



Rep. Lynch Seeks to Exempt Veterans From President's Hiring Freeze

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch led 23 House Democrats on a letter to President Donald Trump calling for an exemption for veterans from the President's government-wide hiring freeze. With veterans representing 30% of our federal

workforce and new hires at federal agencies nationwide, returning service men and women are disproportionately affected by the President's executive action. The federal hiring freeze has indefinitely halted the progress made in ensuring that those who have served in

defense of our nation receive opportunities to transition to civilian life that are commensurate with their sacrifice. In addition to calling for executive action to exempt America's veterans, Congressman Lynch introduced

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EDITORIAL

Improved Murphy Rink is a Symbol of Pride and Stability

Among the many things that make a community great is having people who reside within willing to work hard to preserve cherished traditions and institutions that they hold dear. This type of greatness was clearly on display last weekend as the newly renovated and much improved DCR's Murphy Skating Rink was rededicated in memory of a true neighborhood icon – Frances L. Murphy. As most know, 'Frank' Murphy; a former U.S. Marine and Boston Firefighter dedicated his life

to helping others which is what real heroes do.

That the Murphy Rink still stands proudly and welcomes all is also a tribute to other dedicated heroes in the form of so many neighborhood residents; volunteers all, who have over the years put in their time and effort to giving local youths not just a place to gather, have fun and learn and develop their ice skating and hockey skills but also; in the lives of so many, a place to call a second home.

The importance of the rink and what it has

meant and continues to mean to residents for generations was confirmed at last week's rededication by the turnout of elected representatives, state and city officials, firefighters and police, South Boston Youth Hockey volunteers and neighbors of all ages who together, played a role in making sure that the Murphy Rink will continue to provide recreational opportunities well into the future and be a symbol of a thriving town. We believe that this would and does make Francis L. Murphy proud.

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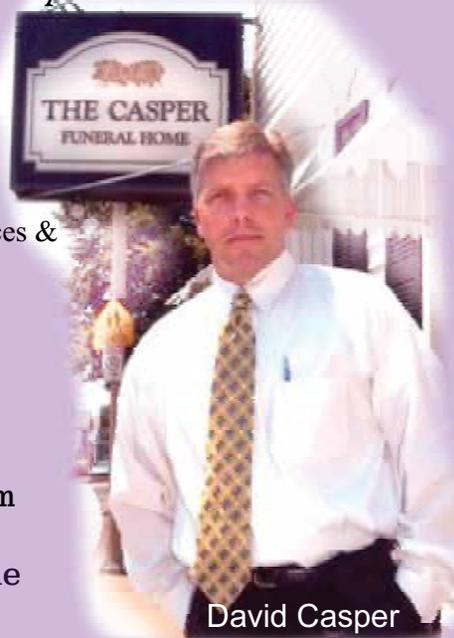
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"Those who put loyalty to a political party above what's best for our nation are a major part of what is wrong in America" - Carolyn Wilcox Bass

L.T.E. Letter to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR,

Here is one Sal congratulating another Sal. No, every Sal doesn't know every other Sal but in this one case we two do know each other. As I read the story in last week's South Boston Today newspaper, I was happy to see that Sal Paterna of South Boston has been chosen to receive the John W. McCormack Public Service Award at the upcoming South Boston Citizens' Association's 137th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet on

March 17th the real St. Patrick's Day.

Paterna was Clerk Magistrate at for over 25 years Dedham District Court but prior to that was a Massachusetts probation officer. As Eddie Flynn recently stated, "Regardless if he is playing competitive sports (handball and racquetball) or working in the courthouse, Mr. Paterna treats everyone with respect and dignity."

I remember House Speaker John W. McCormack quite well when I was growing up in his

congressional district in Roxbury and I can think of no one more deserving of this public service award than Sal Paterna.

Public service is a noble profession and his long and dedicated service to public safety is most noteworthy. As a retired police officer, with over 28 years in law enforcement I had come to know the importance of clerk magistrates and Sal stands out as one of the best.

