

Law Enforcement’s Timing Dilemma

Quick Action Versus Situational Assessment



While one may think that police, who are responding to a potentially violent 911 call, always have the time to assess the situation, reality steps in and challenges police training instincts – act or re-evaluate.

Law enforcement nationwide has been pilloried over the results of the actions by certain police officers in dangerous situations, the outcomes of which have resulted in a death or deaths of either victims or perpetrators or both. And there are those, despite the criminal history of the alleged criminal, who see an opportunity to financially benefit from the tragedy by blaming the police actions resulting in the death. The justice system in those cases has to be trusted to run their course.

Then there are the situations where it is highly probable that a mental health episode has triggered an event that warrants assessment first, before action. The key factor in these instances is the police department’s approach to training. Education, as in most aspects of living, is critical.

“The voices were harsh, unforgiving — a constant stream of sounds with few breaths between sentences. Some words were barely distinguishable over a rush of muffled whispers.

Stand up look to the left don’t look up just look left NOT NOW, not now, don’t do that now. Stop. I said stop it. Would you stop? You know they know, you suck, and they know it.”

The internal monologue blared from 30 sets of headphones into the ears of Bergen County patrolmen, sergeants, sheriff’s officers, and police officers, as well as mental health professionals. They all squinted at a

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video clip projected on a large screen and scribbled on worksheets. Their task: Try to answer questions about the video while listening to the disturbing mantras, a training that mimics what it’s like to experience auditory hallucinations. The 48-minute clip was created by Pat Deegan, a disability rights advocate, who was diagnosed with schizophrenia as a teenager and went on to earn her doctorate in clinical psychology.

The immersion was part of crisis intervention team training held in Mahwah NJ, a five-day, 40-hour class offered to law enforcement and mental health providers, designed to improve how they work together and interact with someone having a psychiatric crisis. More than 450 Bergen County law enforcement officers have gone through the crisis intervention training program since the

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EDITORIAL

It Was A Picture Perfect Memorial Day For All The Right Reasons

Another Memorial Day weekend has come and gone, and it surely is one for the record books. The weather could not have been any better. Bright sunshine, clear skies, warm, but not too hot or humid and not a drop of rain to spoil a thing. The sweet aroma of family barbecues and back yard cookouts was floating through the air during all three days of this absolutely beautiful weather. People all over town seemed to be in a mix of moods ranging from festive to laid back and quite content. Many residents left town for summer style destinations – Cape Cod, the mountains or just visiting friends or family in surrounding towns. But one thing seemed certain – the majority of people understood and respected the true meaning of this very special holiday. Yes, Memorial Day is considered the unofficial start of the long-awaited summer season. But the true meaning was of course, to remember and honor the fallen military heroes that gave all in defense of our country.

Though honoring Ameri-

ca's fallen service members is always understood to be the reason for the day, this year, 2023 seemed to bring a resurgence of the determination to make it not only the biggest and most important consideration, but with an added and overwhelming sense of patriotism. Yes, our country is going through

some rough times now, mostly because of what's going on in Washington DC and the other centers of power, both on the city and state level as well. But that determination to show American pride in spite of and in defiance of what's taking place will hopefully serve to change and reverse

the course that America has been heading in for the last 29 months. The parades and memorial services were well attended, the visits to the resting places of veterans who gave all in time of war saw a big increase and American flags waving in the breeze seemed to be more numerous than ever.

South Bostonians are known all over the country and even in other parts of the world for their proud sense of patriotism and love of country. This year was certainly no exception. That feeling of pride shows no sign of subsiding anytime soon. Of that, we can all be proud.



"I'm a big believer that eventually, everything comes back to you. You get back what you give out." - Nancy Reagan

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The Information Center

No More Playing Defense With The Cancel Culture

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US Senator Tim Scott, Republican of South Carolina deserves very special praise and among his colleagues in the senate, he is a standout. Yes, he is a presidential candidate but this is not an endorsement of his effort. Senator Scott is also an African American. In response to Biden's speeches where he constantly bashes America and blames everything bad in the world and all of his own failures on Donald Trump and of course 'White Supremacy and White racism, Senator Scott; has apparently had enough and took issue with what the current occupant of the White House has been saying. For example, about the subject of 'systemic racism' that Biden's party keeps harping on and blaming white Americans for, Senator Scott said the following: "Hear me clearly; America is NOT a racist country". Well, that statement brought in quite a bit of backlash from white liberals all over social media and virtually none of it was pretty. You see, to many White liberals, if Black Americans don't agree with them, they become the target of vicious attacks. The attacks on Tim Scott are vile and personal towards him and even his family members and above all VERY racist from the side that accuses everyone else of racism. The few insults hurled at him that are actually fit to print, were 'Traitor', Uncle Tim, whitey wannabe and one Democrat elected official even called him an 'Oreo cookie' as in black on the outside but white on the inside because he dared praise the United States of America, stated his support for police and the military and denied the systemic racism claim by Biden.

But the insults, harassment and even threats continue coming towards the South Carolina senator and his family. But Senator Scott, being the courageous patriot he is, refuses to back away from his stated positions even a little bit. Instead he issued the following response: "No amount of backward bigotry from the left will shake my faith in the goodness of America". This statement of course brought even nastier backlash, but he didn't care. He

meant what he said.

Senator Tim Scott came up the hard way. He was born poor and worked hard for everything he has achieved. He is one of our nation's finest serving elected federal officials and makes his constituents proud. Some might ask why I sing the praises or even bring up the subject of a senator from South Carolina when Massachusetts has two US senators of its own. The answer is simple. The senators from Massachusetts are Ed Markey and Elizabeth Warren. When have we ever heard either of these two political opportunists praise the United States? They are more interested in tearing it apart and dragging it down the road to Socialism. So since Massachusetts does not have a US senator to make us proud, I felt the need to give praise to one who by his hard work, pride and love for our country and impeccable character has earned the respect of all Americans.

