Q: What’s the history of Labor Day? How did it all begin?

A: The Labor Day holiday is interesting because it evolved over a period of years. In 19th century America, there was already a tradition of having parades, picnics and various other celebrations in support of labor issues, such as shorter hours or to rally strikers. But most historians emphasize one specific event in the development of today’s modern Labor Day. That pivotal event was the parade of unions and a massive picnic that took place in

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Summer is not over. While a little shorter, the days are still long, which is how our tempers have to be. True, it's not over, but the signs that Summer is ending are no more apparent than with the arrival of moving day and the trucks that come with it. Once almost the exclusive problem of Bay State Road and Kenmore Square college move-in day is now part of the annual Southie scene.

Unlike that area that is all commercial and dormitories with very little residential, South Boston these days is too expensive to ever go completely rental. There is, however, a substantial number of students who do and will live here, so be prepared.

Bite your tongue when the 19-year-old freshman, who shouldn’t be driving the 27-foot truck but is, blocks up your street. Enjoy the strange piles of items left on the street. It’s only one or two weekends. Save your energy for the parking space battle looming as the winter approaches. For now, though, enjoy the summer.
This past week as most know, the person getting the most press coverage wasn’t Donald or Hillary, it was San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick. His conversion to Islam and support for Black Lives Matter apparently wasn’t getting him as much attention as he had hoped, so his next antic was to sit during the playing of our national Anthem at his NFL Team’s preseason game. Score!! He made headlines and got people talking about him all over the country. But maybe he got a bit more attention than he wanted or the kind that he wasn’t expecting, as former fans responded with disgust and even with a protest of their own. Videos of football fans across the nation burning Kaepernick’s Number 7 jersey are popping up all over social media. Some of the jersey burnings are attracting big, cheering crowds, as Americans everywhere are showing this over rated athlete just what they think of him. News reports tell us that Kaepernick isn’t happy about it and he’s feeling even more ‘oppressed’ now than before.

Also furious at the backlash against Colin Kaepernick are leftist activists and media personalities (not much difference there). Some sports columnists have even tweeted out that burning the man’s jersey is a terrible thing to do. You have to snicker a bit here, when you realize that some of these same upset media and sports personalities have no problem with people burning American flags, as a form of protest. Defacing Old Glory is fine you see. But burning a pampered, over paid pro football player’s jersey, especially one who shouts his disdain for our country at every opportunity, is taking things too far and is of course racist. Some of these same people also demand that Tim Tebow stop praying before his games. To them, the guy that trashes our country is a hero and a champion of First Amendment rights. Kaepernick made his reasons for sitting during the National Anthem as a sign of protest clear in press conferences that he called. He said that he did not want to show pride in a country that oppressed blacks and people of color. Many of his fellow black and other minority NFL players, however, have publicly taken issue with his statements and continue to proudly stand as the Anthem is played. And just how oppressed is Kaepernick? One only need to look at the mansion he lives in, the expensive sports cars that he drives and the 19-million-dollar yearly income he rakes in to understand just how down-trodden this poor oppressed guy is and how mean this country has been to him.

But there is an irony here that many Americans are seeing. Kaepernick knocks this country as being oppressive, yet he converts to Islam. Many of the countries ruled by Islamic and especially Sharia laws and governments have policies in place that won’t allow their people to practice whatever religion they choose. Women are forced to wear approved clothing, cannot drive cars, in some places are not even allowed to attend school and are routinely beaten and stoned for offenses against a male dominated and run culture. Enemies of the state are often beheaded for daring to utter words that go against those in power. This is what real oppression is. Yet, Kaepernick doesn’t and probably never will speak about his disapproval of this country to his fans. So Colin, please take the message to your Black Lives Matter fans, because it’s real oppression that they are experiencing, not America. One only needs to read the Koran to realize the difference between the oppression of the Arab world and our own.

