Save the Harbor Awards Over $200,000 to Support Free Beach Programs

On Saturday morning, June 6th Save the Harbor/Save the Bay awarded more than $200,000 in Better Beaches Program grants to over 35 groups in beachfront communities. Eight groups from South Boston were awarded grants to jumpstart their free beach programs and events to be held throughout the summer. BCYF Curley Community Center was awarded $5,000 for their Beach Jam, the Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment was awarded $20,000 for their Boston Beach Bash, Mass Kiting was awarded $2,064 for... CONTINUED ON page 6

(Left to Right) Jonathan Gladstone and Kellie Latimer of L Street Ice Swimmers, Alicia Simpson of BCYF Curley Community Center, Bryan Van Dorpe of YES, David Biele of Rep. Nick Collins’s office, Save the Harbor President Patty Foley, Representative RoseLee Vincent, Helen Lin of L Street Ice Swimmers, DCR Deputy Commissioner Sam Overton, Joanne McDevitt of City Point Neighborhood Association, Save the Harbor Board Chair Joe Newman, Ken Brissette of the Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports, and Entertainment, Kathy Lafferty of South Boston Neighborhood House, Donnie Todd of JetBlue, Max Havlin of Quidditch Club Boston, and Jeremy Reger and Jean Dunoyer of Mass Kiting.

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EDITORIAL

‘It Stands For Liberty’

Two weeks ago we honored Memorial Day and last weekend the Boston Police gathered at Mt. Hope Cemetery to remember those officers who passed on. They were military and civilians, both with the same mission to protect and defend our citizens. As we see that line between military and civilian become a little more blurred each passing day, we can anchor ourselves to that one bold symbol that always stands out - our American Flag. The previous two weeks had honor those who serve under and protect that symbol. This week we honor the flag itself. “Freedom is not free”, but one doesn’t need a gun to prove that. One needs simply the courage to fly the flag. All those flags that have answered the call and become disheveled in their service to our nation will be retired in flag burning ceremonies, June 14 10:00 A.M. at Fort Independence on Castle Island. Devotion and respect to our flag honors all Americans who have and continue to serve under it. Citizens wishing to present flags for Honorable Retirement are welcome and encouraged to attend.

“The rights of man come not from the generosity of the State, but from the hands of God” - John F. Kennedy

This Week’s Poll

Should the Inbound Bus Route Stay On East Broadway Or Be Moved Back to East Fourth Street?

STAY or
GO BACK

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I’ve never met Boston City Councilor Tito Jackson of Roxbury. From what I’ve read, he seems like a good and decent guy, who cares deeply about the violent crime running rampant in his district. He should care. There is a dangerous minority of kids and young adults running wild shooting, stabbing, selling drugs and pretty much terrorizing the innocent folks, who reside there and who just want to be able to live their lives in safety and peace. But the solution that Councilor Jackson is proposing is, for lack of a better word – nuts.

What’s being referred to as ‘Pay for Punks’ by a number of its critics is a proposal to pay money to some of the most brutal and dangerous offenders to stop doing what they’re doing. Amounts of $300 - $1000 would be given to these ‘gangbangers’, if they will just agree to change their criminal ways. What??!! Have we as a society come to this? We’ll give you money for doing what’s right? First of all, in many cases, the money the punks pull in from drug dealing and robbing dwarfs the amount that would be offered. Oh, that doesn’t mean they won’t take it anyway. Free money from the city or from donors isn’t something to be turned down. That will actually give them a legal, legitimate looking income while they continue their more profitable enterprises.

Councilor Jackson uses as his model a plan from the city of Richmond, California where he says a similar program has been in place and makes perfect economic sense. Because he says it costs much more to incarcerate the bad kids than it does to offer them money; pay them off in other words. But that’s not the point, is it? Do we now have to give money to people to get them to stop committing crimes? If we ever do decide to go this route in Boston or anywhere else in America, the line that divides right from wrong stands a good chance of being erased forever.

Councilor Jackson’s intentions are good and he is probably sincere in his belief that his proposal will work. But the method he proposes could not be more misguided and wrong and would set a terrible precedent and an even worse example for the youths in his district.