One of the biggest annual and traditional events in the land is of course the Kentucky Derby. Its watched and followed by millions of enthusiastic Americans whether they are a lovers of horses or not. The most recent 'Derby' is keeping that tradition alive, drew a huge crowd and piqued the interest of millions including many more new fans as it does each year. This is an event, organized and run by patriots who refused to buckle to the whims and wishes of the Woke crowd. Since it is the apparent goal of leftists/progressives to change and ruin every cherished tradition in the country, it was only a matter of time before they turned their efforts to the 'Derby'. These activists as most people realize, could find racism in a blueberry muffin. A couple of years back, the woke crowd, feeling their oats and believing that they could bully anyone into submission, said they found the Derby's opening song 'My Old Kentucky Home'; one of the anthems of that proud state to of course, be racist and demanded that Derby officials stop playing it. But to their credit, those officials had no intention of being ordered

around, bullied or intimidated by the demands of the Cancel Culture radicals. They refused the demands and played the song to the cheers of the massive crowd in attendance. This is an organization that knows and respects its audience and its followers and will not betray them like so many companies and organization do in present day, many of which are now in the process of being taught a very powerful financial lesson.

The act of holding firm when Cancel Culture crazies make their demands should be an example to people in every city, state and town in America. When they demand statues and monuments be taken down, holidays be changed and even eliminated,

songs be prohibited from radio air time or TV shows be removed, a firm 'NO' needs to be the answer. The leftists in our country are under the impression that everything they dislike must be banned and everything that they DO like must be declared a human right and paid for by taxpayers. If you give them their way, they come right back for more. Enough is never enough. That saying "give them an inch and they'll take a mile" describes them perfectly. But finally, and to their credit, the American public has had enough is tired of playing defense and are on the offensive. They are using their buying power to tell these companies and organizations that 'If you go woke, we will make you go broke'.

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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.

It's a women's world today — on Beacon Hill at least.

They are taking to the State House to demand action on a slate of bills at a time when women's reproductive rights are under siege on the national scale. Abortion access, care and health insurance coverage expansion will dominate the dialogue as supporters advocate for a number of bills named as legislative priorities by two different women-focused groups. Both the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women and the state chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists hold advocacy days on Wednesday.

Commission Chairwoman Dr. Sarah Glenn-Smith said the annual event at the State House is a "very powerful day" that brings together the state and regional commissions alongside hundreds of advocates who aim to "move the needle" for women across Massachusetts. Women advocates will lay out their legislative agenda for the session with the goal of promoting and protecting their rights.

Bills from Reps. Lindsay Sabadosa of Northampton, Ruth Balser of Newton and Sen. Cindy Friedman of Arlington (H 1137/S 646) would expand insurance coverage of all pregnancy care, including abortion, prenatal care and postpartum care. Boston Sen. Liz Miranda is seeking to improve maternal health outcomes and end racial inequities by better-integrating midwifery care and improving access to out-of-hospital birthing options. Her bill also seeks to reduce financial and administrative barriers to the creation of free-standing birth centers. A bill from Reps. Jay Livingstone of Boston and Kay Khan of Newton would mandate access to contraception, counseling, and abortion care for incarcerated people.

A bill that would allow candidates running for public office to use their campaign funds to pay for childcare, regardless of gender or family status, is also working its way through the Legislature once again. Though it's passed in the Senate more than once, it's

never made it across the governor's desk. Somerville's Sen. Patricia Jehlen has pointed out that political funds can already be used to "rent cars, to rent tuxedos, to take each other out to dinner." She sponsored the bill alongside Reps. Mike Connolly of Cambridge and Joan Meschino of Hull.

Lawmakers hope including childcare costs as an allowable campaign expense will motivate more people to run for office in a state where it carries one of the highest price tags. U.S. Department of Labor data shows parents spend between \$16,000 and \$26,000 dollars a year on childcare in Massachusetts.

Boston spends the most per student in large school districts nationwide

Despite declining enrollment, Boston Public Schools' budget is growing and the district now spends more per student than any other large school district in the country, the latest US Census data reveal. The city's highest-in-the-nation cost was \$31,397 per student during the 2020-21 school year, reported James Vaznis for The Boston Globe. It was a bump of almost 13 percent from the previous year, or about \$3,600 more per student.

No workers to fill jobs aplenty in the life sciences industry

Massachusetts is leading the pack when it comes to life sciences job growth, but lacks the available workers to fill positions, according to a new report. The state's life sciences sector grew its employment base by 14.6% between 2019 and 2022, compared to just 9.4% nationally, reports Zeninor Enwemeka for GBH. The sector is projected to have an average of more than 6,600 openings in key

roles over the next decade.

Lining up: Mass Democrats get behind Biden-McCarthy debt ceiling deal

Members of the state's all-Democrat congressional delegation are backing a deal between President Joe Biden and House Speaker Kevin McCarthy — albeit begrudgingly — that's aimed at avoiding a "catastrophic" debt default, writes Christian Wade for The Eagle-Tribune. The Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives has agreed to vote today on a compromise bill to raise the national debt limit after negotiating for spending cuts and other concessions in exchange.

Off track: East-West rail gets the snub from lawmakers

A plan to connect Western Mass to Boston via public transit could be off track as neither the House or Senate budgets included money for the East-West rail project, reports Western Mass Politics. Supporters say it's a mere setback as the state awaits federal funding. Gov. Maura Healey still "strongly supports" the commuter track — she included \$12.5 million for the project in her budget.

Pride: More parades are popping up in small Massachusetts cities

From Newburyport to Topsfield and over to Salem, Pride parades are taking root all over in Massachusetts's smaller cities, reports Hanna Reale for GBH. Organizers are making a point to make queer neighbors feel supported in their own communities, without having to go to the nearest big city. And it's an effort that's taken on additional meaning amid a national rise in anti-LGBTQ legislation in state legislatures.

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SEN. COLLINS' PROPOSAL TO CONVERT DECOMMISSIONED SHIP INTO FLOATING HOSPITAL PASSES

Amendment Would Study Ship Use for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Recovery Services

The Massachusetts Senate has approved legislation to convert a cruise ship into The Floating Hospital for Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Recovery, taking a page from the Commonwealth's public health history – to create new temporary housing, medical and supportive services for those battling substance use disorder and mental health issues, including those camped out in the Mass and Cass neighborhood of Boston.

“For years now, the situation at Mass & Cass and throughout our city and Commonwealth have worsened without suitable state intervention,” said Senator Collins. “Now is the time to pursue new, creative

ideas to address a humanitarian crisis affecting thousands of people and families throughout the area. The Floating Hospital would provide our healthcare professionals with a state-of-the-art facility in which to provide care, all while addressing the pressing public health and safety needs of the city.”

