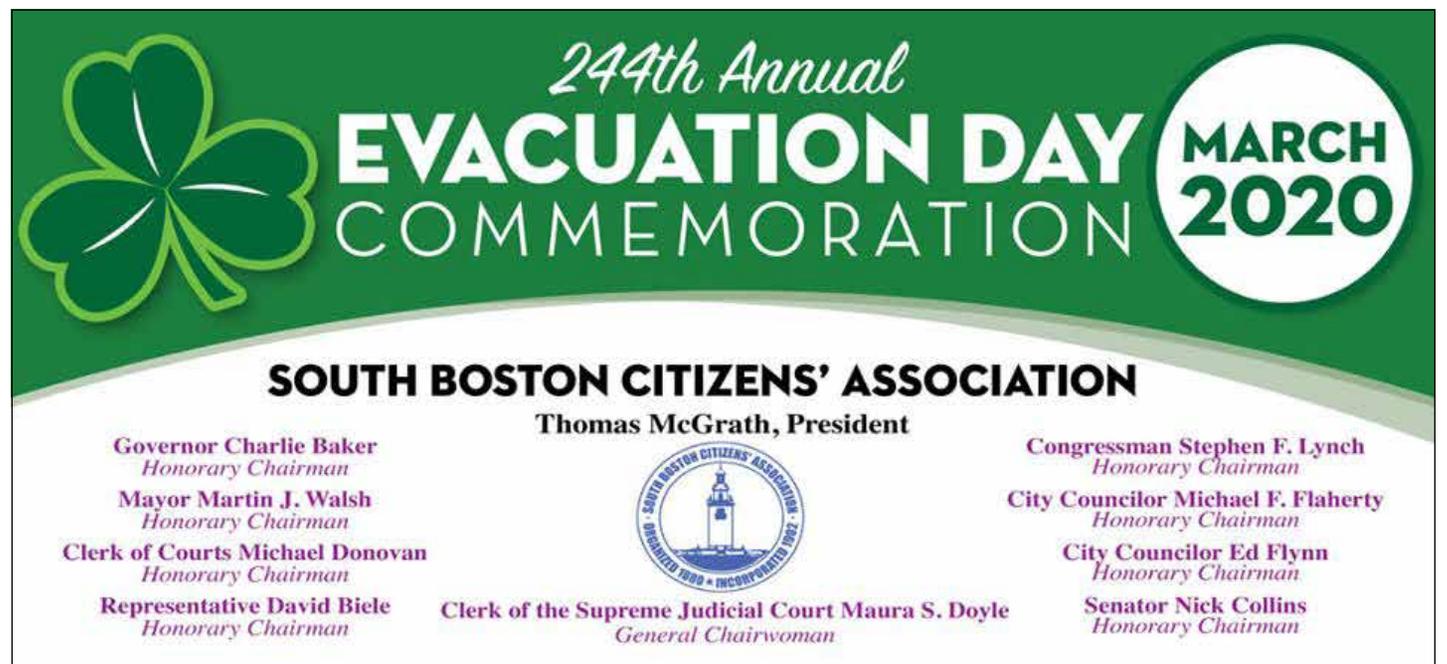
Since Mayor Walsh took office in 2014, the City of Boston has built more than 65 percent of all new homes in Greater Boston, with 20 percent of them deed-restricted for low- and middle-income households. Boston has surpassed 32,000 units permitted under the administration's [housing plan](#), including more than 6,200 deed-restricted units and 500 units for senior housing. More than 1,000 Boston Housing Authority units have been renovated, and the Department of Neighborhood Development has assisted more than 600 homebuyers in purchasing their homes and has aided 946 homeowners with mortgage workouts or other assistance in averting foreclosure or stabilizing their housing.

The 244th EVACUATION DAY ESSAY AND POSTER CONTESTS ARE SCHEDULED

South Boston Citizens' Association President Tom McGrath has announced that because of the tremendous success of the past several years' contest, the Association, along with Mass Bay Credit Union and Comcast will once again sponsor the 2020 Annual Essay and Poster Contests.

After last year's outstanding effort put forth by past President Bernie O'Donnell and his committee, he has expressed his interest in taking on the challenge as Chairperson for this year's Essay and Poster Contests. "Bernie always taught me that these contests are a great way to educate and strengthen the interest of the children of the community. I was more than pleased when Bernie offered to take on this Event for the children of South Boston. This year we will open up the High School competition to all students residing in Suffolk County or attending a school in Suffolk County", remarked McGrath.

Bernie further expressed that "One of the missions of the SBCA is to reach out to the young children of this history-rich community and joining with the SBCA in promot-



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ing, organizing, and judging the Evacuation Day Poster and Essay Competitions is a most fitting way to improve on that mission."

Subject matter has been specifically chosen

Poster Competition

The poster competition is open to all students in grades 3,4, and 5 who are either South Boston student residents or Any student that attends a school in South Boston. This year's theme is Historic South Boston.

For Example: Castle Island, Dorchester Heights, L street Bathhouse (Curley Rec. Center),Farragut Statue, The St. Patrick's/ Evacuation Day Parade, St. Augustine's Chapel etc. Posters should be original compositions, in any Medium at least 8 1/2 "x11", but preferably larger.