To call such a plan ‘Pay for Punks’ may come across sounding insensitive but so what. That’s just what it is – A payoff for Punks. Isn’t this how the Mafia sometimes works? In mob circles, it’s sometimes known as protection money. Give us this much money when we come in every week to collect and we’ll leave you alone. Don’t pay and bad things might happen?

Most people wish Tito Jackson all the best in stemming the tide of crime in his district. There’s no soothing way to put it – It’s very often like a war zone there and he wants to do something about it. Good for him. His heart is obviously in the right place. But payoffs to people who commit crimes in an effort to get them to stop are never the way to go.
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.

BIG MAY PUSHES TAX COLLECTIONS $389 MIL. AHEAD OF BENCHMARK
The latest tax collection data appears to underscore the belief that this year’s state budget problems were not due to revenue problems. With one month left in fiscal 2015, tax collections are running $389 million above the benchmark used for budgeting purposes, thanks to $1.84 billion in May receipts that followed the state’s first-ever $3 billion month in April. The above-benchmark revenues bode well for a potential surplus in fiscal 2015 although the level of end-of-fiscal-year supplemental appropriation needs is not yet known and any surplus will also depend on Baker administration implementation of mid-year spending cuts. May tax collections were up 13.2 percent over May 2014 and fiscal-year-to-date collections are up 5.9 percent over the same 11-month period in fiscal 2014, not including more than $183 million in large tax settlement payments. May revenues beat the monthly benchmark by $228 million, mostly due to income tax collections. “The improvement in labor markets continues this month as evidenced by the increase in withholding, even after accounting for some possible acceleration of June payments into this month,” Revenue Commissioner Mark Nunnely said in a statement. “We saw further evidence of recovery in the withholding performance with the growth of bonus-related revenues in the finance, insurance and biotech manufacturing industries.” The recent two-month corporate and business amnesty program that ended May 15 resulted in collections of about $15 million, less than the $18 million forecast. - Michael Norton/SHNS

UMASS MEMORIAL LINKING WITH URGENT CARE GROUP
UMass Memorial Health Care has teamed up with an urgent care provider that will offer treatment for non-life-threatening injuries and illnesses at three central Massachusetts locations slated to open in July and October. “Patients can often be treated with the same quality of care, and much more quickly, at an urgent care center than in emergency rooms,” said CareWell Urgent Care CEO Shaun Ginter in a statement. The affiliation began June 1, according to Thursday’s announcement, which said the first urgent care centers affiliated with the hospital group will open July 15 in two Worcester locations. A third location in Northborough is expected to open in October, and other affiliated sites will open in the area over the next year and a half, according to the announcement. “This affiliation will help integrate care by establishing relationships between UMass Memorial emergency departments; primary care physicians and medical specialists, and CareWell Urgent Care providers,” said UMass Memorial CEO and President Dr. Eric Dickson in a statement. - Andy Metzger/SHNS

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Overlooked in all the courage of the terrorist shooting in Roslindale last week was the release, on bail, of Sean Ellis convicted of the murder of a Boston police officer. Detective John Mulligan was shot 5 times, in uniform, as he sat in a car in a parking lot where he was performing a paid detail. This will be the fourth trial for this convicted cop killer. The reason is that a couple of detectives Mulligan knew were allegedly involved in shaking down liquor establishments and drug dealers. All of which had nothing to do with whether Ellis pulled the trigger. Yet because they were dirty in some unrelated area, the judge feels he can be assumed they engaged in misconduct in the Mulligan investigation. Twenty-two years in jail for the killer is 22 years John Mulligan was robbed of. Even the judge isn’t doubting the evidence Ellis was convicted on, but on “trial procedure” the juries always pegged Ellis as a shooter.

So the week began with the police feeling pretty unappreciated and got worse. No sooner had they saved themselves and the public from a deadly assault than they were being branded racists and white supremacy murderers. All the talk of course had to an about face as the grainy video tape proved to be clear enough to certify the police version of events. The angry lashing out by family members is understandable. What is less so is the deliberate attempt to incite by manufacturing false, final words like “I can’t breath”.