The fiscal year 2023 state budget allocated \$597 million dollars for opioid recovery, harm reduction, and other addiction-oriented policies and programs. The state also contributed \$40 million toward attempted interventions in the area known as Mass and Cass last year. Senator Collins' amendment would consult the Naval Construction and Marine Engineer-

ing program at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as to the feasibility of converting a cruise ship into a floating hospital for mental health, substance abuse, recovery services. In February, MIT produced a feasibility study commissioned by the United State Navy on converting a cruise ship to affordable housing.

This medical vessel would have all the facilities needed to respond to patients' acute and chronic health needs, provide for primary and specialty care, mental and behavioral health and dental services. Furthermore, it will provide stable temporary housing with wrap-around services while ensuring a secure setting equipped with food services,



health and recreation facilities.

There is precedent for the state creating a floating medical facility. Beginning in 1894, medical professionals in Boston came together to operate The Boston Floating Hospital to serve poor children battling illness by treating them on a medical vessel in Boston Harbor. This resource helped create a health care facility for the most vulnerable patients in the city. By providing a clean environment and compassion-based treatment, they were able to care for those most at risk, while decreasing risk of infection across the city.



PUBLIC NOTICE: OPEN DISCUSSION ON THE FUTURE OF MCCA PARCELS ON D & E STREET

On Thursday, June 8 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority will host a community discussion at CRISPR Therapeutics regarding the future of MCCA owned parcels on D & E Streets by the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC).

MCCA officials will be presenting and available to answer questions.

I Was Just Thinking...



by Kevin Devlin

When driving to the hoop in the opening moments of Game 7 against the Miami Heat, Jayson Tatum landed on an opposing player's foot twisting his ankle. Key reserve Malcolm Brogdon was ineffective still reeling from a previous right forearm strain. The rest of the team, except Derrick White, forgot to show up. Piecing this together, in combination with

a tremendous performance by the Heat, spelled doom for the Celtics as they fell short of pulling out a historic comeback.

Now the Heat, not the Celts, will face the Denver Nuggets in the NBA Finals.

And with Aaron Gordon, Kentavious Caldwell-Pope, Michael Porter Jr., Bruce Brown, along with their two superstars, Jamal Murray and Nikola Jokic on the court for the Nuggets, they should win. But that's why they play the games, to determine and crown the eventual champions.

Which brings me to what I dislike about this league.

The block/charge foul needs to be called correctly on a consistent basis. But it isn't. And that semicircular line in front of the basket which denotes whether it's a charge or a block is nonsense. An offensive foul is an offensive foul. Simple as that.

Which brings me to my second point. The NBA, by their rules and officiating guidelines, has given the offense advantages over the defense. NBA players know they can initiate contact against their defender

while shooting or driving to the hoop and get the call. It's not fair to the defenders yet you've got to have plenty of offense to please the fans.

My next gripe is that the players gripe ALL the time which is annoying. Even after they look up at the jumbotrons and see what they've done wrong, they still argue. Please stop complaining. It takes away from the game.

Which brings me to another point of contention, that being, officials assessing, or not assessing, technical fouls. Some players with star power (see Draymond Green) complain vehemently as well as disrespectfully throughout a game but don't get a tech while another player will get hit with a tech by simply looking at an official the wrong way. This is also quite annoying, and completely unfair.

Another gripe is when game officials are inconsistent by calling touch fouls or looking the other way by swallowing their whistles when a player gets hammered. How and why does this happen?

Finally, the arbitrary manner

of calling the traveling violation which is supposed to result in a turnover is disconcerting. It is without doubt the most selectively called violation in the NBA. In many game situations when a traveling violation isn't called, it automatically gives the offensive player the advantage to blow past his defender. And you can't stop the flow of the game just because the players have become lazy; sloppy, and travel on many occasions.

Unfortunately, the Celtic's season is over.

Their unfinished business remains unfinished.

I know many former Celtics fans will shout out who cares about these talented athletes, who are pampered millionaires simply playing a game, but nevertheless I've been a Celtics fan for decades and always will be.

Why?

Because although many frustrations remain, there's always next year, games to be played, and another possible championship to be realized to take care of unfinished business.

Aquarium celebrating World Ocean Day with free activities on Sunday, June 4

The New England Aquarium is celebrating World Ocean Day with activities that bring attention to the importance of protecting the ocean for future generations. People of all ages are invited to Central Wharf on Sunday, June 4 to celebrate, learn about, and take action to protect special places in our ocean. Programming will be focused on the global conservation initiative 30x30, which aims to protect 30% of land and water by the year 2030. While June 8 traditionally marks World Ocean Day, the Aquarium is hoping to draw more people to Boston's waterfront by offering weekend programming.

Outside the Aquarium on June 4, the public can take part in a variety of free activities from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- "Ask a Scientist" booth – Aquarium scientists will be on Central Wharf Plaza to share their work protecting the ocean and the amazing species that live there. Each hour of the day will have a different theme.

- Life-size humpback whale – Representatives from NOAA Stellwagen

Bank National Marine Sanctuary will join the celebration on the plaza, alongside a 43-foot humpback whale named "Salt" (weather permitting).

- Marine art station – The Aquarium's back tent will come to life with several vendors including local artist and UMass environmental science student Martin Kalere, who will lead an ocean animal art activity to inspire budding scientific illustrators.

- Composting activity – The Aquarium's ClimaTeens group is leading an activity in the tent on the impacts composting can have on climate change and where participants can find composting options in their own communities.

- Spotlight on marine protected areas – Guests will have the opportunity to record their thoughts on marine protected areas and learn more about how they can help make a positive impact on the ocean. This booth located in the tent will give participants an opportunity to communicate directly with their legislators.

- Latino connections to the ocean

and coast – The Hispanic Access Foundation will share information on the vital relationship between Latinos and our ocean. Using bilingual conservation toolkits, environmental community leaders will provide a guide detailing the impact of water

and climate issues on Latino communities and highlight their own work to empower others to take action.