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Dems may be divided, but they can always count on Republicans to screw up

The Herald’s Hillary Chabot has a good column this morning on divisions within the state’s Democratic Party caused by Attorney General Maura Healey’s recent crackdown on “copycat” assault weapons. “There are a lot of Democrats who aren’t happy with her decision, but they don’t want to come out against one of the party leaders,” said state Rep. Colleen Garry, a Dracut Democrat who is one of 58 lawmakers who signed onto a letter opposing Healey’s ban. Combined with party divisions over charter schools and other issues, it could spell trouble for Dems, except for one thing: The state Republican Party is in even worse shape, as a Herald editorial bemoans this morning. How bad is it for Republicans? The Herald this morning said it was “pleased” to endorse Cambridge city councilor Leland Cheung in his Dem primary challenge to state Sen. Patricia Jehlen of Somerville, even though he’s ideologically at odds with the newspaper on almost every major issue except charter schools (and his position on charter schools is far from clear, btw). The word “pleased” was not a typo.

Budget primer for the uninitiated

Ever wonder why the state seems to hippity-hop from one budget crisis to the next, even though the economy is doing well and Massachusetts is far from being considered a low-tax state? The Globe’s Joshua Miller cites the main drivers of recent deficits: “Ballooning health care costs, weaker tax revenue increases than in every other economic recovery in the modern era, and policy makers’ addiction to fiscal gimmicks that allow them to avoid hard choices.” And, yes, Gov. Baker will likely be making more mid-year budget cuts in coming months.

Warren’s contradiction: Concerns about charter schools but ‘full throated support’ for school vouchers

CommonWealth magazine’s Michael Jonas has a nice catch: Last week, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren expressed concerns about, though not outright opposition to, the November ballot question seeking to increase the number of charter schools in Massachusetts – and yet she’s also expressed support for a school reform “even more disruptive of the educational status quo than charter schools – school vouchers.” From Jonas: “In her 2003 book The Two-Income Trap, Warren offered a full-throated endorsement of a voucher system that would allow children to enroll at any public school within a large geographic region that crosses municipal boundaries.”

Awaiting word from the courts on body cameras …

City Hall and police union officials should learn soon – as in this week – whether a Suffolk Superior Court judge will block a planned pilot program that would force 100 Boston police officers to wear body cameras. The Boston Police Patrolmen’s Association late last week asked the court to prevent the program from starting in September, arguing it violated the collective-bargaining arbitration process, reports WBUR.

Foreclosures finally start to ease in Massachusetts

Here’s some good news: After 28 straight months of relentless increases in foreclosure filings in Massachusetts, foreclosure petitions actually dipped by 1.1 percent last month compared with July 2015, according to the Warren Group, publisher of Banker & Tradesman. “While a 1 percent drop in this case equates to a difference of 12 petitions – which is well within the margin of error – it’s still an encouraging sign that foreclosures are still stabilizing in the state,” said Tim Warren, chief executive of the Warren Group. It seems almost unbelievable that the real estate market – at least in the non-tony parts of Massachusetts – has taken this long to heal from last decade’s housing market debacle.

Meanwhile, foreign buyers sure love those condos at Millennium Towers

As noted, many parts of the state are still slowly recovering from last decade’s housing market crash, but other areas are red hot. Buyers from Asia, Greece and the Middle East are among those snapping up luxury units in the new Millennium Tower in Downtown Crossing, part of a larger trend of foreign investment in certain parts of the Boston real estate market, Tim Logan of the Globe reports. Most foreign buyers are making the purchases as investments, with some planning to rent out the apartments. One recent Chinese immigrant purchased at least 16 units at the tower, paying a total of $15.6 million, all in cash.
A pparently women in New Hampshire have the right to go topless in public, which is a little confusing, because last weekend at a New Hampshire beach a group of women removed their tops to demand a right that was already theirs and is on the New Hampshire law books. Having the right to do something doesn’t necessarily make it right. Most of us probably wouldn’t want Mom, sis, wife or girlfriend joining that protest. Still, it would be their right to do so.