If, as the police maintain, Rahim had been on their radar since 2012, how can family and friends continue the fiction that they saw no change in him? Perhaps it’s because he reflected the same America hating philosophy they were teaching him. The hope here is that the family statement that their original remarks were “inaccurate” is a step forward. Common sense and hope may be infectious. While the leftist anarchist “Black lives matter” movement issued some blather about the “white supremacy” power structure, a real group of Boston residents had a peaceful march over the weekend to call attention to the 7 year old shot and all the victims of street violence.

In Connecticut the renowned “racial healer” Rev. Al Sharpton came to town to lead a march, but demanded money before he would speak. A real minister promptly called him a “pimp” and led the people in a free march. Even in Texas where the video of the cop pulling his gun has been shown nonstop, a number of residents, black and white, have stepped forward to state it was not a racial incident. While the officer was wrong to draw his weapon, he initially was alone and residents claim the video doesn’t show the complete picture. The hopeful sign is more people are stepping forward to judge each case on its own merits, instead of joining the “race” game working for planned and orchestrated chaos.

As a non-America-hating infidel, I was happy to know the diligence, intelligence, bravery and determination of the police protecting me and mine is the best there is. Happiness that only grew as each one of the bombing weasel’s pals got prison followed by deportation, except for one who had a letter of support from the world’s most famous tank driver, Mike Dukakis. Naturally Gov. Mike wrote to the convicted felon was “a fine fellow”, which only fueled this ungrateful whiner to appeal. The jury, by the way, publicly voiced disgust with the light sentence they thought the judge gave. Overall, five more terrorists off Boston streets ended the week on a good note.

Take care till next week.
BPD Makes Drug Arrest of a Norwood Man at Moakley Park

**SBT Staff Report**

The Boston Police at recent meetings in the neighborhood had announced that they have every intention of using all the resources necessary to help stem the rising tide of drug use and dealing in South Boston. Though overall crime is down in the neighborhood, as was reported in last week’s issue of South Boston Today, the use and sale of illegal and dangerous drugs is on the rise. Overdoses of hard drugs including Heroin are happening more frequently.

BPD sources report that last Saturday, June 6th at 5:45pm, a Norwood man, 23 year old Herbert Small, was arrested for possession with intent to sell Crack Cocaine at Moakley Park in the vicinity of Columbia Road. Neighbors have for weeks been complaining about the ongoing drug dealing at Moakley Park and had asked police to increase patrols there, and they have. The beefed up patrols have been paying off. A search of Small’s motor vehicle revealed approximately $3,500 in cash, which was seized on site and is being held pending an investigation. Another man on the scene was found to be in possession of marijuana and was given a civil citation for holding less than an ounce of the drug.

The increase of the use and sale of illegal drugs is not just happening in South Boston. Law enforcement officials report that it’s a growing problem in every Boston neighborhood and is increasing in suburban areas as well. Residents are asked to report any suspicious activity to police who will investigate. If the epidemic of illegal drugs spreading through the neighborhoods is to be stopped it will take the cooperation of neighbors working with police.

Warrant Sweeps Underway – Arrests Being Made

A s reported by Fox 25’s Sharman Sacchetti, with Amy Lord’s murder back in the spotlight and the conviction of her murderer, and the increase in heroin and other dangerous drugs proliferating once again on the city streets, there is a new effort from lawmakers meeting with police, pushing for them to go after offenders who should not be on the streets.

“Some of the worst case scenarios that we dealt with our last couple of years, the tragedies, we want to prevent them,” State Representative Nick Collins stated when interviewed. Two years ago, in the wake of the murder of Amy Lord and the violent attacks on women in Southie, Collins called on police to round up criminals with outstanding warrants. On Tuesday he was at the police station in South Boston along with Boston City Councilor Mike Flaherty to push for more sweeps of everyone from drug pushers to violent offenders. “We’d like to see them more regularly done,” Councilor Flaherty said. “It’s an ongoing effort anyhow, but we are going to pick it up considerably in the weeks ahead and through the summer,” said Boston Police Superintendent Bernard O’Rourke. After the meeting, Superintendent O’Rourke said warrant sweeps are done all the time, but police are stepping it up in the coming weeks. “We’re going to target some of the impact players, something we’ve done in the past as well,” Superintendent O’Rourke said.