Prizes are as follows: First prize \$ 100, Second prize \$75, and Third prize is \$25.

Essay Competition

The Topics for Students grade 6 through 8.

The Topic is Col. Henry Knox and his contribution to Dorchester Heights and Our Country.

Essays should be at least 500 words; Prizes are as follows: First prize \$100, Second prize \$75, Third prize \$25.

The Topic for Students in grades 9-12 High school essay competition is open to all students residing in Suffolk County or attending a High School in Suffolk County.

Who was General John Thomas and what his connection to Evacuation Day?

Essays should be at least 1000 words.

Prizes are as follows: First prize \$150, Second prize is \$100, Third prize is \$50.

As in years past, the SBCA, Mass Bay CU and Comcast are generously sponsoring the competitions. All prizes will be presented during the Historical Exercises on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at Dorchester Heights, following the 9:00A.M. Mass at St. Augustine's Chapel, weather permitting.

All entries should bear, in an attached envelope, the contestant's name, school and a means of contacting the entrant, and should be submitted no later than Friday, March 7th, 2020 At 5 PM. All entries may be mailed to South Boston Citizens' Association, P.O. Box 74, South Boston, MA 02127, or can be picked up at schools by a representative of the Citizens' Association. Entries can also be dropped off at 170 M Street.

To The South Boston Community

On Wednesday, February 5, at 5:20PM, a horrific fire began in a vacant building being renovated at 409 East Seventh Street. In a matter of seconds, it spread to our lifelong home at 407. We were able to get out safely, and this is where the story really begins.

Our East Seventh Street neighbors were outside with coats, shoes, blankets, whatever we needed. They wrapped us in their arms with love and compassion, and comforted us. They opened their homes to us and our tenants, three wonderful young ladies. They brought toys to entertain, and distract my four year-old granddaughter.

Before the fire was out, friends were coming and calling from all over South Boston, with offers of help. To say that in the midst of tragedy, there is a silver lining is to minimize all that my family feels today. Our house may be gone, but our hearts are full. Things can be replaced. What can never be replaced are the friends and neighbors in this community.

Thank you to the heroic men and women of the Boston Fire Department. Your professionalism and courage was amazing. Thank you to the Boston Police and EMS, as well as the American Red Cross, who were compassionate and caring in

the midst of a chaotic situation.

There are no words to adequately express the gratitude we have to the South Boston community. Friends, neighbors, acquaintances, offering gift cards, cash, apartments, clothing, food, prayers, and the list goes on. We can't name everyone because the list is too long, and we would be afraid to forget somebody. However, we do want to single out Maureen McCarthy, for her great generosity in opening her home to us.

We don't know what the future holds, but please know that the kindness and love that you have shown us will warm our hearts forever,



and will be our light as we move forward. There is no better place on earth than South Boston.

With all our love and deepest thanks,
Joe and Louise Stappen

The Wine Guy Are We There Yet?



Maybe the groundhog was right. Spring might be here sooner than it normally would, but until we can really feel that sun on our face, it's still red wine time. Let's go through a couple of blends.

Secret Indulgence, American Vintage Red Blend, 2015, (\$34.99), blends grapes from their estates in Livermore, the Alexander Valley, Dry Creek and the Russian River Valley; while this particular vintage

is 65% Zinfandel, 35% Petite Syrah, the mix is different in every vintage. Owner Jean-Charles Boisset and his staff of winemakers have been known to use as many as 11 different grape varieties, but for this one, which will drink really well into the late 2020s, these two grapes provide layers of chocolate mint, blackberries and a spiciness that gives a comfortably full mouthfeel, as well as a pronounced, long finish. Try this one with any BBQ dish, Braised Sirloin Tips or Tapas. It's a really big wine, but supple and slow to drink because of its overt richness.

Cooper and Thief Red Blend Wine, California, (\$22.99) age their wine in old Bourbon barrels for about three months before bottling, which really makes this one work so well with a wide array of beef, game and stronger cheeses. Winemaker Jeff Kasavan does outstanding work every year, producing wines that are inky-dark, deeply jammy and very full-bodied, not to mention consistently high ABV. If you haven't tried Venison or Bison beef yet, you

should and make sure that this one is the wine you have with them.

John Duval SGM Plexus, Barossa, Australia, (\$39.99), is a blend of Grenache, Mourvedre and Shiraz that creates a unique bouquet of spices, licorice and earth tones in a big, jammy package. John's family have been growing grapes for over 100 years, selling to some of Australia's best brands; in 1986, he became Chief Winemaker for Penfolds, with responsibility for overseeing production of Australia's most famous wine, The Grange. All the grapes in this wine are from old vines, many at or near 100 years old and one sip will divulge a blend comprised of a rich body, chewiness and layers of spice, cocoa and a nougaty aftertaste on the palate. This wine will enhance any finer piece of beef, especially Filet or Rib Roasts. **Primus Red Blend, Alpalta, Colchagua Valley, Chile, (\$18.99)**, is an expressive blend that brings together the diversity of each of Primus' estates using a number of their red grape varieties.. Cabernet



