

Balancing The Need For Revenue And Neighborhood Impact



The volatility of global competition, disappearing covid-based wind-falls, the changing financial markets, a changing regional real estate market, and the changing Boston neighborhoods

are impacting the approach of the City of Boston’s decision-making. Campaign platitudes, including the attempt to abolish the BPDA, the promise of ‘real’ neighborhood input and the expansion of social service

and housing relief programs are colliding with the reality of a diminution of revenue sources, should these campaign promises come to fruition.

Under these very real circumstances, decisions by City Hall demand balance, creativity, practicality and compromise. The days of free money are over, yet the national political leaders have not reached any compromise that will stabilize the economy. Covid relief funds are no more. Governor Maura Healey has proposed tax cuts. Legislative leaders are playing the ‘progressive tax relief’ card. Office buildings are struggling. Brick and mortar retailers are giving way to online shopping. Once thriving restaurant venues are competing with or planning around the take-out demands of stay-at-home customers. The

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EDITORIAL

Don't Forget, Mother's Day is This Sunday

It's amazing how quickly time passes. It seems like just yesterday we were freezing in cold, nasty weather. And now, well, it's May, and this Sunday is Mother's Day.

Mother's Day is a time set aside to show our love to all mothers who are still here with us and of course to honor and remember those who have passed on but still help guide our everyday lives from above. Also, by the wonderful memories we cherish of time spent with them as they helped us grow into adulthood.

This special day, for those

not sure of its origin has actually been around for thousands of years in one form or another. The traditional American celebration is separate altogether from the ancient holidays, but it's believed the idea for the US method of honoring it got its roots from ancestors long ago.

For example, the ancient Greeks called their Mother's Day 'Cybele'. The Romans named theirs the 'Festival of Hilaria'. The early Christians referred to it as the 'Mothering Celebration'. Current day Bolivians commemorate their

version on the date of a battle in which women took part, while in other cultures, the date is often significant to that country's religious festivals.

Some other countries around the world now follow the American way of observing the day. And why not? Americans do things best and we do it right. The nation to follow the American tradition of Mother's Day most closely is Australia. This makes sense because there has always been a special bond between the "Aussies" and the "Yanks" as our friends 'Down Under' re-

fer to us. It's widely believed that the American version of Mother's Day was started by Mrs. Anna Jarvis in 1908.

But that was then, this is now and as Sunday approaches, many people are in the process of planning very special ways to show their Mothers how appreciated they really are. And there isn't just one specific way of showing those feelings. Some take their Mom out to dinner or maybe they give her a break and do the cooking for her or even order in. Various forms of other gifts might be the chosen way to let her know how much she is loved. If a mother and her children live far apart,

maybe too far for an actual visit, a phone call (maybe not a text) will be welcomed and/or even a card sent the traditional way through the mail. There are so many different ways to express those sentiments and if heartfelt, all of them are beautiful in their own way. And for those whose Mothers have passed on from this life, perhaps a visit to their place of rest, some loving thoughts and a prayer will work to keep those cherished memories alive on this special day.

But whichever way you choose to celebrate, we hope all involved enjoy. From all of us here at South Boston Today, Happy Mother's Day!

"It doesn't say anywhere in the Constitution, this idea of separation of church and state" - Sean Hannity

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Disaster At The Border

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Those who pay attention to or care about current events are aware of what's going on at our southern border. It's been a mess – a total disaster ever since the Biden Regime took over. The regime has allowed literally hundreds of thousands, possibly as many as two million un-vetted, illegal immigrants invade our country. Yes, you read right. I used the word 'invade', because it is just that, an invasion.

Not only has our country been swamped by people illegally entering our country, but a large percentage of them are convicted criminals, drug dealers, cartel members, MS-13 gang members, human traffickers and even people on terrorist watch lists. This is not an opinion, it's fact, the numbers don't lie nor does live streamed video from the border. We can see it happening live daily. And yet, Democrat politicians and hacks like Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas look directly into the news cameras during senate hearings and tell the American people pretty much to not believe our lying eyes. Yes, he outright lies and tells us the border is secure and that what everyone knows to be happening really isn't. And he gets away with it. These are the people running our country.

May 11th is the date set to end the Title 42 program put in place when Donald Trump was president. Trump had the border secured when he was in office, but added an additional safeguard during Covid which forced migrants who were "seeking asylum" to wait in Mexico until Covid was over. And it was working just fine. But the Democrats hated it and have been trying to overturn it as soon as they got the White House and the Congress. But a federal judge stopped it – until now, May 11th.