The Aquarium is also providing programming inside from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for guests who purchase tickets. **continued on page 18**



Visitors learn about right whales at the "Ask a Scientist" booth on World Ocean Day 2022. CREDIT: New England Aquarium

Cllrs. Flynn and Flaherty to Host Community Preservation Act Information Session



Council President Ed Flynn and Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty, in partnership with the Community Preservation Team, will be hosting an in-person FY24 Community Preservation Act (CPA) Information Session next Thursday, June 8th at 6pm at the South Boston

Branch of the Boston Public Library. The session will be an opportunity to explore how residents can utilize the City of Boston's CPA funds and learn how to preserve or create impactful projects in their communities, including in the areas of historic preservation, affordable housing, and

open space and recreation.

This year's community preservation funding awarded a total of \$40 million to 56 projects citywide, including seven projects in District 2 which received a total of \$8.5 million in funding. The funded projects include affordable housing for seniors at the McDevitt Hall on E Street in South Boston, affordable homeownership in Chinatown, and various historic restoration projects in Fort Point, Chinatown, Downtown and Beacon Hill. "The CPA is one of the best programs we have in the City that works with neighborhood groups to support affordable housing, historic preservation and open space and recreation projects," said Council President Flynn. "Since the passage of the CPA five years ago, I have supported and seen many historic and

worthwhile projects come to fruition. The \$8.5 million in funds that District 2 received in the last round will continue to improve our neighborhoods and better the quality of life of all residents. I encourage residents to take advantage of the upcoming information session to learn more about the program."

"Some of the most exciting and creative projects in our ever-changing City – innovative affordable housing projects, parks, and historic preservation projects – are the result of resident and community driven CPA proposals," said Councilor Flaherty, Chair of the Council's Community Preservation Committee. "Community feedback and involvement are critical to these projects, and I look forward to this important discussion with my neighbors."

For more information, please contact Council President Flynn's office at 617-635-3203, Councilor Flaherty at 617-635-4205 and Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov or Michael.Flaherty@boston.gov.

Remembering D-Day

by Kevin Devlin

"Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force: You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hope and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you."

(General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander)

Next Tuesday, June 6, will mark the 79th Anniversary of D-Day. On this date in 1944, 156,000 Allied soldiers, troops from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and other countries united during World War II, stormed the beaches of Normandy in France to free Europe of Nazi tyranny. At this time, the D-Day invasion Codenamed Operation Overload, was the largest naval, air and land operation in history.

Within several days, around 326,000 troops, over 50,000 vehicles and 100,000 tons of equipment had been successfully landed. Less than a week later, on June 11, the Normandy beaches were fully secured. By the end of June, after capturing the strategic port of Cherbourg, approxi-

mately 850,000 soldiers and 150,000 vehicles were in Normandy. Then, in August, northern France was liberated, and the Allies were ready to continue their march against their German foes.

The following year, in the spring of 1945, Hitler committed suicide and Germany was defeated.

And on May 8, 1945, the Nazis officially surrendered.

D-Day marked the beginning of the end of World War II.

Although the invasion was a success, thousands of Allied troops were killed by German soldiers defending the beaches. These brave soldiers, including our beloved American heroes, unselfishly and successfully fought to rid Humanity of the evil Nazi tyrants.

If the Nazis had been able to continue poisoning and destroying the world with their doctrine of hate and death, the present world would be completely dark and unrecognizable.

So, take a moment next Tuesday and count your blessings as well as your lucky stars that we had heroes, including Americans and Allied partners, willing to sacrifice their tomorrows so we could enjoy our todays.



Virtual Public Meeting

South Boston Transportation Action Plan

June 6, 2023

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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Project Description:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA) and Boston Transportation Department (BTD) released A Guide to South Boston's Transportation Planning and the Development Review Process. This guide will help residents better participate in the South Boston Transportation Action Plan (SBTAP) and the processes for proposed development projects in their neighborhood.

At the public meeting, the SBTAP project team will present on how transportation safety improvements are implemented through planning and development, and what kinds of interventions are used to improve the safety and comfort on City streets. There will be an opportunity for public comments and questions after the presentation.

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The Wine Guy

Going South

While New Zealand is justifiably well known for its outstanding Sauvignon Blanc wines, you shouldn't overlook their Pinot Noirs. Many critics have noted their similarity to some of the best Burgundy reds, at prices that are a fraction of them. You might want to try one or more of the following for "Summer reds"...

Mohua Pinot Noir, 2019, Central Otago, New Zealand, (\$23.99). Wine Enthusiast gave this one 90 points, saying, "This Pinot starts off plush, fruity

and relatively rich, with red fruit, meaty oak, baking spice and floral notes. It's saved by the palate that is unexpectedly elegant, lifted and fresh, wound by spicy, chalky tannins that have muscle but never take over. Red berry and spice flavors flow gracefully to the finish."

Pegasus Bay Pinot Noir, New Zealand, (\$44.99). Upon release the wine was bright ruby in color, the bouquet a rich tapestry of both red and dark fruit, as well as savory notes. Heady aromas of cherries, plums and pomegranate swell from the glass, flanked by a smoldering column of cinnamon, mushroom, truffle and leather. The mouthfeel is generous yet supple, with a pelt of velvety ripe tannins that adds structure and length. Well-judged acidity completes the perfect partnership, giving balance and setting up for a long and harmonious finish.

Nobilo Icon Pinot Noir, 2019, New Zealand, (\$22.99). There's quite a bit of funky barnyard notes upfront on this Pinot but eventually with air and time it does give up its more pleasant char-



acters like cherry, violet and savory spice, along with a good lick of chocolate oak. The palate is dense with an astringency to the tannins, particularly on the finish. Give this another year in bottle at least for it to loosen its grip and gain some harmony and freshness.

Huia New Zealand Pinot Noir, (\$25.99). Huia is the name of a rare indigenous bird now extinct. Huia Vineyards was founded in 1996 by Claire and Mike Allan. It is located in the Wairau Valley, in Marlborough, at the northeastern tip of the South Island. The winery is a member of the New Zealand Sustainable Winegrowers. This Pinot Noir was sourced from the estate's

three Pinot Noir vineyards. Grapes were handpicked and the wine matured for 10 months in French oak. Huia Pinot Noir is deep garnet in color with an intense bouquet of dark cherry, black berry and violets. On the palate there are hints of smoke and spice notes alongside rich berry and dark cherry flavors. French oak and silky grape tannins are well integrated and the wine has great length and balance. Enjoy Huia Pinot Noir with roast pork, rack of lamb, grilled salmon, ratatouille and aged cheeses.