Sincerely,
SAL GIARRATANI
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Does President Trump Have Supernatural Powers Too?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jjciccone@southbostontoday.com

President Trump has been in the news a lot this week but we'll get to his political and policy activities right after this amazing news:

Who knew that the President had such talents and abilities? It seems he has powers beyond the average human. While he might not be able to leap tall buildings with a single bound, it seems he is able to affect the lives of his critics in other, maybe even sinister, ways. It was announced over the weekend by Barbara Streisand that the President has caused her to get fat. It was only a few weeks ago, that actress/comedian Lena Dunham said President Trump has caused her to lose 30 pounds. It's not yet known if he uses a crystal ball, potions and spells or satanic curses to accomplish these amazing feats of magic. But whatever it is, 4-8 years from now, when he leaves office, he could probably easily make a living as a dietary consultant for those who wish to lose OR gain weight. Again, who knew?

It has been a couple of weeks now since President Trump made his first ever speech to a joint session of Congress. It was a speech that surveys immediately following indicated that more than 70% of Americans had a positive opinion about and that it was delivered in a uniting way. Even many Democrats thought it was well delivered and stated as much during interviews right after. But, as we all witnessed, either while watching it live or seeing the clips in the days following, there were a percentage of Democrat lawmakers whose actions during the address were, to use measured and tempered wording, a disgrace.

Making scowling faces and hissing and groaning sounds, giving

'thumbs down' gestures and sitting on their hands when the rest in the Congressional chambers were giving standing ovations to the grieving widow of one of America's Navy Seal heroes was disgusting to watch. It's something that might take place in a European parliament or some third world country, but not at a joint session of the US Congress.

Some of the policies the president announced that some Democrats refused to applaud and in fact clearly showed disdain for that night were as follows:

Putting America first; preventing jobs from leaving the country and going to foreign lands; creating an agency that would assist Americans, who have been victims of illegal alien crime; enforcing the immigration laws currently on the books; better securing our borders and strengthening our underfunded and weakened military were only some. But the dead silence that came from that side of the isle, when he said that, as President, his job is to represent the United States of America, was telling. That some elected to Congress would oppose these things made it clear that evening just where their priorities are and where their loyalties lie.

If some of those on the left side of the isle thought that they made points with the American people that night they are dead wrong. In fact, it had the opposite result. Americans are not fond of and have little respect for those in public office, who publicly display their bitter, petty and childish sides for the nation and the rest of the world to see and refuse to put the best interest of the American people as their priority.

Next up, the alternative plan to

Obamacare was released last Monday and hopefully, if implemented, it will be a far superior one than what is in place now. As many experts in the medical field have stated – Obamacare is far too expensive and limiting. And while there are some

who can afford to buy the insurance in the current plan, with the sky high and still climbing co-pays and deductibles, they just cannot afford to get sick. Let's hope the new plan works out better. It would be difficult to be any worse.

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241th Annual Evacuation Day Events



2017 Evacuation Day Committee

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 Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Honorary Chairman
 State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry, Honorary Chairwoman
 State Representative Nick Collins, Honorary Chairman
 Clerk of Courts Michael Donovan, Honorary Chairman
 City Councilor Bill Linehan, Honorary Chairman
 City Councilor Michael F. Flaherty, Honorary Chairman
 State Auditor Suzanne Bump, Honorary Chairwoman

February 25th through March 19th

Jimmy Flaherty

Kick-Off Breakfast

Saturday, February 25th
 Clerk of Courts, Michael Donovan
 Honorary Chairman
 Seapoint Restaurant 10:00 AM
 Suggested Donation \$ 10.00

21+Bowl-A-Rama

Sunday, March 5th
 State Rep. Nick Collins
 Cheryl Joyce, Andrea Flaherty
 Rich Devoe and Joyce Higgins
 Honorary Chairpersons
 South Boston Bowl 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
 Must be 21+ to attend-no children, please

Basketball Free-Throw Competition

Monday, March 6th

Bernie O'Donnell & Kathy Davis
 Honorary Chairpersons
 Tynan Community School Gym - 6:00 PM

The Swimming Competition

Tuesday, March 7th

State Auditor, Suzanne Bump
 Harry Duvall
 Honorary Chairpersons
 Boys and Girls Club Pool
 Registration 6:00 PM, Meet 6:30PM

Tom & Eddie Butler

St. Patrick's Senior Salute

Saturday, March 11th

Mayor Martin J. Walsh
 Councilor Michael Flaherty,
 Thomas Butler Jr. Chairmen
 Marv Walsh, Marv Collins, Pauline Bare
 Honorary Chairwomen