But here's a reality check. For the most part, the Democrats wouldn't allow the US Border Patrol to enforce it. Yes, they blatantly ignored it even

though the restriction was in place. So, the word went out all over the world that May 11th would be the day that Title 42 was to end, and it would make it even easier to illegally enter the United State and this resulted in the literally Tens of Thousands of illegals that have been massing along the southern border to just barge in and overwhelm America. And this, folks, is where it stands now. An invasion of illegal border crossers bigger than has ever been seen before is now taking place. It's a literal onslaught. And this is exactly what the Democrats have been planning and hoping to see.

In a further attempt to fool the public, the Biden Regime has announced it has sent 1500 active-duty US Soldiers to the border. The announcement was phrased to make people think that the troops would be there to stop illegal crossings. Another lie. It's been learned that the troops have been ordered there not to protect our border, but to assist in speeding up the process of bringing the migrants in. And as the masses of migrants gather and enter, its hasn't gone unnoticed that the overwhelming majority of them are men, mostly of military age, relatively few women and children. But here's the worst part. It has now been confirmed that countries in Latin America, primarily Venezuela, have been releasing violent criminals from its prisons and sending them to the border to enter the United States. And yes, the Biden Administration is well aware of this. It doesn't matter to them. They are pushing to get as many illegals into the country as fast as possible.

Now, it should also be noted that along with the massive number of migrants that have entered over the last 2 and a half years, tons of deadly drugs, primarily the deadly Fentanyl drug have also been pouring in. At last count, Fentanyl has killed more than 300,000 Americans. But the regime

still refuses to secure the border. The blood of those 300,000, mostly young Americans is on the hands of Biden and those pulling his puppet strings.

What I've written above is happening even as you read this column. It's confirmed and it doesn't bode well for the future of our country. On a personal note, I consider myself lucky and blessed to have a lot of people I call friends. Some of them are still Democrats, though many have already left the party. But to those who still consider themselves Democrats, and as far as I'm concerned, once a friend always a friend no matter what your political views are, I just have to ask WHY?

Why do you still belong to an organization that is doing so much harm to our country? Of course, the choice is yours, but considering what's been taking place, this might be a good time to at least think about changing your party affiliation. If you don't want to become a Republican, and yes, the Republicans are not perfect, there is always the option of becoming an Independent. It's just a suggestion, the choice is yours but give it some serious thought. In closing, If the late President John F. Kennedy were to come back and see what his party, especially on the national level has become, I really believe he'd be furious but also very sad.

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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.

Sizing up the Senate's budget
State Senate leaders unveiled a \$55.85 billion budget yesterday that echoes much of what we've already seen from the House and governor, with some exceptions.

House-backed proposals included **\$20 million to make prison calls free for inmates, \$20 million for the MassReconnect program** offering free community college for Bay Staters over 25 with no college degrees and the **revival of a pandemic-era renter protection** that would push off evictions for tenants seeking payment assistance all made the cut.

New policy pitches would cov-

er tuition for nursing students at community colleges and create a loan repayment program for behavioral health workers, taking a crack at labor shortages in those fields. High school students without legal immigration status would qualify for in-state tuition rates at public colleges and universities. **The \$1 billion in new millionaire tax revenue** would get an even split between education and transportation, similar to the House. Investments target K-12 and higher education, capital projects at the MBTA and funding for regional transit authorities.

Senators snubbed a push

to legalize online lottery sales passed by the House and backed by Gov. Maura Healey, saying it "needs to be vetted." **Permanent free school lunch also got a pass.** So did support for rail service between Boston and western Massachusetts.

Tax relief appears imminent with Senators placing \$575 million aside but big questions remain on priorities after April's \$1.4 billion revenue shortfall.

Debate on the budget and any added amendments opens Monday, May 22.

The end of COVID in Massachusetts — well the public

health emergency, anyway

The virus is still here — maybe permanently — but Massachusetts reaches a turning point in the COVID era on Thursday when the state and federal public health emergencies end, reports Priyanka Dayal McCluskey for WBUR. Three years after governments scrambled to set up a response as they stared down the pandemic, policies designed to track and limit the virus's spread will cease including: masking in health clinics, vaccine mandates and access to testing. Department of Public Health Commissioner Robbie Goldstein said measures can come back if necessary.



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MCCA officials will be presenting and available to answer questions.