Just like it is the right of Colin Kaepernick, back-up quarterback for the San Francisco 49’ers, not to stand for the playing of our National Anthem. For those not sports minded, Kaepernick took the football world by storm several years back when he replaced the injured starting quarterback and began leading San Francisco on a winning streak. He was fast, elusive, could throw and was almost impossible to tackle. The next year, he brought San Francisco all the way to the championship game before finally being stopped.

However, the NFL has seen these superhuman, seemingly unstoppable athletes, before. Virtually all of them become mortals again, once the players get used to them. Many become a “flash in the pan” or “one hit wonders”. Such was the case with Kaepernick. By his third year, teams had figured him out and his overnight success began to fade. Naturally, he had already cashed in by inking a contract that will eventually pay upwards of 116 million dollars.

Today Kaepernick has lost his starting job. At the same time, he has suddenly realized that he is oppressed and apparently has developed some type of social conscience. This newly discovered activism has led him to protest racist white America by sitting during the National Anthem and proclaiming the Flag as a symbol of that oppression. His new activism seemingly causes Kaepernick, who is bi-racial, to forget that when he was abandoned at an orphanage it was two evil white people who adopted and raised him as their son. Perhaps, like our bi-racial President, now that he’s an adult and doesn’t need them anymore, he’s discovered those who raised him are actually, “typical white people”.

Even if he forgets, thankfully, there are those who remember the Glory of the Flag. ‘Glory’, because that is the name of the movie that tells the story of the Massachusetts 54th Regiment featuring Matthew Broderick and Morgan Freeman. It recounts the bravery of this all black Union Army Unit, in attacking the Confederate Fort Wagner in South Carolina during the Civil War. However, it is Herald columnist Joe Fitzgerald who recounts one of the most important events of the battle and in African-American military history. As Mr. Fitzgerald recounts it, the flag bearer was shot and falling to the ground. A soldier, John Carney, dashed forward and, as he told it, dishonor would have followed had the flag touched the ground. Carney took up the banner and though wounded several times never relinquished the flag. He is the first black recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, our nation’s highest military honor.

Why did he do it, what did he see in that flag? Unlike Kaepernick, Carney and the rest of the 54th had experienced true oppression. Some had been whipped by previous owners, but all had been mistreated as slaves and prisoners their whole lives. What did they see in that flag? It probably wasn’t that difficult. They knew what Confederate stars and bars represented. They knew then that the stars and stripes promised freedom. Freedom to all who supported that ideal. They knew that some would use the flag as a symbol to oppress. However, those are the bandits who operate at night with hoods.

Carney must have known the flag belongs to those who stand in the light of day and declare for all to hear their belief in freedom and equality. No, the Union is not perfect but those who stand to salute it are affirming the continuing struggle to make it so.

Sure, Kaepernick has the right to sit. I also have the right to turn the channel, which will happen anytime this phony appears, which won’t be long as he will be out of the league within two years. He just isn’t that good and blaming America to cover up that fact won’t change it.

Take care till next week.
Massport Report to Our Community

A Port for the 21st Century

As Boston’s 6th largest employer and an essential component of the Massachusetts economy, the historic Port of Boston has been and continues to be one of our greatest and most treasured assets. From the shoes we wear, to the food we eat, to the toys our children play with, the Port of Boston is part of the rich fabric of the community.

Every year, the Port of Boston contributes $4.6 billion to the region’s economy, generating more than $300 million in Federal, state and local tax revenue, and some 50,000 total jobs. Last year, Massport’s Conley Container Terminal processed a record 221,014 containers and business is on pace to set another record this year. This month, the Journal of Commerce (JOC) ranked Conley Terminal #1 in North America for improved efficiency.

But the Port of Boston is at a critical turning point. As a result of the Panama Canal expansion, Boston and other east coast ports must accommodate larger container ships that are the new standard in the industry. These “big ships” carry 8,000 – 13,000 containers; right now, Boston handles ships half that size.

Container business and jobs at Conley will be in jeopardy if Boston is not routinely able to handle the bigger ships. Work in the Port of Boston will be lost to other port cities which are already making their ports “big ship” ready.