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their International Kiteboarding Film Festival, South Boston Neighborhood House was awarded $5,000 for family fun nights, Quidditch Club Boston was awarded $500 for Quidditch on the beach, YES was awarded $5,500 for Stand-Up Paddleboard instruction, L Street Ice Swimmers was awarded $1,000 for their cold water swim, and City Point Neighborhood Association was awarded $1,500 for their Summer Sizzle.

This year’s Better Beaches Program grants will fund traditional beach events like free concerts and sand sculpting competitions, family fun nights and beach festivals, including a late season beach party hosted by Boston Mayor Marty Walsh. It will also include a Quidditch tournament, story telling with the pirate Mary Read, a coastal illumination and sand painting by noted California coastal artist Andres Amadore.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay also announced the expansion of their free Boston Harbor Explorers program at DCR’s Carson Beach in South Boston, which is now one of the cleanest urban beaches in America. The program will be based at the McCormack Bath House on Day Boulevard, and run five days a week for 8 weeks in July and August.

Activities at DCR’s Carson Beach will include free swimming and kayak lessons and beach soccer clinics, as well as environmental exploration, fishing, and art on the shore. Save the Harbor expects more than 2,000 youth and teens from area youth development and community organizations to take part this year.

“The region’s public beaches are an extraordinary asset to the residents of Boston’s waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities from Nahant to Nantasket” said Save the Harbor’s spokesman Bruce Berman. “It was a wicked winter. We want to thank the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Metropolitan Beaches Commission and all our program sponsors and partners for making this a spectacular summer for the more than 1 million people who live just a short ride or drive from the coast.

Funds to support the Better Beaches Program come from the proceeds of the Harpoon Helps Cupid Splash pledge fundraiser, which was held this year on the first snowy Saturday of spring. Over the past 7 years, Save the Harbor’s community partners in Nahant, Lynn, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy, and Hull have leveraged $205,000 in small grants received from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay with $815,722 in cash and in-kind contributions from local government and small businesses for a total investment of $1,020,722 in 214 free events and programs for the region’s residents and visitors alike.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay would like to thank the Metropolitan Beaches Commission and the Department of Conservation and Recreation for their support of the Better Beaches Program. We would also like to thank the more than 600 people who participated in this year’s Harpoon Helps Cupid Splash, and all our Better Beaches program, policy and event sponsors, including Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, The Boston Foundation, Harold Whitworth Pierce Charitable Trust, Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, P&G Gillette, Comcast, National Grid, The Department of Conservation & Recreation, BCYF Curley Community Center, Boston Centers for Youth & Families, YMCA of Greater Boston, Food Should Taste Good, Mix 104.1, Sullivans and Russo Marine.

For more information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay’s Better Beaches Program, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org or follow savetheharbor on Facebook and Twitter.
Alemany Guilty Of 1st Degree Murder – Mandatory Life In Prison Without Parole

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
SBT Staff Report

R ejecting his insanity defense, jurors on Monday convicted a Boston man of first-degree murder and kidnapping for the 2013 death of 24-year-old Amy Lord. Prosecutors say Edwin Alemany, 30, attacked and kidnapped Lord — a Wilbraham native living in South Boston — and forced her to withdraw money from several ATMs before stabbing her to death and leaving her body in a park.

Alemany was also convicted on charges related to two other attacks on women in South Boston within 24 hours of Lord’s murder. He was acquitted of a charge of assault with intent to rape. Defense attorney Jeffrey Denner had argued that Alemany was not guilty by reason of insanity. He said after the verdict that it’s clear his client has needed mental help for a long time.

“The furiosity and rage that exploded in one 18-hour period to me is a reflection of just how sick he is,” Denner said.

Suffolk County District Attorney Dan Conley says the jury got it right. “He’s an angry man. He obviously took a tremendous amount of violence out on Amy Lord,” Conley said. “But he is a criminally responsible man. He knew what he was doing.” Alemany’s first-degree murder conviction carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole. His formal sentencing is set for Tuesday morning.