Flynn Files May As Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month Resolution

Boston City Council President Flynn has filed a resolution to recognize May as Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. This will be presented at the Boston City Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 10th and will be co-sponsored by Councilor At-Large Erin Murphy and Councilor At-Large Ruthzee Louijeune.

“I wish to celebrate our AAPI community during Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage month. The history of our country has not always treated the AAPI community kindly despite their hard work and contributions,” said Council President Flynn. “Chinese immigrants were essential in the building of the transcontinental railroad and an important voice in our community today, and Japanese, Korean, Vietnam and Filipino immigrants were and remain an

important workforce in States such as Hawaii and California.”

The Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community has made great contributions to the City of Boston and the United States. According to the 2021 Census, 9.8% of Boston’s population and 7.2 % of the Massachusetts population identify as Asian American. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a significant increase of racist incidents and hate crimes against AAPI residents, including reports of physical and verbal assaults against our AAPI neighbors and elders.

“We must come together to support our AAPI residents, especially during this time when our AAPI residents are maliciously targeted because of COVID-19. They are part of our society and help move our city forward as our neighbors, nurses, teachers, business owners, policymakers, military members, and many more. We celebrate and recognize our AAPI and immigrant communities for their achievements and contributions that enrich our city and nation’s cultural heritage.”

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



Flynn Files May As Jewish American Heritage Month Resolution

Boston City Council President Flynn has filed a resolution to recognize May as Jewish American Heritage Month. This will be presented at the Boston City Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, and will be co-sponsored by Councilor Gabriela Coletta. In Massachusetts, Jewish American residents make up 4.3% of the population, and in the Boston and the Greater Boston area, they comprise 8% of the population.

“Jewish Americans have had a long history in the United States and they continue to be an integral and indispensable part of our city and country,” said Council President Flynn. “For over three and a half centuries, they have made enormous contributions to our country and are our teachers, small businesses owners, healthcare and medical professionals, policy makers, among others. Their culture and heritage make our country’s multi-cultural fabric stronger, and I am proud to recognize and celebrate them for their sacrifices and hard work,” said Council President Flynn.

In spite of their contributions to our

nation, there has been an alarming rise in antisemitism, neo-nazism, white nationalism and hate crimes across our city and country. In recent years, neo-nazi and white nationalist groups have marched in Downtown Boston and demonstrated outside of LGBTQ+ events in Jamaica Plain and the South Boston Waterfront. A Rabbi was also stabbed in 2021 by an antisemitic individual in Brighton. Nationally, there have been high profile figures, including celebrities, professional athletes, and elected officials who have made antisemitic remarks on social media platforms and attended events with neonazis.

“It is critical that we continue to stand with our Jewish neighbors now, and always, and condemn the acts of antisemitism that we see in our city and country. We must continue to recognize the contributions of our Jewish community, lend our support, and show up for them,” said Council President Flynn.

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I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

*"All that I am or ever hope to be,
I owe to my angel mother."*

- Abraham Lincoln

This upcoming Sunday, May 14, we will be celebrating Mother's Day. Some will take their mother out to dinner. Some will bring flowers or candy to them. And others will visit gravesites to reflect on the lives of their dear mothers.

Whatever we do, I know we won't forget the unconditional and unselfish love they gave us. And how they

molded our lives to become people worthy of her love and the sacrifices she made on our behalf.

So, when did we begin celebrating this day of honor for our beloved mothers?

Although ancient cultures held pagan celebrations which honored Rhea in Greece and Cybele in Rome, the origins of Mother's Day in America began with the focus on community service with roots in the anti-war and feminist movement of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

In 1907, to honor her mother Ann Reeves Jarvis, Anna Jarvis held the first Mother's Day service of worship at the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia.

Ann Reeves Jarvis, who died in 1905, was a peace activist, a community leader, who formed Mother's Day Work Clubs before the Civil War to expose public health issues, fighting for clean water and sanitation. She tended to wounded soldiers, and after the war, focused on healing the rifts between Confederate and Union neighbors, still caring for wounded soldiers. Exposed to poverty and the horrors of war, Ann wanted to spread the word and urged for

a "Mother's Day For Peace" to be held so mothers could ask that men were no longer killed in wars, and that their children live long and fruitful lives.

After the success of the first Mother's Day celebration at the Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church, her daughter Anna wrote to influential people, hoping to make Mother's Day an official holiday. Congress did not immediately approve this holiday, but every state was celebrating it by 1911. Then, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day an official holiday and declared it would take place on the second Sunday of every May.

Anna Jarvis' initiative to make her mother's dream reality was a success.