2019 Two Rivers Pinot Noir, Marlborough, New Zealand, (\$15.99). This style can be enjoyed without food. The wines might also be served cooler than other reds. Beaujolais and Beaujolais Village wines probably typify this style. However, many grape varieties could be used, if grapes ripen moderately, fermentation/maceration techniques do not emphasize tannin and color extraction, and new oak barrels are avoided. Red fruit aromas of strawberry, raspberry and cherry permeate the palate and even slightly chilled, the finish is long and pleasant.

Where to Use and Not Use Your Barbecue Grill - Rules and Safety Tips for 2023

SBT Staff

Everyone knows that we are well into spring and will soon be deep into the summer season when the usual summertime activities will probably be going strong, even after the long bout with the Corona Virus. One of the greatest pleasures in the warm months is of course the fine art of grilling or barbecuing. Each year, South Boston Today receives inquiries by residents about what the rules are within the city limits as far as where grills are legally allowed to be used and where they are prohibited and this is still the case in 2023. In response, we did some checking and with the help of some neighbors and city officials and of course with our friends on the Boston Fire Department, we obtained the info some of you have been curious about.

Now first and foremost we want to be clear, no one here at SBT is

trying to tell you where or how to use your grill; that's not for us to decide, but here are the restrictions you should be aware of. And the reason for concern is that there have been incidents of grills causing fires over the years here in the neighborhood. We live in the city and the houses are close together. An out of control grill fire could cause not only a tragedy to the people using the grills but to surrounding homes as well.

(The following does not apply to the use and storage of Natural Gas grills permitted through ISD and installed by a licensed installer in accordance with proper codes and standards but does apply to the standard type charcoal and LP (propane) grills commonly used.)

Charcoal Grills: These are not allowed to be used on top of or within a building or a structure per order of the Boston Fire Dept.

LP (propane) Grills: City of Boston regulations prohibit the use and storage of the propane tanks or containers inside or on balconies above the first floor of any building or structure used for habitation. Also on first floor porches, decks or balconies enclosed by a roof/ceiling or other confining material and never on fire escapes or fire escape balconies.

At Castle Island and some park areas, there are designated areas where you can use them, but if it's your goal to stay within the law, it is recommended that you check for signage regarding outdoor cooking. But here is a very important rule to follow: Wherever you decide to grill, if you are using charcoal, please – PLEASE, do not discard the hot coals where people; especially young children could get burned by stepping on or falling on them or dogs might come in contact with the hot embers. Hot coals can cause serious injuries.

Boston Fire Department officials also urge all to keep grills clean for safety reasons.

Well readers, these are the rules put forth by the city that some of you have been asking about. Do

with this information what you wish but please, by all means, this spring and summer when using your grills; do so carefully for your own personal safety, the safety of your family and guests and for your surrounding neighbors as well.

(Note: On July 30th, 2014, the City of Boston updated its regulations for the use of outdoor cooking grills by adding Article XXXIII to the code and these rules are still in place in 2023. To view, in detail these rules and regulations and for safety tips to consider when barbecuing, you can log onto the Boston Fire Department web page at www.cityofboston/fire and go to the link titled 'Barbecue Safety Info'.)



President Biden has reappointed Jim Brett Chair of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities

President Biden announced this week that James T. Brett, CEO of the New England Council, has been reappointed to serve as the Chairman of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities (PCPID).

"I am honored and humbled to have been selected by President Biden to Chair the President's Committee for people with Intellectual Disabilities," Mr. Brett said. "Advocacy for people with intellectual disabilities is a cause that is near and dear to my heart, and I look forward to the opportunity to work with other members of the committee to offer guidance and advice to the President on how we can best support people with Intellectual Disabilities."

Mr. Brett, a Dorchester resident, has served as the President & CEO of the New England Council, a non-partisan business organization representing businesses throughout the six New England States since

1996. Prior to joining the Council, Mr. Brett served for more than fifteen years as a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Throughout his career, Mr. Brett has been an outspoken and tireless advocate for people with Intellectual Disabilities. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability and the Chairperson of the Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission. He is a Past President of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health. He was appointed by Speaker Nancy Pelosi to serve on the National Council on Disability, where he is currently serving as their Vice Chair.

Mr. Brett has continued to be a tireless advocate for the physically and mentally challenged. In 2018 he was awarded The Michael and Kitty Dukakis Lifetime Achievement Award from the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health and

in 2017 he was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement and Advocacy Award for Individuals with Disabilities from Community Work Services and in 2014 he was awarded the John "Jack" Brett Champion's Award from Special Olympics Massachusetts as well as being inducted into the Special Olympics Massachusetts Hall of Fame. Also in 2014, the Disability Law Center bestowed upon him, the Edward M. Kennedy Leadership Award. In 2013, the University of Massachusetts Boston established the James T. Brett Chair in Disability and Workforce Development, the nation's only endowed chair in disability and workforce development. In recognition of his national contributions to the field of intellectual disability, the Boston Red Sox designated Mr. Brett, Disability Advocate in 2009 and again in 2011, which included the ceremonial first pitch at Fenway Park. Mr. Brett also received the Distinguished Leadership Award from Special Olympics Massachu-

setts in 2008. In 1996, Bay Cove Human Services of Boston named a new community home for disabled adults "Brett House" in his honor. He has also been recognized for his humanitarian work by Action for Boston Community Development, Lifetime Public Service Award, and induction into the ABCD Hall of Fame. Hospice of Boston also named him Humanitarian of the Year. In 2018 Mr. Brett was inducted into the Junior Achievement of Northern New England Hall of Fame and was also awarded the Gold Medal from the Eire Society of Boston. In 2015 Mr. Brett and his wife Patricia were awarded with the Saint John the Evangelist Medal in recognition of their extraordinary and faithful contributions to the spiritual life of Saint John's Seminary.

In the past decade, Mr. Brett introduced a proposal to the White House for a savings plan for families of individuals with disabilities to save for the future. After moving through the Legislative process, the Federal Government passed the Able Act creating a savings plan for people with disabilities for future education, training, living expenses, and other supports.

Mr. Brett has been awarded with Papal Honors as being named a Knight of Malta and Knight Grand Cross of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. He is the recipient of 18 Honorary Degrees. Mr. Brett and his wife Patricia currently reside in Dorchester.