Sauvignon is the basis and provides structure, while Merlot adds red fruit and vitality on the palate. Cabernet delivers density and smoothness combined with the soft and complex finish of the Petit Verdot. Cabernet Franc adds elegance and contributes to this wine's distinctive, full-bodied profile. Ideal with grilled or baked meat with thick sauces, Chili, Stews and gorgonzola cheese. streamline ownership and to support the ongoing project, entitlement, and preparation for disposition. **Talk to The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com**



Public Meeting

15 Necco Street

Thursday, February 27
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

300 A Street
2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02210

Project Description:

BPDA-hosted Article 80 Public Meeting to review the revised design for the 15 Necco Street project, as detailed in the Supplemental Information filing received by the BPDA from ARE-MA No. 74, LLC, which is a joint venture between affiliates of Alexandria Real Estate Equities ("ARE") and National Development, and ARE-MA No. 72, LLC, an affiliate of ARE (collectively, the "Proponent") on February 11th, 2020.

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207 West Third Street Two Family	\$950,000	11/27/19	8	2	1,555
44 Woodward Street Two Family	\$949,999	11/27/19	13	3	3,028
191 K Sr UNIT 6 Condo	\$910,000	11/26/19	5	1.5	1,143
545 East Third St UNIT 15 Condo	\$850,000	11/25/19	4	2	1,017
133 I St UNIT 2 Condo	\$850,000	11/25/19	6	2	1,471
545 East Third St UNIT 10 Condo	\$830,000	11/26/19	4	2	1,006
25 Mercer St UNIT 6 Condo	\$829,900	11/26/19	6	2	1,073
155 H St UNIT 2 Condo	\$810,000	11/25/19	5	1.5	1,262
345 West Broadway UNIT 3 Condo	\$760,000	11/22/19	5	2	1,207
5-7 Bell Court UNIT 3 Condo	\$675,000	11/25/19	5	2	921
754 East Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$665,000	11/22/19	4	2	1,018
641-643 East Seventh St UNIT 1 Condo	\$640,000	11/22/19	4	2	969
494-496 East Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$635,000	11/25/19	4	2	1,352



Community Workshop

Fort Point District 100 Acres Open Space Community Workshop

Saturday, February 29
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Epicenter
100 W 2nd Street
Boston, MA 02127

Event Description

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) invites you to join the second community workshop for the Fort Point District 100 Acres Open Space planning initiative.

The Fort Point District 100 Acres Open Space public engagement and concept design process will serve as a guide for future development of open spaces in the area.

An overview presentation will begin at 10:30 am followed by the community workshop activities.

Contact:

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AIR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION (APCC) PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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This request consists of one (1) inventoried parking space and is part of the consolidation of several existing surface parking lots associated with an existing permit (APCC 367738). The space will be shared between the owner, its lessees, employees, patrons, customers, clients, patients, or guests. Issuance of the permit would allocate one (1) inventoried space from the South Boston parking freeze bank. In conjunction with the modification request of permit APCC 367738, the proponent intends to return three hundred and forty seven (347) inventoried spaces to the South Boston parking freeze bank from other permits associated with the project area.

Sign language interpreters will be provided upon prior request. A copy of the application is available for public inspection at Boston City Hall, Room 709, from 9 AM to 5 PM Monday through Friday. Questions should be directed to: APCC@boston.gov or 617-635-3850

For the Commission,
Alison Brizius, Executive Director
Air Pollution Control Commission
City of Boston Environment Department
Boston City Hall, Room 709
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This modification consists of three hundred and fifty six (356) inventoried parking spaces and is for the consolidation of several existing surface parking lots to be shared between the owner, its lessees, employees, patrons, customers, clients, patients, or guests. Modification of the permit would allocate three hundred and forty six (346) inventoried spaces from the South Boston parking freeze bank. The proponent intends to return three hundred and forty seven (347) inventoried spaces to the South Boston parking freeze bank from other permits associated with the project area.

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Meet Christina Andrade, This Year's Mayor of South Boston

Next Fundraiser for the Parade is February 20th at Roza Lyons



SBT Staff



With all the news about the upcoming presidential election and who will be president for the next 4 years, in this neighborhood at least, it takes a back seat to the fact that South Boston is about to name this year's Mayor of Southie. Christina Andrade has stepped up to the plate to take on the high honor and awesome responsibility the title holds. She has already begun the effort to help raise money needed to put the second biggest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the nation, which is also Boston's Evacuation Day Parade. And her first fundraiser, held at the L Street Tavern was a rousing success, bringing in a big and happy crowd. The event with the assistance of Susan Woods and some local businesses, brought in over \$2,000. As of this writing, counting other efforts, Christina has already raised over \$5,000 and counting. The next scheduled fundraising event will be on Thursday, February 20th, 6:30pm at Roza Lyons at 709 East Broadway. This event will include raffles from local businesses to restaurants, activities and spas and beauty services.

South Boston Today had the pleasure of speaking to Christina Andrade to learn of her



background and about her plans for the upcoming fundraising. And among her many wonderful traits is an unbridled enthusiasm for the campaign she has taken on and of course her pride in the community in which she resides.