Sadly, the commercial turn of the holiday infuriated her.

Although she pushed hard for Mother's Day to become an official holiday, she came to resent it. She felt it demeaned the intent, sabotaging the sentiment, and battled to undo her hard work. Against this commercialization she got arrested in 1923 for disturbing the peace at a meeting of American War Mothers who were raising money selling carnations on

Mother's Day. Anna died in 1948. Her lobbying efforts to see Mother's Day abolished were unsuccessful.

Another influencer, poet and author, Julia Ward Howe proposed a Mother's Day of Peace to heal the wounds of the American Civil War and the Franco-Prussian War. She wanted women to gather annually and speak, listen, sing, and pray for a peaceful world, but her idea was overshadowed by Anna Jarvis's version.

Mother's Day is celebrated worldwide, and traditions vary, depending on the country.

That is because mothers are unique. Without equal.

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My mother Mary died in 1988 and this Sunday I will think of her and wish I could still talk to her.

Hug her and tell her how much I love her.

But I can't.

Fortunately, I have kept her alive in my heart for all these years and she still lives within me.

Happy Mother's Day!

Balancing Revenue continued from front page

faux 'work from home' option has met with practical impacts on productivity and psychological effects on isolated employees.

Alas, decision-makers have to better understand and work at finding the solutions to address these market forces. One creative way was recently proffered by one of the largest bio-lab and commercial developers and the city has given its support to it. While it does focus on the looming impact on a unique group of tenants, it shows that when there is a will, there is a way.

The Boston Globe reports that, in what city officials are calling an "unprecedented" deal, hundreds of displaced musicians will be offered affordable rehearsal space in a building just down the street from the old Sound Museum, the Brighton area complex they were forced to vacate earlier this year after a developer purchased the building. The developer, IQHQ, will donate the building at 290 N. Beacon St. to the City of Boston as part of a mitigation package to offset the displacement of some 700 musicians and other performing artists by the construction of a life sciences campus on the site of the old Sound Museum property.

The nearly 35,000-square-foot build-

ing, which IQHQ bought for \$18 million last year, nearly rivals the old Sound Museum property in size. It is currently occupied by Boston Light & Sound and an auto parts store. The Boston Planning & Development Agency intends to schedule a vote on IQHQ's larger development project for next month's meeting, according to city officials. If the deal passes, IQHQ will transfer property ownership to the city in what officials are calling the largest such concession in Boston's history. "It's unprecedented," said Kara Elliott-Ortega, Boston's chief of arts and culture. "This is the largest mitigation package that the arts and culture office and the BPDA have partnered on to secure for the city."

"This permanent studio rehearsal space is a historic achievement for our Allston-Brighton artist community and citywide goal of preserving and creating new creative spaces," Mayor Michelle Wu said in a statement. Kim Thai, IQHQ's director of development, said the company was "proud" to purchase and transfer ownership of the property to the city, adding that it has been working closely with Wu's office to secure "affordable high-quality rehearsal space in Allston-Brighton for the long-term needs of the area's musicians and artists."

Elliott-Ortega added that if the BPDA ap-

proves the deal, the city will embark on a public process to identify a team to develop and operate the space under a long-term lease. She added that while they do not yet have a cost estimate for the project, it will likely be paid for through a combination of city funds, private financing, and philanthropy, with some costs later recouped via rents. The creation of a space owned by the public in perpetuity is a rare victory for the city's artists and musicians, many of whom have been forced out of studio and rehearsal space over the past several decades by soaring rents and rapid development.

This compromise approach combined with the willingness to find a mutually beneficial solution, albeit for a targeted community of tenants, shows the promise that, by dealing with the reality of the limitations of traditional financing sources, and without having to impose a regressive 'transfer tax', or impose rent restrictions on the backs of good landlords, projected outcomes are achievable. This means that the city's team of advisers and implementers have to actually roll up their collective sleeves and deal with the achievable versus imagining the unfeasible.

Medal Of Honor Park Is Not An Off Leash Dog Park – Period!

Council President Ed Flynn hosted a community meeting last night at Medal of Honor Park with his colleagues, Councilors At Large Michael Flaherty and Erin Murphy, following an incident in April in which a four-year-old girl was

bitten by an off-leash dog at Medal of Honor Park. Boston Police C-6 Captain Joseph Boyle, Boston Animal Control Director Alexis Trzcinski, Commissioner of Parks Ryan Woods spoke and addressed all residents regarding the law of dogs must be leashed while off private property. Commissioner Woods explained what guidelines and rules are followed in building a dog park and grass and trees are not allowed. Councilor Murphy stated she was there to listen to everyone and work with her colleagues.