The mission of the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities aims to provide advice and assistance to the President of the U.S. and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on a broad range of topics that impact people with intellectual disabilities as well as the field of intellectual disabilities. The foundation of this mission is a goal to improve the quality of life experienced by people with intellectual disabilities by upholding their full citizenship rights, independence, self-determination, and lifelong participation in their communities.



Memorial Day Tradition of Honor, Pride and Respect Continues

The Thomas F. Fitzgerald Post, No.561, Veterans of Foreign War, under Commander Thomas McCarthy, held its annual Memorial Day Service and March to Medal of Honor Park on

Sunday, May 28, 2023 for the laying of the wreath ceremony. South Boston is steeped in time honored traditions and remembering the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom is one of our

most important traditions as shown this past Sunday. Elected officials, retired and active military, South Boston High School JROTC, Boston Police C-6, South Boston Brownie Troop and community all came

together at Medal of Honor Park to pay respect and remembrance. A full breakfast was served as people made their way back to the Fitzgerald Post. The conversation, speeches and memories were flowing. There is an inscription on the South Boston Vietnam Memorial that says “If you forget my name than I died in vain”. South Boston will always honor its heroes because that’s how we are taught and who we are.





MAYOR WU AND THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND INCLUSION ANNOUNCE THE CANNABIS EMPOWERMENT SERIES



Series to provide weeklong education and resources to City residents

Mayor Michelle Wu announced today that the City of Boston, in collaboration with Rooted In, will offer a weeklong series of free educational sessions on the cannabis industry and entrepreneurship from Monday, June 12th to Sunday, June 18th at various locations across the City. The Cannabis Empowerment Series is designed for those who intend to participate in the cannabis industry, particularly in the City of Boston and aims to encourage, empower, and enable them in their pursuit to participate. The overall objective of these June sessions is to provide information and resources to support

equitable growth and development of the cannabis industry in Boston.

In November of 2019, the City of Boston passed an “Ordinance Establishing Equitable Regulation of the Cannabis Industry,” which requires the development of procedures and policies that encourage participation in the regulated cannabis industry by communities that have been disproportionately affected by the “War on Drugs” -- particularly Black and Latino communities.

“It’s important for the growth and prosperity of our city that the diversity we seek to achieve within the emerging cannabis industry exists at all levels, from storefront dispensa-

ries to every ancillary opportunity to participate,” said Segun Idowu, Chief of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion. “I am grateful to the team for working with Rooted In to put this necessary series of programs together, which will help advance the City’s goal of ensuring that the people most impacted by the criminalization of marijuana are set up to succeed and thrive in the period of its legalization.”

In accordance with Massachusetts Zoning Law, Boston must have a minimum of 52 licensed cannabis establishments of which, at least half must be owned by an equity licensee, fulfilling a 1:1 equity ratio set

forth in the Ordinance. As of today, only 38% of licensed establishments in Boston are owned and operated by equity applicants. With that, Mayor Wu is committed to ensuring that all of Boston’s communities can benefit from this emerging industry. This empowerment series will help identify a pipeline of equity applicants, cannabis entrepreneurs, the cannabis workforce, and ancillary opportunities.

“We believe that the Cannabis Empowerment Series is an important initiative towards promoting equity in the Boston cannabis industry. As a participant of Boston’s Equity Program, we have experienced the benefits firsthand in areas such as grants and technical support.” said Rokeya Chowdhury of Rooted In.

This weeklong empowerment series will cover various aspects of the industry, providing attendees with essential knowledge for participating in the cannabis industry and

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county began offering it in 2016. It’s among a handful of efforts governments are using to try to lead to safer interactions by teaching de-escalation techniques, reducing the stigma of mental illness, and encouraging empathy and understanding.

The course is also meant to show mental health experts the difficulties of law enforcement’s role. “As a civilian, it gave me a different perspective of the job that [law enforcement] has to do in our community,” said Leidy Suriel, with the Bergen County Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services. “In all the role plays that we did, to see how they would de-escalate the situation, for me, that was like, ‘Oh wow.’ They were so calm and so respectful, and I really appreciated that. We need more empathy for the mentally ill community.”

A majority of cases where New Jersey officers use force involve someone going through a potential mental health incident, according to the Attorney General’s Office. Instructors want to stop tragedies like the March 3rd killing of 31-year-old Najee Seabrooks, a black man and street shooting survivor, who had worked with the Paterson NJ Healing Collective’s violence intervention program. Seabrooks was shot by two Paterson police officers during a four-hour standoff with Seabrooks barricaded inside his home, having an apparent mental health episode. The president of the union that represents Paterson’s ranking police officers told the Paterson Press that Seabrooks moved toward the officers wield-

ing knives. Paterson police did not let members of the Healing Collective speak with Seabrooks at the scene during the standoff, and no one called St. Joseph’s University Medical Center’s “crisis response team” of behavioral health specialists who handle emergency calls involving people in mental health crises, the hospital CEO told NJ Advance Media.

In February, the state Attorney General’s Office announced expansion of the ARRIVE Together program, which pairs plainclothes officers with mental health experts to respond in unmarked vehicles to certain 911 calls, setting up partnerships in more than two dozen municipalities across 11 counties.

“The more people know about mental health and signs and symptoms and resources in the community, the more equipped law enforcement is to be able to make an informed decision on what’s best for the person in crisis,” said Amie Del Sordo, senior vice president at CarePlus New Jersey and a licensed clinician who coordinates the mental health side of the training. “And if they can’t, then they at least learn who they can contact to help them, which is key.”

Kristina Feliciano, a clinical manager at Bergen New Bridge Medical Center who comes from a family of police, said it’s important for the mental health and law enforcement worlds to understand each other’s roles. “You can’t jump in and just assume you know what’s going on,” Feliciano said. In most cases people with mental health crises are “very afraid and they’re just acting out” because they see police officers in uniforms with their weapons, “and that’s where they react. It’s not like that in the hospital. In the hospital, they know that they’re safe, and there’s nobody there to feel threatened by.”

“That was eye-opening for me,” said Molina, the corrections officer. “It made me really scared that it could happen to me, and I really feel for the people that suffer from schizophrenia.” “But in the real world, someone that has a diagnosis, you may not know it,” Salvodon said. And while the police may want to get the situation under control quickly, the person in crisis is “experiencing something that may cause delays.”