Christina lives with her husband Adam and her dog Lincoln. She works at a web development company in downtown Boston and she is no stranger to doing volunteer work to benefit others.

One of her volunteer efforts is at Compass on the Bay Assisted Living Memory Support and she is always looking for more ways to help out the community. She also participates in charity road races, among them the 5k run to benefit South Boston Catholic Academy. We asked Christina what is it about South Boston that she likes that makes her want to play such an active role as a volunteer and among the many things she mentioned without hesitation was the way this neighborhood always rallies for one another when there is a need. Christina stated "I have watched the community rally for each other whether that be celebrating and building each other up or in times of need and loss. I am very proud to be part of the community and calling Southie my home. It has given me a home, opportunities, lifelong friends and a place to create a family." "When I first heard about the campaign for mayor of South Boston, I was excited, but then when I learned

the funds were going to our veterans to help them put on the parade, it resonated with me in a different light."

Christina's grandfather was a Navy pilot who fought in the Korean War. She said, this fundraising is a chance for her to help give back to the veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice and a chance to give back to the community she loves so much. She said, "It's an honor and a privilege to do both".

Once again, Christina's has confirmed that the next fundraiser for the parade will be held on Thursday, February 20th at Roza Lyons at 709 East Broadway, in Southie 6:30pm. As most know well, any and all events held at ROZA LYONS are always a good time and this event will be right up there with the best of them. Everyone is invited and all are welcome.

If you can't make it to the fundraisers and parties coming up to support Christina Andrade's efforts but still want to contribute to this good cause you can go online at <http://bit.ly/2FjBBAY> or Venmo her directly labeled Mayor of South Boston donation to @ Christina -Andrade.

Christina is working hard with the help of good friends to make this effort to fund the parade a huge success. Turnout at the fundraisers are very important to make it all happen. Sending in donations if you cannot physically attend is also a sure way to put the efforts over the top. With the hard work and enthusiasm of Christina Andrade and all those who are assisting; including the generosity of our local businesses, it will help make this year's parade one of the best ever.

Congratulations and kudos to Christina Andrade for giving of her time, efforts and talents to make this year's upcoming St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day parade be hopefully one of the biggest and best ever.



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Celebrating Valentine's Day 2020 in Southie

Yes, the weather has been mixed - mild to frigid, wet to dry - but not much snow to speak of. But, none of that should interfere with Valentine's Day in South Boston - 2020, which arrives this Friday, February 14th. Flowers, candy, dinner, maybe a chilled bottle of wine in a romantic setting; all of these things and more, often come to mind when couples, whether married or dating, think of Valentine's Day. This unique, unofficial holiday is said to have been based on the legend of one or more early Christian Saints named 'Valentinus'. The most well-known St. Valentine lived during the time of the Roman Empire and was said to have performed weddings for soldiers, who were forbidden to marry while in the Roman Army. Captured, arrested and later executed for his 'crimes', his fame lives on to this day.

And still, here in 2020, Valentine's Day means so much to so many. It truly is a tradition that has endured the test of time. Certainly, the candy companies and florists love this time of year. It's a huge business as the mad rush for flowers to send to that special someone ups the prices to sometimes 3 to 4 times what they usually are the rest of the year. Diets

are often put on hold so that the thoughtful gifts of chocolates can be enjoyed and savored. But those couples in love are more than happy to pay the higher prices. Well, if not happy to pay, willing at least. And as we've all noticed to be the case more each year, no sooner do the Christmas decorations and items come down from the shelves in many stores, the red décor of Valentine's Day appears in their place.

Restaurants prepare for the occasion by making their establishments extra appealing, creating that romantic atmosphere that softly states that yes indeed, this is a special day in the hearts of those in love. Reservations often need to be made well in advance, if you expect to be able to get a table. And often the big question of 'Will you marry me?' is popped as many engagements over the centuries have commenced on February 14th.

Here in South Boston we have quite a few fine establishments more than capable of accommodating the most perfectly thought out plans. Whether it's a small venue like Café Porto Bello on East Broadway, Roza Lyons, diagonally across the street, The Seapoint on East Eighth Street

or Lincoln, Amrheins and CAPO and of course, Shenanigan's on West Broadway. There is Coppersmiths located on West Third Street and a number of other places offering fine dining. We have some of the best restaurants and florists that can be found anywhere. If you really want to make it that special day to remember, well, gold, diamonds and other precious stones can be found locally at Murphy's Jewelers at 403 W. 1st Street with selections to rival any of the larger chain stores. If you don't see what you want, Bill Cosetta, owner of Murphy's, can get it for you.

You may want to grab a warm cup of great Java from PS Gourmet Coffee, some of the best that can be found anywhere in America and just take in a romantic sunrise or sunset walk at Castle Island or along Carson Beach and that part of the day won't cost you a penny more but might bring rewards worth far more than material items if it sets the mood just right. Whatever is needed to have a wonderful Valentine's Day can be found right here in our neighborhood. Why not take advantage?