Massport, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and state government are investing in modernizing the Port of Boston in order to compete in the 21st Century by:

• Dredging the Harbor, including constructing a CAD (Confined Aquatic Disposal) Cell to dispose of soil from the harbor bottom;
• Planning and permitting the construction of one new berth to accommodate “big ships” and revitalize two other berths at Conley Terminal;
• Making plans to add new cranes to load and unload the bigger and wider container ships;
• Building a secure, dedicated freight corridor to take 400-500 trucks off of East First Street.

In collaboration with the South Boston community, we are creating much-needed green space — a 4.5 acre buffer park and sound barrier complete with lighted paths for walkers and runners, bike racks, a new dog park, and 95 on-street parking spaces.

Massport is committed to working with the South Boston community, elected officials and other stakeholders to balance our roles as an economic engine — and a good neighbor.
Last Tuesday evening, supporters flooded Touchie’s Shamrock Pub on E. Eighth Street for Stephen J. Murphy, who is a candidate for the office of Suffolk County Register of Deed. The crowd was enthusiastic and energized as they heard local elected officials sing the praises of the former longtime Boston City Councilor, who is well known for his loyalty and responsiveness to the people of South Boston; and in fact all the neighborhoods of Boston during his many years of dedicated service on the council. Speaker after speaker, among them State Representative Nick Collins and City Councilor at Large Michael Flaherty, spoke of how important the office of Register of Deeds is to home owners and every resident of Suffolk

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The History Of Labor Day

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New York City on Sept. 5, 1882.

At that time, the labor movement was growing stronger. Many of the unions in New York prospered by joining together into one Central Labor Union made up of members from many local unions. On May 14, 1882, a proposal was made at the Central Labor Union meeting that all workers should join together for a “monster labor festival” in early September. A committee of five people was appointed to find a park for the celebration. They chose Wendel’s Elm Park at 92nd Street and 9th Avenue, the largest park in New York City at that time; the date was set for Tuesday, September 5. By June, they had sold 20,000 tickets with the proceeds going to each local union selling them. In August, the Central Labor Union passed a resolution “that the 5th of September be proclaimed a general holiday for the working men in this city.”

At first they were afraid that the celebration was going to be a failure. Many of the workers in the parade had to lose a day’s pay in order to participate. When the parade began only a handful of workers were in it, while hundreds of people stood on the sidewalk jeering at them. But then slowly they came – 200 workers and a band from the Jewelers’ Union showed up and joined the parade. Then came a group of bricklayers with another band. By the time they reached the park, it was estimated that there were 10,000 marchers in the parade in support of workers.

The park was decorated with flags of many nations. Everyone picnicked, drank beer and listened to speeches from the union leadership. In the evening, even more people came to the park to watch fireworks and dance. The newspapers of the day declared it a huge success and “a day of the people.”

Seven years after that first New York Labor Day parade, the union journal for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters published an article claiming that their union brother, McGuire, made the original proposal to have the Labor Day event in New York and called for one day a year to be set aside as Labor Day. This article was reprinted yearly, and it became the common assumption that these were the facts.

However, in 1967, a retired machinist from Maguire’s union stepped up and claimed that his union brother was, in fact, the true originator of the movement for a national Labor Day. He pointed to an old newspaper article written nine years after the New York Labor Day parade titled “Labor Day: Its History and Development in the Land.” This article claimed that the first Secretary of the Central Labor Union, Maguire, was the one who arranged the parade. This claim was supported six years later when the grand marshal of the New York parade of 1882 himself reminisced about how Maguire from the Knights of Labor had first suggested that the Central Labor Union call upon the unions of New York City to join together in a labor parade.

So the historical conundrum seems to hinge on the fact that the two names sound alike and were probably mixed up in the common consciousness. Toss in the years of bitter rivalry between the American Federation of Labor and the Knights of Labor and, of course, you’re going to have multiple heroes emerging in the legendary Labor Day.

I don’t really know if there is only one true parent of Labor Day. But when former Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz spoke at the convention of the International Association of Machinists in 1968, he said: “My decision…is that there is no question as to who is the father of Labor Day in this country. Officially, as of this moment, insofar as the Department of Labor is concerned, it is Matt Maguire, machinist!” So in the question of McGuire versus Maguire, I don’t really know. But my money backs Bill Wirtz every time!

