

Headlight

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Local City Drivers Show Angry, Bitter Traits

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“Ahhhh the sounds of the city,” says my mother as we walk throughout Boston on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. I begin to realize that Boston is the city of noise. With just one walk inside the fast moving city you will find some sort of traffic and angry drivers honking their way down the street.

Massachusetts’s drivers hold the reputation of being quite rude. Many people refer to them as, ‘massholes.’ According to urbandictionary.com the title masshole is a title achieved for, “driving faster, being reckless, cutting other drivers off often, and having no patience for other drivers on the road.”

This, I found to be true of Massachusetts drivers, as my mother and I drove around for at least a half an hour desperately looking for a parking spot in Boston. At every street corner, we were bombarded with

honks as we stayed at the speed limit and searched for the perfect spot. We found it very difficult to, “paaaaak the caaar in haaavvad yaaadd.”

We then came face to face with drivers who would cut us off just because we weren’t driving as fast as they would have liked us to. I mean, come on? What is with people? Is their time more important than everyone else’s?

In my own opinion, Massachusetts’s drivers need to slow down, especially during intersections with over 15 pedestrians that are waiting to cross. Life is short, but not that short. Driving safely should be more important than anything else.

We finally gave up on finding a parking spot outside and proceeded to the nearest parking garages. We then were given a ticket and told that for every hour parked we were supposed to pay \$10 dollars. How ridiculous is that? Talk about a gold mine!

We then parked our car and made our way out of

the garage. As soon as we stepped outside, we came face to face with a gridlock of traffic and an earful of more angry drivers. As we proceeded to cross the street, a driver almost hit us while we were walking on the crosswalk in plain sight! Red lights apparently didn’t matter to any of these massholes.

According to StateMaster.com, there are over four million drivers in Massachusetts alone. Those four million drivers are constantly moving, most of whom have been to Boston at least once in their lifetimes.

Massachusetts’s drivers need to take up some sort of meditation class. They need to learn how to slow and calm down. I still have a headache from having an earful of honks. My advice: If you plan to go to Boston anytime soon, take the subway and purchase a couple pairs of earplugs, because my friend, it’s going to be one bumpy and noisy ride.

Bruins' Loss Sparks Racial Messages Towards Capitals' Goal Scorer

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Playoff time in any sport breeds intensity and fanaticism. With the Bruins being competitive and defending Stanley Cup champions, fans all over New England were on the edge of their seats for the first round of the playoffs. This intensity can bring out the best in fans, as everyone is united behind their team. But it can also bring out the worst; the racist backlash over Joel Ward’s series winning goal marred the Capitals’ victory, and brought shame to Bruins Nation and Bruins fans all over the country.

Joel Ward is an African American hockey player playing for the Washington Capitals. He also scored the deciding goal in overtime of game seven against the Bruins, securing the Capitals’ sec-

ond round berth. While this was a period of let-down and heartbreak in Boston, for Ward, it should’ve been a time of celebration and joy. Unfortunately, social media blew up with racist and hurtful messages to Ward, mainly from Bruins fans. These messages were uncalled for and, if they were said in person, could be grounds for a discrimination lawsuit. Instead of being able to celebrate his personal victory, Ward’s achievement was marred by the unrestrained anger of fans who could not maturely deal with defeat.

This ability to anonymously send messages is one of the greatest weaknesses of social media and the internet. Since there is no threat of consequences, people feel free to spout hateful and discriminatory messages. Sites like Twitter and Facebook, while often used positively, need to improve on what is allowed to be said, because the disgusting

words sent to Joel Ward are unacceptable in any medium, in person or on the web.

The other very disturbing piece about this story is the clear presence of racism in sports. There is no way a man should be made to feel inferior because of his race, especially over a simple game. It is important to step back and look at what is being said; and it’s quite unbelievable that people sent a man death threats because he scored a goal in hockey. That’s something that needs to change, and it reveals the ugly side of American society.

Bruins fans everywhere should be ashamed of their actions towards Mr. Ward, and everyone should be sending this man an apology, whether or not he eliminated our beloved team. There should be no place in our culture for this flagrant racism, and until it’s eliminated, the integrity of sports will always be questioned.

MARBLEHEAD HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CARNIVAL

The annual Marblehead High School Senior Class Carnival will be held this Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Devereux Beach. This tradition has been going on for years, and is a great fundraiser for the senior class.

Bring your friends and family down to enjoy the fun games, exciting rides, and delicious food!

Thursday, May 3: 6 pm – 10 pm

Friday, May 4: 6 pm – 10 pm

Saturday, May 5: 12 pm – 10 pm

Sunday, May 6: 1 pm – 6 pm



Senior Carnival Chairpersons Kira Clingen and (Headlight Co-Editor) Paige Kelloway, surrounded by festive carnival rides.

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