So, if this coming Sunday you get the feeling that love is in the air



maybe even more than any other day, a quick look at the calendar, February 14th just might explain why. It's Valentine's Day. And if you're married, engaged or romantically involved in any way, here's a bit of advice from your friends here at South Boston Toda, particularly for the guys. You could be in for some serious trouble if you find that you have forgotten this of all days. And finally, if nothing else, stop and think back to the first time you saw that special someone and what it was that made your heart move like it never has before and celebrate the love of your life. Happy Valentine's Day to all next week! May it be a memorable one.

Harry Uhlman continued from front page

a Judge or a kid with special needs, Harry Uhlman was in your corner if you needed him. He never said no to anyone. I first heard, actually saw, the name Uhlman on a house sign and a bumper sticker when I was 13 years old. Thirteen candidates announced for the open rep seat, and Harry was one of the frontrunners. WWII had ended not long before and there was still a lot of resentment for Hitler and the Third Reich. Southie had more veterans per capita than anywhere else in the country. One of the candidates, picking up on Uhlman's name, started saying that Harry was German. "Don't let Southie be the first in the country to elect a German." It worked. Harry's support plummeted and he finished fourth. Thirty years later, Harry's sister did a course on Genealogy and found out that Harry was



from Finland, Ireland and England. The guy who told everyone that Harry was German was a German himself. Harry laughed when told of the turn of events and said he had made a beautiful life for himself with plenty of friends and plenty of interests.

Nothing could ever be more accurate. Harry lost a reps race but won the hearts and minds of South Bostonians of all ages and for many years. He ran trips all over the world and it gave people like my mother something to look forward to and talk about until she died. What would the Special Kids and Adults Program be without Harry? They were indeed special to Harry and he to them. He admired and treasured them. After working for Edison, where he was elected Treasurer of Local 369, he became a Court Officer at Suffolk Superior Court as well as the South Boston Yacht Club. He later became the MVP of the CIA as well as the Thomas Fitzgerald Post, as an Army veteran. He owned the L Street Tavern a few years before Matt Damon and Robin Williams walked in. He also owned the PBL a few years before I walked in. A great athlete at Southe High, he was elected to

the South Boston Sports Hall of Fame.

There wasn't much in Southie that Harry wasn't involved in, and always with that famous smile. He was Jack Hart's Treasurer and go-to guy during Jack's entire political career. A dear friend of Jack's dad, John Mucka Hart, Harry promised Mucka that he would look out for Jack and nobody could have done it better. Harry Uhlman was one of Southie's brightest stars, but you would never hear it from him. Recently they named the Marine Park Bandstand after Harry, an honor well deserved, which has become a shrine to Harry since his death. You don't lose a person of Harry Uhlman's prominence in any community and remain the same community. You just don't. They say a man is not rich based upon the wealth he acquires, but by the friends he acquires. Harry Uhlman was the wealthiest man I ever met. RIP my friend.

South Boston Catholic Academy News

News from our STEM Class

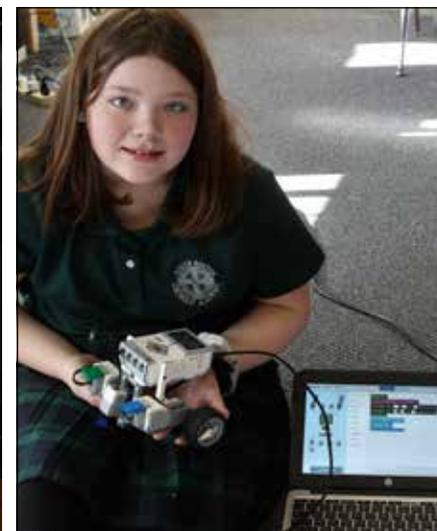
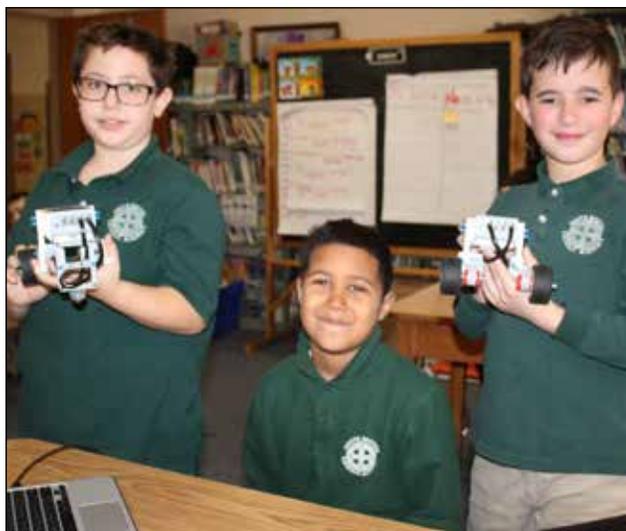
STEM is a curriculum based on the idea of educating students in four specific disciplines — science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Pictured here are our

Fifth Grade Robotic Engineers with our STEM teacher, Mrs. Damiano, who are programming their ev3 cars to autonomously park. They are using the Mindstorms programming app.

After coming up with a plan, they put that plan into action to see if the program does what it was intended to do, then they debug it, or find and fix errors (bugs) in their program. Smart cars, smart students!