“We all love our dogs and pets, but at the same time, we have many families with young children who use the Medal of Honor Park. It is important for their safety, and the peace of mind of parents and neighbors, that dog owners and dog walkers please keep their dogs on a leash to prevent these incidents from happening,” said Council

President Flynn. “We also have a dog park located nearby right down the hill on First Street at the Thomas J. Butler Park that was built for this exact purpose. I strongly encourage dog owners and walkers to be a good neighbor and utilize this park for both the enjoyment of their pets, as well as the safety of our residents and children.”

“The safety of our residents and particularly our children is of the utmost importance and I implore dog owners to follow the leash law and utilize the dog park located on First Street. Let’s start the conversation about the potential for another dog park or dog run in the neighborhood given the increasing necessity,” said Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty.

The dog owners asked for a piece of Medal of Honor Park be allocated to become an off leash dog park. Residents spoke loud and clear that the park

is a Veterans Park and that was a hard No. Some of the complaints from residents who do not use the East 1st Street DOG PARK and use Medal of Honor Park was the stone is a problem, no drinking water available, sun is too hot, it’s dirty and breeds illness, too many professional dog walking services take over the park with as many as 17 dogs per dog walker. Massport signage of the rules clearly states a 3 dog limit per person but alas, no enforcement. Does that sound familiar? One claimed gathering with their off leash dogs is viewed as a social gathering, daily. While everyone is searching for a solution, the right thing to do is to keep your dog leashed because the safety of the neighborhood and children will always be the first priority.

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Leeuwin Estate Shiraz Siblings, Margaret River, Western Australia, (\$17.99). Bright redcurrants,

dark cherries and boysenberries prominently feature with black cardamom, star anise, cinnamon quill and violets in the background. This wine has a distinctive palate with bright acidity; plump cherries and blackcurrants dominate. Subtle notes of chocolate, coffee and pepper notes lead to a structural finish with powdery tannins. All of the fruit was fermented in open fermenters, with 15% being whole bunches to extend the fermentation time. As you might guess, this wine is a natural for any red meat on the grill, but also delicious with veal and duck.

Ashbrook Estate Chardonnay, Margaret River, Australia, (\$25.99)

is a subtle blend of hazelnut and lemon on the nose, with hints of wood smoke and stone fruit. Beautifully textured palate, elegant and harmonious with long lemon finish. Overt vanilla aromas tend to come with barrel fermentation more than via the more gentle processes involved in barrel maturation, and from new wood rather than used



oak. Older barrels are more about gentle oxidation rather than transfer of vanillins and similar aroma compounds. This wine pairs well with all types of shellfish, as well as Asian fusion cuisine.

Margaret River Haley And Lex Sauvignon Blanc, 2018, (\$18.99). The 2018 Halley and Lex Sauvignon Blanc exudes aromas of white pear, gooseberries and cut grass. You'll notice a very pronounced and crisp entry of stone fruit and lemon zest with a refreshing natural acidity to balance the subtle creamy tones. The finish is clean and refreshing, with nuances of jasmine and apricots. While this one is great with seafood and salads, you'll find that it's also nice to have with a wide variety of cheese and fresh fruit.

Another wine from Ashbrook that's unusual and delicious is their **Ashbrook 2020 Semillon, Margaret River, Australia, (\$19.99).** Wine Enthusiast gave it 90 points, saying, "This pale-gold Semillon offers much of the pithy, waxy lemon, dried herb and damp straw notes typical to the variety and region. The palate is less generous on the fruit front with the acidity feeling a bit forced, but the finish has a lovely slippery texture and some length. This wine could shine with the right food, like a herb-laced chèvre."

I wanted to mention this wine last, but hardly least. The 2019 Walsh & Sons Roi Cabernet Sauvignon, Margaret River, Western Australia, (\$39.99), is huge. It instantly reminded me of some of the better (and much more expensive) Cabernets from Pauillac in Bordeaux.