A: Labor Day as a national, legal holiday had an interesting evolution. The legalized celebration of Labor Day began as individual state celebrations. In 1887, New York, New Jersey and Colorado were among the first states to approve state legal holidays. Then other states joined in to create their own state Labor Days. Finally, in response to a groundswell of support for a national holiday celebrating the nation’s workers, Sen. James Henderson Kyle of South Dakota introduced S. 730 to the 53rd Congress to make Labor Day a legal holiday on the first Monday of September each year. It was approved on June 28, 1894.
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GENERAL ELECTRIC HEADQUARTERS PROJECT

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
280 CONGRESS STREET
Fort Point Room, Atlantic Wharf
Boston, MA 02210

PROJECT PROPONENT:
General Electric

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
On August 1, 2016, a joint Expanded Environmental Notification Form/Expanded Project Notification Form (EENF/EPNF) was submitted pursuant to Section 80B-5 of the Code by General Electric to the Boston Redevelopment Authority. The EENF/EPNF describes the construction of the GE Headquarters project, the “Project”, in Boston.

The Project will include the rehabilitation of two historic brick buildings at 5 and 6 Necco Court, the “Brick Buildings”, the connection of those buildings by a shared lobby, the construction of a new 12-story building that will be connected to the Brick Buildings by a pedestrian bridge and walkway and the construction of public realm buildings, including Harborwalk improvements, green space, interpretive signage, and amenities.

An additional public meeting will be held on September 21, 2016 at a location to be determined from 6:30 - 8:00.

SOUTH BOSTON REZONING INITIATIVE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
650 EAST FOURTH ST.
Tynan Community Center Cafeteria
South Boston

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
This South Boston Rezoning meeting will consist of a 30 minute open house from 6 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. followed by a presentation and Q & A session from 6:30 to 8 P.M. The Boston Redevelopment Authority will report back to the community dimensional recommendations for new zoning based on feedback at previous meetings. Previous meetings have focused on height, density, setbacks etc. Parking ratios for new construction will also be discussed at this meeting.

660 SUMMER STREET - MARINE WHARF

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
22 DRYDOCK AVE
Conference Room, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02210

PROJECT PROPONENT:
Harbinger Development, L.L.C.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
The proponent proposes to develop a dual-branded, 320,000 square-foot, 411-room,15-story hotel at the approximately 1.17-acre so-called Parcel A, located at 660 Summer Street within the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park. Parking for approximately 75 vehicles will be located in a second-floor.
Massport Supports Summer Jobs for South Boston Students

Many South Boston students earned a paycheck this summer thanks to the Massachusetts Port Authority’s Community Summer Jobs Program. Now in its 25th year, Massport’s program supported 43 South Boston high school and college students in summer jobs with community organizations.

This summer, Massport has funded summer jobs for a total of 328 local students in 35 different organizations in 10 communities. Students are employed in various positions including office assistants, junior and senior camp counselors, lifeguards, and jobs in maintenance and landscaping. In South Boston, Massport is supporting 43 student summer jobs with the Condor Community Center, South Boston Neighborhood House, Tynan Community Center, West Broadway Task Force, Laboure Center, Curley Community Center, Stretch Walsh Community Center, South Boston Boys & Girls Club and the McDonough Sailing Center.

Massport’s Community Summer Jobs Program is designed to help civic and social service agencies by providing funds to support youth employment in neighboring communities including: Charlestown, Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, South Boston, Winthrop, Bedford, Concord, Lexington and Worcester.

“Each year, we employ hundreds of local students throughout our neighboring communities in various business areas through the Community Summer Jobs Program,” said Massport CEO Thomas P. Glynn. “This is an important opportunity for young people to gain experience in different industries, and hopefully some of these students will have a career with Massport in the future.”