South Boston Catholic Academy (www.SBCatholicAcademy.org) is

currently accepting applications for all classes PreSchool (2.9) to 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@sbcatholicacademy.org or phone 617-268-2326 for more information.



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships

By Kevin Devlin

On Sunday, February 9, the local Knight of Columbus post held their annual District Free Throw Championships at the Walsh Community Center.

The girls' winners were: Hailey Alexander in the nine year old bracket, Tatum Donovan in the ten year old bracket, Noel Haddad in the eleven year old bracket, and Phoebe Alto in the twelve year old bracket. And for the boys' division,

the winners were: Ronan Foley in the nine year old bracket. Sean Costello in the ten year old bracket, Evan Pierce in the eleven year old bracket, Jackson Ballard in the twelve year old bracket, Frailyn Suazo in thirteen year old bracket, and Melvon Crump in the fourteen year old bracket.

These district champs will compete in the Knights of Columbus Regional Championships at a place, time, and date to be determined.



Pictured at McDonough Gym located within the Walsh Community Center, are Gatey and Knights of Columbus volunteers, Steve Graig, Danny Manning, Jason Rae, John Costello, Allison Baker, Danny O'Neil, and Sean Monahan. Also pictured are the free throw competition participants.

100 Days Smarter at St. Peter Academy!

By Frank Galligan,
Principal of St. Peter Academy

The 100th day of school at St. Peter Academy was celebrated on Monday, February 10, 2020. Students and teachers enjoyed dressing up as 100-year-old caricatures of themselves – donning white wigs or

baby-powdered hair, with bathrobes, mustaches, and canes. Many students brought in 100 items from home, ranging from pennies, paperclips, buttons, and candies to showcase to faculty and friends. Special treats were distributed throughout the day to make it even more special for everyone involved.

It was a wonderful acknowledgement of 100 days spent together learning, growing, and having fun as a close-knit school community!

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



Boston City Singers Launches Music Education Program in South Boston at the Paraclete Center for Grades 3-5



BOSTON CITY SINGERS

Boston City Singers and the Paraclete Center are delighted to announce the launch of a new music program in South Boston for children in grades 3-5.

Singers will learn folk songs from their own traditions while developing life-long skills including leadership, active listening, and collaboration. The program will be led by Sarah Eastman, who is also director

of Boston City Singers Jamaica Plain Training Chorus.

“We’re delighted to have the opportunity to bring our program to South Boston,” said Boston City Singers Founding Artistic Director Jane Money. “We look forward to working with the Paraclete Center to help broaden children’s horizons by introducing them to the joys of learning, performing and appreciating music from around the world.”

“We look forward to participating in the first of its kind pilot program here in South Boston with the Boston City Singers,” said Paraclete Center Executive Director Joseph Burnieika. “We view this pilot program as just the beginning of what we hope will be a long-term association

with one of Boston’s premier youth programs. Paraclete is uniquely positioned to be the site of the first South Boston-based program of this all-inclusive youth program and we anticipate a wide recruitment of children from all of South Boston.”

Classes will meet once a week at the Paraclete Center in South Boston starting on Thursday, March 12, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 pm. Cost of the program is \$50 for six classes, which includes a showcase performance for parents and friends. Financial assistance is available based on need. Interested families should send an email to Info@bostoncitysingers.org with PARACLETE in the subject line or call 617-825-0674 for additional information.



Gatey's Midget League Champions

By Kevin Devlin

On Sunday, February 9, at the McDonough Gym, the Ryan Club won the Gate of Heaven CYO midget house league basketball title, by defeating the East Boston Savings Bank Club, 32-23. Evan Pierce, who netted 22 points and hauled down a boatload of rebounds, was SBT'S MVP of the championship game. Pierce was just too tall and too good to be denied.

The East Boston Savings Bank Club, coached by the legendary, Bobby McGarrell (who once scored 84 points in a Gatey men's alumni league game-true story-I was there) took an early 6-0 lead, but were unable to match the offensive firepower

of Coach Paul Hogan's Ryan Club. Leading 17-10 at the break, the Ryan Club maintained their lead in the second half to realize victory. For the Ryan Club, as noted, Pierce had 22 points. Alex Beaulieu had eight points while Trey Miller had a deuce. For the East Boston Savings Bank Club, Jackson Ballard and Max Donovan had eight points each, while Jandel "JR" Resto, Jake Rae, and Liam Long, had a basket apiece.

Coach Hogan was proud of his team and felt they were a tremendous bunch of well-behaved youngsters.

"By far the best group of kids a coach could ask for," said Coach Hogan. "Sammy, Evan, and Alex are great kids who I've had the pleasure of being around the last four years.

And I'm really fortunate to have a good group of third and fourth graders who will help keep the fun me going in the years to come."

Gatey Commissioner, Sean Monahan, was pleased as to how the season went, especially the competitive element in the playoffs.

"We had two close games in the semi-final round last week," Monahan stated. "With Bob McGarrell coaching the East Boston Savings into the final round with a tough win against Dedham Savings, 16-15. In the other bracket, the Ryan Club coached by Paul Hogan, beat the Joe Evans Club, 25-18, despite a twelve point effort by Derek Austin of the Evans Club.