Trauma looks different to everyone. During the training, a series of speakers shared stories grappling with the trauma of losing a friend and a son and wrestling with addiction. They spoke of difficulties seeking treatment — the stigma, lack of knowledge, and lack of financial help to do so — as well as the ways law enforcement and mental health practitioners fell short.

Locally, it is unclear what the status of the mental health crisis response pilot program launched two years ago by the City of Boston and its coordination with BPD. Additionally, last summer, with \$400 million of funding from the federal government, a new mental health crisis hotline — 988 — was launched nationwide. Has anyone heard of it? And has it been incorporated locally?

Resources are available. What is needed is EDUCATION and COORDINATION. Society has been wrestling with a recurring paradox when it comes to the role of police and emergency responders — Is their primary duty to protect the perpetrator or the victim? Action versus assessment? It’s often a split-second decision. Thank God for those willing to serve and protect.

South Boston Catholic Academy News

Everyone had a fun time at the SBCA Spring Dances!

Recently, the students and their families in the Toddler-K2 Program and in Grades 1-6 enjoyed going to the South Boston Catholic Academy Spring Dances in the school Gym. They had fun dancing and singing to the music that the DJ, Christine Rinaldi, played. They enjoyed the Snacks, Games and especially the ice cream from the Frosty Ice Cream Truck that was a big hit, too and more...

It was a great afternoon for families and friends to get together! Our Music Teacher, Mr. Carlo also came and joined in the fun. What a great way to celebrate Spring!

Thank you to the following Home & School Social Committee members who planned and executed the 1st Annual SBCA Spring Dance: Dani Braho, Vanessa Cannella, Tammy Gates, Danielle McClure, Taryn Powers, Jaclyn Price, Tracy Seder. We'd also like to thank all of the parent volunteers that helped set up and decorate the gym, as well as clean during and after the dance! And thank you to Ms. Teresa for photographing the families at the dance and to all that helped to make this Spring Dance possible!

New families are welcome to email our admissions team at: admissions@sbcatholicacademy.org for more info about South Boston Catholic Academy.



St. Peter Academy Spirit Week

What a fantastic Spirit Week we had celebrating St. Peter Academy. The whole school joined in all the fun. The week was filled with themed days Superhero Day, Sports Day, Wacky

Hat Day, Mismatch Day and Career Day. This busy week happened, and the classrooms did not miss a beat in their learning schedules. We have been growing plants, studying butterflies, preparing for year-end as-

sessments and practicing for our Year End Show at the Lawn on D. It is a busy time at St. Peter Academy!

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 students 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.







This week, Danny shared his thoughts on the state of the Boston Celtics after losing to the Miami Heat:

Game 7 was tough to watch. Not because of Jayson Tatum's ankle injury that he suffered on the first play of the game. But because the Boston Celtics couldn't hit threes. The Celtics were 9-for-42 from behind the three-point line in their Game 7 loss to the Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference Finals. If you need to find a reason why the C's lost and aren't playing against the Denver Nuggets in the NBA Finals this weekend, it's because they couldn't hit three-point shots. It really is as simple as that.

It's a make-or-miss league, and in Game 7, the Celtics missed 78.6 percent of the time from behind the arc. They wouldn't win an NCAA Tournament game shooting like that. So, sure, Tatum's ankle injury affected both him and the team. And it was a tough break for Boston. I get it. But out of those 42 three-pointers that the Celtics took in the game, Tatum only shot four of them, and hit one. The other 38 three-pointers were taken by everyone else. And they just kept jacking them up and missing.

It was frustrating to watch such

a horrid shooting display. And while some people wanted them to stop shooting from deep, I don't think they had any choice. They were confident that, at some point, the threes would start falling and the momentum would shift. I was hopeful as well. But that never happened, and now, the Celtics' season is over, and the Miami Heat will be playing the Denver Nuggets in the NBA Finals.

Let the hot takes begin.

First and foremost, I want to make one thing abundantly clear: under no circumstances do you trade Tatum, if you're the Celtics. There isn't a single trade you could propose to me that would make me even consider trading Tatum. The idea of moving him is absolutely preposterous. And as for coach Joe Mazzulla. He stays, too. There has been some speculation that perhaps the C's could move in a different direction. But let's all relax for a minute here.

Don't you remember how Mazzulla got the job in the first place? It was right before the season began, because Ime Udoka was suspended and then ultimately fired. Mazzulla didn't even get to

put together his own staff. He was thrown right into the fire. And whether it was his doing or not, he was the head coach of the team that got to the Eastern Conference Finals, and one win away from going to the NBA Finals.

Was that Game 7 loss Mazzulla's fault? Please. I didn't see him miss any three-pointers in that game. So, you're keeping Tatum, and you're keeping Mazzulla. It's now time to discuss the elephant in the room: Jaylen Brown. Brown will be entering the final year of his contract next season, with a base salary of \$28.5 million. After that, he'll be an unrestricted free agent. It's been widely reported that Brown will be eligible for a "supermax" extension this offseason. A supermax extension would give Brown a five-year, \$295 million contract. That's an average-annual salary of \$59 million per season. Yikes.

It's the same supermax extension that Tatum will be eligible for next summer. So, if you're the Celtics, you do have to put your thinking cap on this offseason. There are many who will say the C's should just keep both Tatum and Brown and stick with the duo for the fore-

seeable future. It's not a strategy I necessarily oppose. But there are some trades I would entertain before I make that decision, if I'm Brad Stevens. The name that will undoubtedly come up in trade rumors this summer is Portland Trail Blazers All-Star point guard Damian Lillard. I've been throwing his name out there for the last several years, but now it seems many others are on board.

Lillard turns 33 this summer, and is under contract for the next two seasons, making \$45.6 million next year, and \$48.8 million in 2024-25. To make the money work in a trade with Portland, the Celtics would have to get creative and send multiple players to the Trail Blazers, in order to match the salaries. So, basically, the C's would have to package Brown with either Marcus Smart, Derrick White, or Malcolm Brogdon. If they could somehow keep Smart, that would be ideal. So, would Portland take Brown, Brogdon, and a future draft pick for Lillard?