Participating organizations are responsible for recruiting, interviewing, hiring and supervising student employees. Since Massport’s Community Summer Jobs Program started in 1991, thousands of summer jobs have been funded providing local high school and college students with the opportunity to gain valuable job skills while serving their community.

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operates Boston Logan International Airport, public terminals in the Port of Boston, Hanscom Field, and Worcester Regional Airport. Massport is a financially self-sustaining public authority whose premier transportation facilities generate more than $15 billion annually, and enhance and enable economic growth and vitality in New England. For more information, please visit massport.com.

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out against those who enforce and advocate it. Some words that come to mind are phony, hypocrite and my label of choice for him is blowhard.

If America is so bad, so oppressive and so racist as Kaepernick insists, wouldn’t the best course of action be for him to leave this terrible place and relocate to an Islamic run nation, one where by his foolish rants would make us think he’d be much more comfortable? All of us know that would never happen. He, along with all those America bashing Hollywood celebrities, who say the US is so bad and unfair - the same ones who live in luxury beyond the average person’s wildest dreams in their gated communities - would have to give up their lavish lifestyles and the freedom to scold the rest of us about being bigots and oppressors. This would never be acceptable to them. They know it. They are just talk.

A sure bet will be that all the celebs

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Soaking up those Late Summer Rays

SBT Staff Report and Photos by Jessica Grande

This has been one of the most beautiful summers in recent memory; at least as far as the weather is concerned. Warm temperatures and sunny skies have been a daily gift for vacationers and weekenders alike. South Boston’s beautiful beaches have been crowded from Memorial Day right through this week as swimmers and sun bathers take in the rays and enjoy the cool clear waters of our 3 miles of welcoming sandy shoreline.

All this week, the crowds continued to flock to Pleasure Bay, M Street Beach, Castle Island and Carson Beach to take advantage of the awesome late summer, almost tropical breezes. The Summer of 2016 just doesn’t seem to want to quit and that’s just fine with most.

Program Start Date: September 19th 2016
Monday-Friday 2:30pm-6pm
Ages: 6 and up (must be 6 years old before program starts)
Cost: $20.00 per week
Transportation is not available
Registration starts on Monday September 12th @ 2:30pm
(Birth Certificate required)

C.A.S.T. Participants will receive tutoring and help with homework; Physical and Athletic activities in the gym. Recreational games on the playground and Arts and Crafts, Movies and board games. A daily healthy snack will be served!

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like, Cher, Rosie O’Donnell, Kanye West, Barbara Streisand and the rest, who say they will leave the country if Trump is elected, won’t be going anywhere. It would be nice if they did. The reduction of polluted hot air from these people would clean up the environment a bit. But, unfortunately, they’ll be staying, because they know that there are few, if any, other countries that would allow them the freedom to make asses of themselves, like they have here in America.

So Colin Kaepernick can sit in defiance at the playing of our National Anthem all he wants because he has that freedom. But Americans can stop buying tickets to 49er’s games and they can keep on burning his jerseys to show their disgust with his childish hypocrisy too. Freedom goes both ways and one protest deserves another.
18TH ANNUAL RUN/WALK TO BREAK THE SILENCE ON OVARIAN CANCER®

The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition (NOCC) Massachusetts Chapter’s 18th Annual Run/Walk, on Sunday, September 11 at DCR Mother’s Rest Area & Day Boulevard on Carson Beach, will help Break the Silence on Ovarian Cancer®! Termed “the silent killer,” ovarian cancer continues to be the deadliest of all gynecologic cancers. This year it is estimated that more than 22,000 women will receive a new diagnosis of ovarian cancer, and over 14,000 will die. The Run/Walk event helps to raise awareness and promote education, honor ovarian cancer survivors, remember those who have lost their lives to the disease, and raise crucial funds for NOCC programs and research initiatives.

For 25 years, the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition has been working hard, through its more than 20 chapters nationwide, to raise awareness, improve the quality of life for survivors, and fund ovarian cancer research. There is no test to detect ovarian cancer; the PapTest does not detect the disease. The symptoms, which are subtle, can mimic those of unrelated conditions. For these reasons, the diagnosis of ovarian cancer most often occurs in later stages of the disease, when the prognosis is poor.