"In the final game," Monahan added. "East Boston got off to a quick

start leading 6-0 before the Ryan Club got on the board, but the Ryan Club got on the board keyed by Sean Bianchi's basket in the first half, then Evan Pierce and Alex Beaulieu got hot, combining for 30 points to lead their team to the title. Although they fell short of their goal, Coach McGarrell told his team he was proud of how hard they played getting to the finals and how much they improved over the season.

"I'd like to express my gratitude for all the coaches who started with these boys last October," Monahan concluded. "And those being John Costello, Jack Tucker, Greg Lally, Bobby McGarrell, and Paul Hogan. It was a great season and effort by these coaches who gave sixty boys the chance to play while teaching them sportsmanship and the basics of basketball."



Pictured is the RYAN CLUB coached by Paul Hogan. The players are: Alex Beaulieu, Evan Pierce, Sam Flood, Andrew Wisniewski, Trey Miller, Keiran McGarry, Sean Bianchi, Donovan Lombard, JJ Grant, and Parker Blanchard.

CHAMPIONS!!!



Pictured is the EAST BOSTON SAVINGS BANK CLUB, coached by Bobby McGarrell. The players are: Jackson Ballard, Mason McGarrell, Amaru Baress, Jandel "JR" Resto, John Kane, Max Donovan, Jake Rae, Liam Long, Owen Sullivan, Ronan Foley, and Ryan Ballard. Also pictured is Gatey midget house league commissioner, the one-and-only, Sean Monahan.



Pictured are game officials (from left) Victor Baldassari, James Donovan, and Brad Hill.



Pictured are game scorer and timer, Allison Baker and Danny O'Neil.



Accepting the Mookie Betts trade has not been easy for many in Boston.

Last week, when we thought the trade was official, I told you it was the right move. After a week-long delay because of a medical report that the Red Sox questioned in their return — from 21-year-old prospect pitcher Brusdar Graterol — the trade was re-worked, and I still think it was the right move.

Allow me to tell you why.

A reasonable result of that medical delay would've been the Dodgers being given a window to negotiate a long-term extension with Betts. It would've only made sense for all parties involved.

If LA and Betts came to an agreement during that window, then the Dodgers would've been able to rest easy, knowing Betts wouldn't be just a one-year rental. Also, the Red Sox would've then been able to receive more in return from the Dodgers.

But here's the deal. The Red Sox didn't give the Dodgers a window to negotiate. Why? Well, back to the biggest question in all this: What does Betts want?

He wants to test free agency.

That doesn't mean he's a bad guy or that he hates the Red Sox. That

doesn't even mean he wanted to ever truly leave Boston. But if he stayed, he wanted the Sox to be the highest bidder.

Up until this week's trade, the Red Sox were bidding against themselves. Not only is that a bad strategy for them, it's also a bad strategy for Betts and his agent. And whether anybody wants to admit it, Betts and his agent do have a strategy.

Their strategy is to test free agency. That's why the Dodgers are not being given a window to negotiate. If the Dodgers were given that window, then they'd find out exactly what the Red Sox already know: There will be no real negotiation until next winter — which might diminish the Red Sox' return in the trade even more than it's already been diminished.

To a man, some owners around the league are applauding the Red Sox for not giving into Betts' \$420 million demands, while the Players Association is privately chanting, "Let's go Mookie," all the way to the bank.

Also chanting for Betts is his representative's new agency, "VC Sports Group." Betts' agent, Steve Veltman, is the co-founder of VC Sports Group, which opened its

doors in 2018. Veltman had previously represented Betts as part of the agency "TLA Worldwide." Veltman left the company in 2018 to launch VC Sports Group, and took several athletes — including Betts — with him.

Betts is VC Sports Group's ultimate prize on a very short list of clients in the early stages of the company's existence. Their only other big name — 30-year-old starting pitcher Madison Bumgarner — left a San Francisco Giants organization that he spent 11 seasons with, in order to become a free agent this winter and eventually sign a five-year, \$85 million deal with the Arizona Diamondbacks in December.

Bumgarner's lackluster deal came just after rival super agent Scott Boras completed negotiating \$1 billion in MLB contracts for his clients this winter, which included Gerrit Cole's \$324 million, Stephen Strasburg's \$245 million, and Anthony Rendon's \$245 million. So there's plenty of incentive for Veltman and VC Sports Group to take Betts to free agency, and try to capitalize on him being the poster boy of their new company — a company that, by the way, still doesn't have a finished website.

Veltman isn't a bad person for this. He's just doing his job. He'd be crazy not to start a bidding war for Betts next winter. And Betts would be crazy not to try and maximize his contract in free agency, which doesn't make him an evil person either.

Baseball is also a business. And that's a smart business strategy. But it's a strategy the Red Sox understand Veltman and Betts have, which is why the Dodgers aren't being given a window to negotiate.

The Red Sox know that Betts wants to test free agency. And they're not going to pay him, or anyone, a ridiculous amount of \$420 million, regardless of how far below the luxury tax threshold they can get.