I think they would. And I think Lillard would welcome that with open arms as well.

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CELTICS CAN'T FINISH HISTORIC COMEBACK, FALL TO HEAT IN GAME 7

SBT Staff

The basketball Gods were on the side of the Boston Celtics at the end of Game 6 in Miami on Saturday night, but Game 7 back in Boston told a different story.

After falling behind 3-0 to the No. 8 seed Miami Heat in the Eastern Conference Finals, the No. 2 seed Celtics battled back to win three straight and force a Game 7, thanks to Derrick White's heroics in the final seconds of Game 6. White tipped in an offensive rebound at the buzzer to keep the C's alive, shocking everyone in Miami, including some of the Celtics, who had blown a 10-point lead late in the fourth quarter.

White's shocking basket — which came after a missed Marcus Smart jump shot — gave the Celtics an opportunity to become the first team in NBA history to come from behind and win a playoff series after falling behind 3-0. But in Game 7 on Monday night, Jimmy Butler and the Heat had different plans.

Miami went into the TD Garden and beat Boston in that Game 7,

Tweet of the Week



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@GilletteStadium's renovated Row of Honor will be activated at all ticketed events, and will include additional seats and a new digital board displaying the names of those in service.



103-84, sending the Heat to the NBA Finals to face the Denver Nuggets.

Monday night's Game 7 was a disaster for the C's, beginning with the opening possession.

Jayson Tatum rolled his ankle as he landed from a shot attempt on the first shot of the night, and he was never the same since.

"It was just frustrating that I was . . . a shell of myself," Tatum told the media after the loss. "It was tough to move. Just frustrating, it happening on the first play."

Tatum battled through and finished the game playing 42 minutes, but he scored just 14 points. He, like the rest of his Celtics teammates, couldn't hit much from behind the three-point line.

As a team, the Celtics were 9-of-42 from three-point range in Game 7. That's 21.4 percent, for those without a calculator. Meanwhile, Miami shot 50 percent from three, on 14-of-28 shooting.

Three-point shooting was Boston's biggest issue in the last two games of the series. In Game 6, the C's shot 7-of-35 from three, another 20-percent performance.

In Games 6 and 7 combined, the Celtics were 16-for-77 from three-point range, which is 20.8 percent. That's just not going to cut it.

Boston was still able to somehow escape Game 6 with a miraculous

win. But in Game 7, as the missed three pointers continued to pile up, it felt like the Celtics never made an adjustment and just kept throwing up bricks all night long.

"We got punked," Grant Williams told ESPN after the Game 7 loss. "We didn't play our game from start to finish. Defensively, we just lost it all, and then offensively we were scrambled and trying to do everything ourselves and just didn't go our way . . . You hate to have that be the end of your season, especially with the fight that we've shown. But shots didn't fall either, so that didn't help . . . it's just tough."

It's a make-or-miss league, and the C's weren't making anything on Monday night at the Garden with a trip to the NBA Finals on the line.

"We were missing shots, and then they're coming down and hitting shots," Marcus Smart said to reporters after Game 7. "It puts a lot of

WHAT TO WATCH

NBA THURSDAY, JUNE 1

NBA Finals

Gm 1: Miami at Denver
8:30 P.M. ABC

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

NBA Finals

Gm 2: Miami at Denver
8:30 P.M. ABC

NHL SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Stanley Cup Finals

Gm 1: Florida at Las Vegas
8 P.M. TNT

MLB SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Day/Night Doubleheader

Gm 1: Tampa Bay at Boston
1:10 P.M. NESN

Gm 2: Tampa Bay at Boston
6:10 P.M. NESN

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

Tampa Bay at Boston

1:35 P.M. NESN

pressure on our defense to get stops. And they were hitting some shots and they got in a rhythm and we weren't making ours."

Tatum and Jaylen Brown are taking some heat — and rightfully so — for their respective performances in Game 7. Brown finished Game 7 with a team-high 19 points, but he was 1-for-9 from three-point range, and he turned the ball over eight times.

Along with the team's two stars, Celtics coach Joe Mazzulla is also being heavily criticized following the Game 7 loss. But, for now, he seems to have the full support of his players.

"I give Joe my respect," Brown told the media after Game 7. "Tough situation to be in. And he took it and he took it head-on and ran with it."

"We came up short," added Brown. "But I still give my respect to our coaching staff and that group that we had on the floor."



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ets. Please note that during busy times such as weekends, guests are strongly encouraged to reserve tickets in advance as the Aquarium can sell out.

- **Special presentations** – Aquarium staff will deliver short presentations focused on how taking action to protect the ocean at a local level can lead to global impact. The programming will be available at the penguin ex-

hibit, top of the Giant Ocean Tank, in the New Balance Foundation Marine Mammal Center, and at the Atlantic harbor seal habitat.

- **Tracking ocean animals** – Aquarium educators will lead an activity focused on highly migratory species in the ocean and why it is important to protect key areas that impact their survival, such as feeding grounds and nurseries.

- **Scavenger hunt** – Inside the Aquarium and outside, visitors can participate in a scavenger hunt with three grand raffle prizes, including admission passes, New England Aquarium Whale Watch tickets, and a sea lion encounter.

The Aquarium's summer hours, beginning May 28, are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. Tickets can be reserved in advance at neaq.org.

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establishing and maintaining successful cannabis businesses. Topics will include:

- Legislative History & Social Justice
- License Types
- Financing
- How to Create a Corporation
- City of Boston Host Community Agreements (HCA)
- Site Control
- Resources & Equity Programming
- Ancillary Opportunities

For more information about this free series including the schedule, attendees can register at this link.

ABOUT THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AND INCLUSION CABINET

The vision of the Economic Opportunity and Inclusion Cabinet is of a resilient, equitable, sustainable, and vibrant city that centers people and creates opportunities to build generational wealth. The Cabinet consists of five City departments, including the Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, the Office of Small Business, the Office of Supplier and Workforce Diversity, and the Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment. Learn more here.

ABOUT ROOTED IN

Rooted In Roxbury was founded in 2018 by two local Roxbury couples and business owners who saw the opportunity to make a difference, not only in the cannabis industry but in their local community and neighborhoods. Rooted In's mission is to build a community-conscious cannabis business, committed to engaging, serving, and benefiting the members of the community through financial success and social responsibility. Learn more here.

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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