Here are just some of the reviews: 96 points James Suckling: "Such attractive aromas of fresh blue and dark berries here, as well as attractive notes of earth, leaves and dried flowers. The palate has such effortlessly deep-set flavors with dark berries, plums and spiced chocolate. Pristine tannins hold so long. This is a stunning cabernet. Drink over the next decade." (03/2020) 95 points Wine Enthusiast: "Small-batch Margaret River producers Ryan Walsh and Freya Hohnen have really upped their red game in recent years. From the family's Osmington vineyard, Roi celebrates all that makes Margs famous for Cabernet. Give it time to open but once it does, it offers boundless flavor, from plum and raspberry fruit to very dark chocolate, tobacco leaf, beetroot, iodine and potpourri. There's a vibrancy to the palate that's rarely found in powerful Aussie Cabs. It offers a lovely juxtaposition of silky-fresh fruit and powdery, chiseled tannins, with savory herbs flowing to the finish. Drink now with protein or ideally after a few more years, up until 2041. " (12/2021) 95 points James Halliday: "Big, heavy glass bottle. A new label gives integrity to the wine inside. The nose is completely different from every other cabernet on the bench – stemmy, crunchy and yet ripe, giving a Rhône-esque bacon fat vibe. It's a brooding rendition of Margaret River cabernet on the palate. Savory tannins encase sweet purple fruit, all in all it tends to tip-toe across the tongue, rather than plod.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



City Councilor At-Large
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Michael Flaherty

Boston City Councilor At-Large

St. Peter Academy

Pre-Kindergarten Open House Wednesday May 17, 2023

If you are searching for kindergarten options for your child, please join St. Peter Academy for an open house on our curriculum, followed by a meet and greet with our teaching staff and a tour of the class-

room to observe our students in action. Pre-Kindergarten students must be 2.9 years of age and fully potty trained. School Year and Year-Round Programs are available. If you cannot make the Open House, please reach

out for a private tour and/or more information to spa@stpeteracademy.com. Hope to see you there!

St. Peter Academy is accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. St. Peter Academy is an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for stu-

dents in Pre-K (School Year and Full Year Programs), Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Financial Aid Available. Two Scholarships will be offered this year for applicants for Grades 1 through 6. You may request scholarship information from the Front Office (spa@stpeteracademy.com). Appointments for individual virtual tours can be made by contacting Maria Blasi, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing spa@StPeterAcademy.com.



South Boston Catholic Academy News

Congratulations to this year's First Holy Communion Class!

This past Saturday morning, May 6, 2023, was a picture-perfect day for the Second Grade students at South Boston Catholic Academy and in the Parish Religious Education Program who received their First Holy Communion at Gate of Heaven Church. Congratulations and God Bless all these wonderful children and their families in this year's First Holy Communion Class! The Celebrants at this

Mass were, our Pastor, Father Robert Casey and Monsignor Liam Bergin. Thank you to Father Casey, Monsignor Bergin, our Principal, Dr. Helenann Civian; Vice Principal, Mrs. Denise Moriarty; and our Second Grade Teachers, Ms. Kayla Keough, Ms. Meghan Leslie, Ms. Caitlin Jackson, to all the Second Grade families and the staff at South Boston Catholic Academy, to our Parish Religious Education Second Grade Teacher,

Mrs. Joan Dixon, and to the Second Grade families in the Parish Religious Education Program and to all who helped to make this year's First Holy Communion extra special. Congratulations to Mrs. Dixon who is retiring this year after many years (over 15 years) with the Parish Rel. Ed. Program. We are grateful for her dedication, time, talents and love she has shown to all the children and families in the Parish Rel. Ed. Program. Especially those in the Second Grade. God Bless you Mrs. Dixon. We all wish you a Happy Retirement!

May is also the Month of Jesus' and our Blessed Mother, Mary. It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. In honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary, and all Mother's, A Happy and Blessed Mother's Day! New families are welcome to email our admissions team at: admissions@sbcatholicacademy.org for more info. about South Boston Catholic Academy.





This week, Danny reacted to the Boston Bruins' end-of-the-season press conference:

A week later, and it's still hard to believe the Boston Bruins suffered a first-round playoff exit at the hands of the Florida Panthers in seven games. To think, had the B's just been able to play defense for one more minute in the third period of Game 7 at the TD Garden, then they'd be playing the Toronto Maple Leafs in the second round right now, with the hopes of a Stanley Cup still being a reality.

Instead, the Panthers scored with a minute left of that third period in Game 7 to send it to overtime, where they eventually scored the game-winner and sent the Bruins home much earlier than anyone expected. Since the shocking loss, there's been plenty of finger pointing. For me? I blame the team's sloppy and emotionless play in their own zone. There were way too many breakdowns by the Bruins in their own end, and it brought back memories of old playoff series' against Montreal at times.