Trading Betts is hard to accept. I get it. And in a way, I'm with you. But it's really the only option, given what Betts and his agent actually want.

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RED SOX NAME ROENICKE INTERIM MANAGER

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The Boston Red Sox finally have a new manager for the 2020 season. With pitchers and catchers reporting to spring training this week, The Boston Globe reported on Tuesday that bench coach Ron Roenicke has been promoted and named Red Sox interim manager.

Roenicke was hired as Alex Cora's bench coach for the 2018 and 2019 seasons. Cora and the Red Sox mutually agreed to part ways last month, after Major League Baseball implicated Cora in the Houston Astros' sign-stealing scheme while Cora was the Astros' bench coach in 2017.

Prior to joining the Red Sox in 2018, Roenicke was the third base coach for both the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Angels. He was also the manager of the Milwaukee Brewers from 2011 to 2015.

Tweet of the Week



Trevor Bauer 
@BauerOutage 

No idea who made this new playoff format proposal, but Rob is responsible for releasing it, so I'll direct this to you, Rob Manfred. Your proposal is absurd for too many reasons to type on twitter and proves you have absolutely no clue about baseball. You're a joke.

WHAT TO WATCH

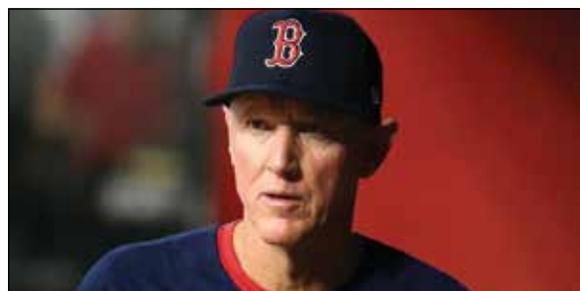
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8 P.M. TNT

SUNDAY, FEB. 16
NBA All-Star Game
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NHL SATURDAY, FEB. 15
Detroit at Boston
1 P.M. NESN

SUNDAY, FEB. 16
Boston at NY Rangers
3:30 P.M. NBC

PGA THURS, FEB. 13 - SUN, FEB. 16
The Genesis Invitational
12 P.M. GOLFC/CBS



MLB CONSIDERING MAJOR CHANGES TO POSTSEASON FORMAT

SBT Staff

Multiple reports this week revealed the proposed plans for a new Postseason format in Major League Baseball. And the changes would be significant.

Under those changes, the number of Postseason teams would increase from 10 to 14. Each league — American and National — would have three division winners, per usual, but the new expansion would include a total of eight Wild Card teams: four AL Wild Card teams and four NL Wild Card teams.

The best team in each league would receive a bye into the Divisional Round. The two remaining division winners and the four Wild Card teams in each league would match up in a best-of-three series. But this is where it gets a little wacky.

The division winner with the second-best record would select its Wild Card opponent from the three worst records of the Wild Card teams. The division winner with the worst record would select its opponent from the two remaining Wild Card teams with the worst records. And the Wild Card team with the best record matches up with the last Wild Card team remaining.

Reports indicate that those “selections” would all be made on live TV, on the Sunday night of the last day of the regular season.

Any changes would have to be approved by the MLB Players' Association for a new collective bargaining agreement. The current CBA expires after the 2021 season. If approved, this Postseason format wouldn't go into effect until 2022.

RED SOX AND DODGERS RE-WORK TRADE FOR BETTS, PRICE

SBT Staff

The trade between the Red Sox and Dodgers that sent Mookie Betts and David Price to Los Angeles was finally made official on Monday, one week after it was initially reported to be a done deal.

Information from a medical review of 21-year-old pitching prospect Brusdar Graterol held up the trade last week, as the Red Sox were reportedly “spooked” by something they saw.

Graterol was originally sent to Boston from Minnesota — the third team involved in the blockbuster trade. Instead, Graterol is going to LA in a separate deal altogether, and the Dodgers are now sending two extra prospects of their own to the Red Sox.

Those two extra prospects are 21-year-old shortstop/second baseman Jeter Downs and 23-year-old catcher Connor Wong.

23-year-old outfielder Alex Verdugo is the biggest piece of Boston's return. He was also part of the original deal, and is still on his way to the Red Sox.

Verdugo was the Dodgers No. 1 prospect entering the 2019 season, in which he got called up and played 106 games with LA, hitting .294 with 12 home runs and 44 RBI.

Downs hit .276 with 24 home runs and 86 RBI in 119 games split between Single-A and Double-A last year in the minors.

Wong hit .281 with 24 home runs and 82 RBI in 111 games split between Single-A and

Double-A last year.

The Red Sox will also still eat \$48 million of Price's remaining \$96 million on his contract over the next three years.

Red Sox principal owner John Henry said in the team's statement: “In trading a great player, a beloved player, we recognize how incredibly difficult this is for fans who fully understand just how special Mookie is. While the organization in its entirety very much wanted to see Mookie in a Red Sox uniform for the length of his career, we believe in this decision as we are responsible and accountable for both the present and the future of the Red Sox. We thank Mookie for his incredible contributions, both on and off the field.”



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