With reporting by The Associated Press

Stephen Kurkjian speaks on his new book Master Thieves: The Boston Gangsters Who Pulled Off the World’s Greatest Art Heist, an account of the still-unsolved theft of Boston’s Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. It is a case defined by superlatives: the largest art theft in history, carrying the world’s greatest reward offer, and one of the FBI’s biggest unsolved art crimes.

The principal reporter on the case for years, Mr. Kurkjian will discuss his gripping account of the heist of a quarter century ago, reveal the involvement of two criminal gangs battling for control of the Boston underworld, and the motive for the crime. A book-signing will accompany the lecture, which will take place at the South Boston Branch Library, 646 East Broadway.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

PROJECT PROPONENT:
Circle Development Company

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Article 80 Large Project Review for proposal to add an adjoining building to Boston Red Dog Pet Resort and Spa and establish Boston Self Storage. The proposed building would be an approximately 82,500 square foot facility with six floors of personal and small business storage units. The Proposed Project is located at 274 Southampton St, in the Newmarket Industrial District.

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CLOSE OF COMMENT PERIOD:
Saturday, July 11, 2015

BOSTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
PUBLIC MEETING

ARTISTS FOR HUMANITY EXPANSION

TUESDAY, JUNE 23
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

PROJECT PROPONENT:
Artists for Humanity

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Article 80 Large Project Review for Artists for Humanity's proposal to expand its existing 24,000 square-foot (sf) Epicenter by adding approximately 57,000 square feet (sf) of new studios, studio partners, event, and retail space. The Proposed Project is located at 100 West Second Street, South Boston.

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Wednesday, July 1, 2015

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PUBLIC MEETING

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

PROJECT PROPONENT:
SSI West Third Boston LLC

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The Site consists of approximately one acre (43,567 square feet) bounded by A Street on the west, West Third Street on the north, the depressed Haul Road on the East, and Athens Street on the south with the exception of two out parcels. The building will include up to 105 residential condominium units in about 129,450 square feet of space. The residential units will include a variety of types and sizes to meet a number of different needs. Approximately 3,400 square feet of retail/commercial space shall be included on the ground floor and approximately 1,000 square feet in a mezzanine for storage or mechanical space. One level of interior parking that is partially below grade and accessed by West Third Street will include approximately 109 parking spaces and secure space for up to 110 bicycles within the building.

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Darryl and Patti Elliot are small business owners who appreciate being part of the community and give back at every opportunity. They have sponsored local Little League Baseball teams, support the Boston Children’s Hospital and help with a variety of other worthy causes that strengthen neighborhoods and assist those in need. Patti’s ties to the South Boston Community are strong. She has family, including her parents who are residents. Her Dad is a retired Boston Police officer and her Mom is a former school teacher. Both Patti and Darryl enjoy the time they spend in the neighborhood. They also have two young children of their own.

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‘BOSTON STRONG’ AUTHORS TO SPEAK AT SOUTH BOSTON LIBRARY

Best-selling authors Dave Wedge and Casey Sherman discuss their new book, Tsaarnaev trial June 18; host veteran’s fundraiser at the Playwright

Best-selling authors Dave Wedge and Casey Sherman visit the South Boston Public Library June 18 to talk about their new book, “Boston Strong: A City’s Triumph Over Tragedy,” and the trial of bomber Dzhokhar Tsaarnaev.

Wedge, a veteran journalist and radio host, and Sherman, a former TV producer and acclaimed author of eight books, have been the go-to analysts for media across the globe covering the Tsaarnaev trial, appearing on CNN, Fox News Channel, MSNBC and CTV in Canada. Following the library event, Wedge and Sherman are hosting a fundraiser for the Massachusetts Fallen Heroes at The Playwright, which is located next door to the library.