Ovarian Cancer Symptoms may include: bloating, trouble eating and feeling full quickly, pelvic or abdominal pain, and feeling the need to urinate urgently or often. However, if diagnosed early, ovarian cancer is treatable. In fact, when diagnosed and treated in the earliest stages, the five-year survival rate is over 90%. It is imperative, that the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer are recognized and considered, not only by women, but by their loved ones, as well as medical providers.

For additional details about the 18th Annual 5K Run/Walk to Break the Silence event, and to register, please visit runwalk.ovarian.org/Massachusetts.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL OVARIAN CANCER COALITION

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Baptism at Carson Beach

Carson Beach is a place where a variety of activities take place and it gets more public use with each passing year. We have swim races, kayaking, sailing and every other sort of summer recreation fun that needs some clear water, lots of sand, and yes, nice weather is always a bonus. This past week there was even a Baptism held near the McCormack bath House end of the shoreline as the ‘Gathering of Christ Church (GOCC) of Boston Baptized congregation members in a very sacred but uplifting and happy ceremony on a beautiful late summer morning last Sunday.

Everything went perfectly and there were plenty of smiles all around when it was over. It was a wonderful event.
County and how it will take a hard working and competent person to fill the shoes of the now retired Francis ‘Mickey’ Roache. All in attendance and people throughout Suffolk County have expressed confidence in the ability of Stephen Murphy to get the job done.

With his vast experience as an elected public servant and his dedication to the people he has served so well for so long, Stephen Murphy was definitely the choice of those gathered to wish him luck in the primary which will be held on Thursday, September 8th. Voters are urged to get out and vote in this very important primary contest.

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SOCCER PARADE SEPTEMBER 8TH

Next Thursday September 8th at 6:00 p.m. the South Boston Youth Soccer League will be holding its 32nd annual “Parade of Champions” at Moakley park in the Paul Saunders Stadium. This is the official kickoff for the fall season in which over 600 of Southie’s finest – it’s kids, will participate in a fun filled opening night parade.

City Councilor Billy Linehan will be the Master of Ceremonies and as usual he will provide all of us with a fun filled night of merriment with his wit. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be providing the marching music for the kids once again. The Boston Police Honor Guard will lead the slowest parade in town as they lead the kids on their route around the track. Some of the police officers have been involved with this parade for over 32 years and tell me that this is the one event they look forward to every year where they get to be right up close with all the kids.

All players should be at the stadium by 5:30 and line up with their team for the start of the parade. Look for the age group and team number on the signs on the fence outside the stadium. Any player who registered but has not been contacted by a coach and does not know their team should go to the clubhouse at 4:30 where an information table has been set up. Coaches should be at the clubhouse at 5:00 pm to pick up their jerseys and line up with their teams and have their team sign all set and great costumes on the kids.

So if you want to have some fun and cheer on the kids, then make it a point to be at the stadium Thursday September 8th at 6:00 pm for the “PARADE OF CHAMPIONS“.

South Boston Pop Warner

Start of the 19th Football Season

South Boston Pop Warner football and cheerleading starts its 19th season on Monday, September 5th – Labor Day. The oldest kids on the A (unlimited) team start the day off with a 10:30 AM kick-off, followed by the D team at noon time and the final game will be our E team starting at 1:30 PM. If you’re looking for something to do on Labor Day, stop bye and support the kids.

On Friday, September 9th at 6:30 PM, the program will be having its Annual Pep Rally where every player and cheerleader is introduced to the community. The Pep Rally has always been a big event to invite the whole family down. Each cheer team will do a cheer demonstration.

After the Pep Rally, our youngest players on our F team will play their first game. The 5 & 6-year-old players take the field under lights. Our F team is our instructional program. We have two F teams that will play each other. And this year, they will be wearing new game shirts. There will be a white Fighting Irish team and a blue Fighting Irish team.

Thanks to all the sponsors who allow us to offer this program to the kids in the community. You can see all our sponsors on our website www.SBPW.com.