There used to be a running joke about the team: "It's called Bruins." That phrase was based off a NESN commercial. But the

reality was, defensive breakdowns and heartbreaking playoff defeats were what the B's were most known for before winning the Cup in 2011. It was called Bruins.

Well, this year against Florida, that feeling returned. It was a complete choke job.

And with that, the front office held its annual end-of-the-year press conference this week. Here are a few notable quotes from CEO Charlie Jacobs, president Cam Neely, general manager Don Sweeney, and coach Jim Montgomery, via the team website:

Jacobs: "I, at times, have a hard time finding words for just how empty I feel - knowing all that was put into this season, all the potential we had for this run, and it's incredibly disappointing."

Neely: "I can't sit here and BS anybody. This stung...this stung. This left an empty feeling, not just for us up here, the players - the fans especially. They certainly brought it every night in the four games that we played in the first round. So, there was a lot left on the table this year, for sure."

"For me, it's been quite an empty feeling, to be honest with you. You take a look at 2019, the

loss in Game 7 [of the Stanley Cup Final], this is a close second for me."

Montgomery: "Frustrated, mad, accountable...the overriding [thing learned] is, it's my job to get the players to own the moment, seize the moment, and that didn't happen, right? And that falls on me. I think with the hard times we went through, we have to learn from them. If we don't learn from them, how are we going to grow? We will just repeat the same thing next year. So, for me it's being able to connect with the players over the course of the summer and build through training camp about what we have to do to make sure that we don't have the same energy level. Because we didn't have the same energy level we had in the regular season, we didn't have the same puck confidence that we had in the regular season, and it hurts."

"I've talked to players, it's hard right now, it's hard for our fans, it's hard for us. And the price we pay is we have to learn from it so that we move forward."

Sweeney: "It's an empty feeling knowing the players are

going through it. You look at the season, and you lose sight of the accomplishment because of the failure. That's what you're ultimately going to be judged upon and that's what we sign up for. So, you take the responsibility and ownership as Monty just said. Accountability rests with each and every one of us, and it lives with you, it just does. It sits in the bones and people might not quite understand, but it does. The disappointment for our fan base, because you just know the energy that they're going to provide if you're able to continue through the playoffs."

"Going into the room [after Game 7], it had a lot of feeling to [2019]. You're talking about a Game 7 on the precipice of winning. And now you're losing in the first round, and it had the same feeling of failure. And players acknowledged it. Missed opportunity is exactly how it's described. We missed a massive opportunity. And again, not to push aside a historic season, but it's going to get lost in the translation of this as a result."

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SPORTS TODAY

PATRIOTS TO PLAY COLTS IN GERMANY

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Looking to catch a New England Patriots game on the road in 2023? Well do they have an adventure for you.

The Patriots will take on the Indianapolis Colts in Germany this season. Here's the press release from the team's website, with all the details, including why it will be a "home" game for the Pats:

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Patriots today announced that they will play their Week 10 regular season home game in Frankfurt, Germany on November 12, 2023, against the Indianapolis Colts. The game will be the Patriots' first in Germany as part of the 2023 National Football League's (NFL) International Games. The game will be played at 3:30 p.m. in Frankfurt (9:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time).

The Patriots' visit to Germany will mark the team's first time playing a home international game. Since the launch of the international series in 2007, the Patriots have played three international games, including two in London and one in Mexico, and have won all three games. In 2021, the Patriots were awarded Germany as an official "home market" through the

Tweet of the Week

New England Patriots 🏈 @Patriots
A midseason matchup in Germany.

The New England Patriots will take on the Indianapolis Colts on November 12, 2023 in Frankfurt:



International Home Marketing Area (IHMA) initiative which has allowed the team to grow its fan base abroad and develop additional opportunities for marketing, fan engagement and business development including in-person and digital marketing opportunities, corporate sponsorships, and events in a new market. Last month, the Patriots were awarded Austria and Switzerland as official "home markets," in addition to Germany.

"Germany has some of the most passionate sports fans in the world and has always been an international leader in enthusiasm for American football and the NFL," said Robert Kraft, Chairman and CEO of the New England Patriots. "I'm thrilled to play a home game in this new market and to continue to build upon our team's long history and engagement with German fans. Our goal is to connect with fans at the local level and I look forward to expanding that fan base and fostering additional relationships and opportunities for partnership in Germany as well as Austria and Switzerland."