WHO: Authors Dave Wedge and Casey Sherman, Massachusetts Fallen Heroes
WHERE: South Boston Public Library, 646 East Broadway, South Boston (reception to follow at The Playwright, 658 East Broadway)
WHEN: Thursday, June 18, 5:30 p.m. (reception 7-10 p.m.)
About “Boston Strong: A City’s Triumph Over Tragedy”

The first collaboration from acclaimed true crime author Casey Sherman (“The Finest Hours,” “Bad Blood,” “Animal”), and veteran journalist Dave Wedge (Boston Herald, Esquire, DigBoston), tells the epic tale of the April 13, 2013, Boston Marathon bombings, as well as the intense manhunt, shootout and capture in Watertown, through the eyes of those most impacted by the attacks. Featuring a foreword by Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the book was released in February 2015 via University Press of New England’s ForeEdge imprint.

The book includes exclusive details from hours of interviews with late Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Gov. Deval Patrick, survivors, investigators, victims’ relatives and eyewitnesses. A feature film based on the book is in development by 20th Century Fox and the production/writing team behind the Academy Award-winning film “The Fighter” and Disney’s forthcoming feature “The Finest Hours,” based on Sherman’s book.

Learn more at www.facebook.com/BostonStrongBook or follow on Twitter @BostStrongBook.

Praise for “Boston Strong”

“It is moving, it is heartbreaking... it is beautifully done.” - John Dennis, co-host of “The Dennis & Callahan Show” on WEEI 93.7 FM Boston

“Gripping. ... Boston Strong should make a helluva movie. The behind-the-scenes details make for a riveting read!” - The New Haven Register

“Inspirational, thoroughly researched.” - Competitor Magazine

“The authors have created a vivid and gripping read. ... The book is inspirational, telling the stories of many survivors of the marathon bombings who have prevailed over incredible odds to put their lives back together.” - Cape Cod Chronicle

“Sherman and Wedge skillfully and honestly tell this most compelling story through the eyes of the people who have inspired us the most ... and have overcome so much since.” - Stephen Puleo, author of “Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919”

“Boston Strong’ combines tireless research with vivid and panoramic storytelling. The horror of a day, the honor of a city – both perfectly conveyed.” - David Maraniss, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “Rome 1960”

About the Authors

CASEY SHERMAN is considered one of America’s preeminent true-crime authors and investigative journalists. His books include The Finest Hours (the basis of a Disney-produced film starring Chris Pine, Casey Affleck and Eric Bana which comes out in October), Animal: The Bloody Rise and Fall of the Mob’s Most Feared Assassin, Search for the Strangler, A Rose for Mary, and Bad Blood. Sherman has been featured on NBC’s Today Show and Dateline; CBS’s The Early Show, 48 Hours and the CBS Evening News; ABC’s World News Tonight, CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, Discovery, The History Channel, A&E, The Travel Channel, and The View.

DAVE WEDGE is a journalist and former top investigative reporter for the Boston Herald. He has won awards for his reporting from Ground Zero, the Rhode Island nightclub fire, and the Boston Marathon bombings. A Boston College graduate, he is a contributor to Esquire and DigBoston, and has been a guest on CNN, FOX News, MSNBC, CBS, ABC’s Good Morning America, CNBC, and E! True Hollywood Stories. He is also host of a new Friday night radio show on WRKO 680-AM focusing on the bombing trial.

Follow Dave on Twitter and Instagram @DaveWedge.

About Massachusetts Fallen Heroes

Founded in Boston in 2010 by Gold Star families, firefighters, police officers, veterans and other patriotic citizens, Massachusetts Fallen Heroes is a registered nonprofit dedicated to honoring the memories of soldiers killed in the line of duty and supporting their families. The organization broke ground in 2014 on a permanent memorial to honor the Commonwealth’s brave servicemen and women who died while in service to this grateful nation. The Massachusetts Iraq and Afghanistan Fallen Heroes Memorial will be located in Seaport Square Park in South Boston.

Make a tax-deductible donation at www.massfallenheroes.org.

Flag Retirement Ceremony This Sunday

This Sunday, June 14th, Flag Day, the annual Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place at Fort Independence at Castle Island. It begins at 11:00am. It’s open to the public and admission is free. This is a formal ceremony which will demonstrate the proper way to dispose of or ‘retire’ the Flag of the United States of America – Old Glory/ The Stars and Stripes.