Also, many thanks to all our volunteer football and cheerleading coaches and the volunteers who help run the home games. We can always use some more volunteers. So please come by the field during our home games and hold the chains or down markers or lend a hand in the concession stand!

View the Home Game Schedule online at www.southbostontoday.com
DANNY PICARD: The Patriots have won their first three preseason games. In the third preseason game — the dress rehearsal — against the Carolina Panthers, Jimmy Garoppolo got the start. He played three possessions, then Tom Brady came in or a couple possessions, then they went back to Garoppolo. I agree with the strategy. How did you feel about that strategy?

MIKE GIARDI: I did not think that Tom Brady should have taken a single snap. Before training camp started, I was of the opinion then that Brady should get some snaps in the preseason because he wasn’t going to see football again until October. But then after watching him in training camp, and watching Garoppolo especially, where he had a stretch there of about 10 days where you kept waiting for him to turn the corner and it wasn’t happening. I felt like every rep he could get, he needed. And I thought that this was obviously a huge opportunity for him to get it against the Panthers. And I think Brady’s presence on the sidelines and Brady’s presence in the game was detrimental to Garoppolo. And that should concern people because he’s your guy for the first four weeks.

DP: So you don’t think Brady should have been on the sideline at all in Carolina?

MG: I don’t think he should have been there. I don’t think he should have played. None of it. I didn’t like it. I said it before we knew if he was even going to travel or not. I said it before it was reported that he was going to play. I didn’t want him there. I thought the week before, against Chicago, was the first time that it looked like it was Jimmy’s team. And I think it reflected in his play a little bit too. And if you saw the dynamic on the sideline [in Carolina], with Brady and Garoppolo, it didn’t feel right. I think it’s hard for Garoppolo to make it his team when you have the presence of Brady, because everybody knows this guy. Everybody knows he’s going to be the guy when he comes back. But when he’s there, the natural inclination is to look over your shoulder. There he is. I can see him, I can talk to him, I can touch him, he’s there, the greatest quarterback ever, but we can’t have him for four weeks? I just find it to be a tricky scenario, and even Garoppolo says it’s different. This isn’t Matt Cassel in 2008, because that was Brady’s team. Brady was going to be the quarterback, and then in the first game he gets hurt, so Cassel didn’t have to look over his shoulder. There was nobody else there. He was the guy. Here, Garoppolo knows there’s a short timetable to get it done, and I’m not sure he’s ready to get it done right now.

DP: Here’s my theory on the lack of interaction between Brady and Garoppolo. MIKE GIARDI knows the strategy. How did you feel about that strategy? My theory is that this was the plan all along, to act on the sideline as if Brady is not around while Garoppolo is in the game. And I know it’s difficult to do that when you throw Brady into the game, but I’m also under the belief that Brady does need to get a couple snaps in a preseason game with the ones. MG: Look, I know 99.9 percent of New England believes that Tom Brady didn’t do anything. And I didn’t think the NFL proved anything, so I guess I would be in that camp as well. But he’s suspended for four games. So fair or unfair, in my opinion, it’s almost as if he lost the right to get playing time in the preseason. And I know he’s not playing until October, but the priority of Belichick is repeated over and over again, and that’s getting Jimmy ready. Look, the whole thing is not ideal, but I think the suspension and the fallout is already hitting the Patriots, before he even has to take it.

DP: Do you think that there is some type of rift between Brady and Belichick or between Brady and Garoppolo? I think that’s a bunch of BS, Do you think Brady is really not helping Garoppolo behind the scenes?

MG: I think if Jimmy wants help from Tom, all he has to do is ask. Tom has to get himself ready the way he knows how, and Jimmy has to get himself ready the way he knows how. And Josh McDaniels is the piece of the equation that both guys lean on and turn to. As for them not getting along, or Belichick and Brady, look, Brady is the quarterback, Belichick is the coach. Belichick is going to do what he thinks is in the best interest of the team. If Bill Belichick didn’t think that Tom Brady should play, he wouldn’t have played.
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