In 2009, the Patriots drafted German native Sebastian Vollmer in the second round of the NFL Draft. During his eight-year career, he helped the Patriots to two

Super Bowl championships, which propelled exponential growth among Patriots fans in Germany. In 2019, the Patriots utilized the NFL's International Player Pathway Program to develop German native Jakob Johnson into one of the premier fullbacks in the league. The Patriots became the first NFL team to provide German language content to fans through social media.

The IHMA program launched in January 2022, granting NFL clubs access to international markets for marketing, fan engagement and commercialization activations. The program was built as a long-term, strategic effort to enable clubs to build their brands globally while driving NFL fan growth beyond the US. The Patriots were granted Germany and earlier this month, expanded their international marketing rights to include Austria and Switzerland.

The Patriots first appeared in the NFL International Series in 2009 when they traveled to London to play Tampa Bay in Wembley Stadium, drawing their largest attendance of the year (84,254). The Patriots scored a 35-7 victory over the Buccaneers. Three years later, the Patriots returned to Wembley Stadium and defeated the St. Louis Rams, 45-7. Their most recent

WHAT TO WATCH

NBA THURSDAY, MAY 11
Eastern Conference Semifinals
Gm 6: Boston at Philadelphia
7:30 P.M. ESPN

SUNDAY, MAY 14
Eastern Conference Semifinals
Gm 7 (if necessary): Philadelphia at Boston TBD

MLB FRIDAY, MAY 12
St. Louis at Boston
7:10 P.M. NESN

SATURDAY, MAY 13
St. Louis at Boston
4:10 P.M. NESN

SUNDAY, MAY 14
St. Louis at Boston
7 P.M. ESPN

MONDAY, MAY 15
Seattle at Boston
7:10 P.M. NESN

international game was played in Mexico City in 2017. That year, they beat the Oakland Raiders, 33-8. In their three international games, the Patriots have outscored their opponents 113-22.

For more information and to learn more about ticket purchases visit www.nfl.com/internationalgames.

— New England isn't the only team with an international game this season. Atlanta takes on Jacksonville in Week 4 in London, Jacksonville takes on Buffalo in Week 5 in London, Baltimore takes on Tennessee in Week 6 in London, and Mik 9 in Germany.

—The NFL also announced its first ever "Black Friday" game on Nov. 24, as the New York Jets host the Miami Dolphins for a special 3 p.m. kickoff.

— The full 2023 NFL schedule will officially be released this Thursday night. Outside of their six games within the division, the Patriots will take on the AFC West and the NFC East.

New England's non-divisional home games at Gillette Stadium will be against Kansas City, Los Angeles (Chargers), Philadelphia, Washington, and New Orleans.

The Patriots' non-divisional away games will be in Denver, Las Vegas, Dallas, New York (Giants), and Pittsburgh.

Mayor Michelle Wu's **NEIGHBORHOOD COFFEE HOURS**

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Join Mayor Wu and City staff for conversation, coffee, and more!



Bay Village/Chinatown | Tuesday, May 2
Elliot Norton Park, 295 Tremont St.

Roslindale | Wednesday, May 3
Fallon Field, 910 South St.

Roxbury | Friday, May 5
Marcella Playground, 260 Highland St.

South Boston | Wednesday, May 10
A Street Park, 135-141 A St.

Dorchester | Friday, May 12
Doherty-Gibson Playground (Town Field)
1545 Dorchester Ave.

East Boston | Wednesday, May 17
Noyes Playground, 86 Boardman St.

Downtown/West End | Friday, May 19
City Hall Plaza, 1 City Hall Sq.

Allston-Brighton | Monday, May 22
Brighton Common, 30 Chestnut Hill Ave.

North End | Wednesday, May 24
Langone Park, 529 Commercial St.

South End | Thursday, May 25
Hayes Park, 158 Warren Ave.

Charlestown | Wednesday, May 31
McCarthy/Edwards Playground
10 Eden St.

Hyde Park | Thursday, June 1
Amatucci Playground, 1460 Hyde Park Ave.

Mattapan | Thursday, June 8
Hunt-Almont Park, 40 Almont St.

Fenway/Kenmore | Tuesday, June 13
Symphony Community Park, 30 Edgerly Rd.

West Roxbury | Wednesday, June 14
Billings Field, 369 LaGrange St.

Jamaica Plain | Friday, June 16
Mozart Street Playground, 10 Mozart St.

Mission Hill | Tuesday, June 20
Mission Hill Playground, 1497 Tremont St.

Back Bay/Beacon Hill | Wednesday, June 21
Commonwealth Avenue Mall, 15 Commonwealth Ave.
(Arlington Street entrance)

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