Most know that when disposing of an old, faded or ripped and shredded flag Americans do not simply throw them away. They are incinerated the proper way and that will be on display on Sunday. Any member of the public, who is in possession of a flag that should be disposed of, is invited to bring it to the ceremony on Sunday and it will be retired with other flags.

On hand will be a color guard from the United States Coast Guard, as well as other military units. The event will take inside the Fort on the parade grounds. The Flag Retirement Ceremony is sponsored by the Castle Island Association, the Paul J. Saunders’ VFW Post #6536, The Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post # 561 and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).
The Gate of Heaven Neighborhood Association extends its heartfelt thank you to the neighborhood for supporting its efforts with a well-attended first fundraiser at the Shamrock Pub last Thursday night. The level of enthusiasm was overwhelming with over 100 people stopping by with their well wishes and generous donations to assist in our efforts as we push forward.

Ray Flynn, Former Mayor, State Representative, City Councilor and Ambassador to the Vatican and his wife Cathy stopped by and escorted their friend Karyn Polito, Lt. Governor of Massachusetts. Both Ray Flynn and Karyn Polito provided the crowd with their spirited comments about how a quality charter school can bring both educational opportunity and stability to a small neighborhood like South Boston. Their support and encouragement was well received.

The Zoning Board of Appeals hearing is fast approaching and is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23rd at 11:30 A.M. in Boston City Hall’s Room 801. The Gate of Heaven neighborhood and many other residents “Are Opposed to the Building Being Rezoned!” All in attendance feel that the school building should remain as a school and a community asset for generations to come. The Gatey building fits all the needs of a growing, high quality charter school that is looking for a new building.

The Zoning Board needs to hear the collective opposition to the luxury condo project and reject the rezoning variance request. This would allow the purchase and sale of the building to expire. At this point, the neighborhood would hope to have an
opportunity to sit down with the Archdiocese and allow the Charter School to come forward with their offer to purchase or lease the building zoned, as is. The entire community needs to come together for the greater good of the neighborhood’s long term future. During these final weeks before the hearing, the Association is organizing multiple events to make sure the people’s voices are heard loud and clear! Donations of any denomination are most welcomed and greatly appreciated! Checks can be made payable to “The Gatey Fund” and dropped by any local branch of the former Mt Washington/now East Boston Savings Bank.

South Boston Today will keep you informed of these upcoming events. The Association also is preparing, in the event things do not go our way, to explore all avenues of opposition going forward. Once again, The Association extends a sincere thanks to the Neighborhood for your continued support for what we believe is a most worthy cause!
Last Place Red Sox Digging For Gold

The Boston Red Sox, despite sweeping the Oakland Athletics over the past weekend and finding themselves an ace in the making with 22 year old Eduardo Rodriguez, are at the bottom of the AL East.

Rodriguez threw six shutout innings against his former team, the Baltimore Orioles. He allowed three hits — all singles — walked three, and struck out seven. Rodriguez has allowed one run on eight hits over 20 2/3 innings in three starts, striking out 21 and walking seven. The Orioles were hitless in six at-bats with runners in scoring position against Rodriguez. He left two runners stranded in the first inning and got a double play to end a threat in the fourth. The fifth inning was when the real work was done.

While the woes continue, on the second day of the major league draft Tuesday, the Red Sox selected three pitchers, two outfielders, a catcher, a first baseman, and a third baseman in their search for gold dust.

The Sox selected three straight pitchers in Rounds 6 through 8. They picked up Ohio State’s Travis Lakins in the sixth round, South Alabama’s Ben Taylor in the seventh, and IMG Academy’s Logan Allen in the eighth. They spent their ninth-round pick on first baseman Tucker Tubbs, out of Memphis, and their 10th-round pick on third baseman Mitchell Gunsolus, out of Gonzaga.

The Sox started the day by taking catcher Austin Rei, out of the University of Washington, with their third-round pick before adding center fielder Tate Matheny, from Missouri State, in the fourth round. They selected high school senior Jagger Rusconi, who committed to USC commit out of West Ranch (Calif.) High School, in the fifth round.

The pressure is back on John Farrell to get his team in sync.

The South Boston Leadership Initiative will be hosting youth baseball clinics every Saturday in the month of June at Moakley Park. Local college coaches and players will lead the clinics which will cover all of the basic fundamentals of baseball with a focus on proper throwing, pitching, hitting, and fielding. The clinics are free and open to any South Boston resident or student between the ages of 7-12. The schedule is as follows and will take place at Diamond #2:

Saturday June 13th 10am-12pm (10-12 years old) 12pm-2pm (7-9 years old)
Saturday June 20th 10am-12pm (10-12 years old) 12pm-2pm (7-9 years old)
Saturday June 27th 10am-12pm (10-12 years old) 12pm-2pm (7-9 years old)

For more information please contact Ryan Sweeney at RSweeney@SouthBostonLeadership.org

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU15P1343EA
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Estate of:
William Harrison O’Brien
Also known as: William H. O’Brien
Date of Death: 03/23/1973
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed by:
William H O’Brien, Jr.
of South Boston MA
requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that:
William H O’Brien, Jr.
of South Boston MA
be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve
With Personal Surety on the bond.
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 07/09/2015.
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong
First Justice of this Court
June 05, 2015
Felix D Arroyo, Register of Probate
June 11, 2015
DANNY PICARD: Going into the NBA Finals, how did you envision this series playing out when Kyrie Irving was in the Cleveland Cavaliers’ lineup?

A. SHERROD BLAKELY: When he was healthy, I thought that Golden State would still win this thing in six games. I liked the fact that Golden State has, what I consider, better balance. They have high impact players at both the offensive end of the floor and defensively. Whereas Cleveland, even with Kyrie Irving and LeBron James being one of the best one-two punches in terms of scoring, defensively, I thought that Cleveland was going to have some issues. As much as we want to talk about the great job that Cleveland did in winning Game 2, you’ve got to be mindful of the fact that for Steph Curry, it was probably the worst game he has played in the NBA. So the fact that you went to overtime with Golden State’s best player having the worst game he’s ever had, I’m not sure I’d be feeling all that confident if I’m Cleveland.

DP: You’re right, Steph Curry was bad in Game 2. But how much of that also had to do with how Matthew Dellavedova was covering him with some pretty good defense? I think it was a combination. I think it Curry had a bad night, but also, you have to credit Dellavedova for the defensive performance that he put on, being in Curry’s face and all over him the entire game. Are you one to give Delly any credit for that?

ASB: Oh definitely. I definitely give him credit. He did a really good job. He did the job that they assigned him to do, and that’s great. But I don’t believe he can limit Steph Curry over the course of a playoff series like that. If we’re talking about a six, seven game stretch, I think Dell can have one or two games like that, but I don’t think he can really limit Steph Curry the way he did in Game 2, over the course of a playoff series.

DP: So you’re counting out LeBron in this one. You’ve already counted him out, the best player in the world. It’s over, according to you.

ASB: Absolutely. I said that before this series started. And the reason why, is because as great as LeBron is — and without question, I think he’s the best player on the planet and in this series, but I don’t believe he can carry this team by himself. I don’t believe that he can get enough contributions from his teammates, for the Cavaliers to win three more games in this series. I can give him one, possibly two more wins. But I don’t think they’re going to get more than that, because I just think Golden State is too talented, too deep, and they have too many impact players at both ends of the floor.

DP: LeBron says that he has a secret motivation in this series. You have any guesses? I’ve been trying to sit here this morning and come up with something that we don’t already know, and I just can’t do it. But since you’re on the scene and you cover these teams, I’ve got to at least ask. Do you have any guesses, as to what this secret motivation is?

ASB: Well I don’t know how big a secret it is, but he’s motivated by the fact that nobody believes he can win a title without a “Big Three.” In Miami, he had Wade, he had Bosh. In Cleveland, for the most part this season, they were rolling along with Kyrie and Kevin Love. Those two guys are down now. Nobody believes that LeBron James can carry a team to win a title, a la Michael Jordan with the Bulls. And I certainly think that is a driving factor for him, a big motivating factor in the way he’s putting up video-game like numbers in every one of these playoff games.
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