Saint Monica's Lower Church Hall - 11:00 AM

Ice-O-Rama

John Cunniff Shamrock Shootout

Sunday, March 12th

City Councilor Michael Flaherty
 State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry
 City Councilor Frank Baker
 Honorary Chairmen
 Murphy Rink, Day Boulevard
 Events begin approx. 10:30 AM

Back This Year

Boxing Show

Saturday, March 11th

Stephen Murphy
 Honorary Chairman
 Peter Welch's Gym - 6:00 PM

137th Annual

Evacuation Day Banquet

Friday, March, 17th

BCEC 2nd Floor Ballroom
 New England Boiled Dinner
 Entertainment by Curragh's Fancy
 Reception 5:30 PM-----Dinner 7:00 PM

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Dodge-Ball Competition

Condon School Gym

Tuesday, March 14th

Joe Curran, Honorary Chairman
 Boys and Girls ages 9-12 and 13-16
 5:00PM

St. Patrick's Day Road Race

Sunday, March 19th

Proceeds benefit
 South Boston Boys & Girls Club
 Pre-registration Required
 617-516-5441 or hduvall@bgcb.org
 Race begins at 11:00 AM at the Club

Evacuation Day Memorial Mass

Friday, March 17th

Fr. Joe White
 Margaret Lynch
 Honorary Chairwoman
 St. Augustine's Chapel - 9:00 AM

Memorial/Historical Exercises

Friday, March 17th

Including
Essay & Poster Competition Winners
State Representative Nick Collins
 Bernie O'Donnell, Past President SBCA
 Robert Allison, S.B. Historical Society
 Edward Flynn, US Navy-retired
 Hon. Linda Dorcena Forry
 Hon. Maura Sweeney Doyle
 Bill Foley, Retired NPS
 Honorary Chairpersons
 Dorchester Heights Monument - 10:00 AM

St. Patrick's/Evacuation Day Parade

Sunday, March 19th at 1 pm

Dan Magoon- Chief Marshal
 Allied War Veterans Council
 W. Broadway & Dorchester Ave

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The late Brian R. Mahoney left an indelible mark on this community, especially in his devotion to our traditions, as both a veteran and civic leader. His chronicling of our history is immortalized through this newspaper. South Boston lost one of its favorite sons, suddenly and sadly just three short months ago. Please enjoy the first of a three-part series about the history of Evacuation Day that Brian originally penned in 2011. It is only fitting that we honor his memory in the lead up to one of his fondest endeavors
 – THE PARADE

“The Heights”

The second of a 3-part series on the History of Evacuation Day

The British conducted their last and most destructive raid into South Boston (Dorchester Neck) on February 13, 1776, burning houses and property of the Blake, Wiswell and Foster families among others. This time however, the Americans responded with 300 mounted troops, causing the British to flee in their longboats. It was this raid which seems to have been the final straw. Washington had been advocating for a frontal assault across the ice from Cambridge and Roxbury. His military council disagreed and after his final council of war on February 26, Washington wrote, “I am preparing to take a position on Dorchester Heights to see if the enemy will come out to meet me.” He had reversed course and decided the Americans would fight from fortified positions and force the British to make the frontal assault.

On the morning of March 2, the Americans opened a three-day bombardment of the British in Boston. Under an advance protective screen of 800 infantry, 2,000 artillery men began their stealthy advance into South Boston. With muffled horses’ hooves and wagon wheels, this column began to snake its way up the “Turnpike” (Dorchester Street). Reaching the area of today’s “Telegraph Street”, nine cannons for three artillery batteries were muscled up to the peak of the “Twin Hill.”

The column continued up the “Turnpike” until it reached today’s Perkins Square area. There, a sloping hill began to rise, extending west toward the

West Broadway parking lot and north toward Dorchester Street and Emerson Street. This hill was known as “Leek’s Hill” and was designated for 7 cannons. Emerson Street, the second of South Boston’s original remaining streets, was called the “way to the Castle” and extended all the way to the east shore (Farragut Road). The column moved on this road to roughly “M” & East Fourth Street. At this point, six cannons were dragged up to “Bush Tree Hill” where their muzzles towered menacingly over the British warships at anchor. The last leg of the eastern march ended at Dorchester Point where a single three-gun battery was placed.

Back at “Leek’s Hill”, 700 men and 10 cannons skirted the western base and followed “Plaski Ave.” to West Third Street. This third and final road was known as the “Way to the Nook.” This road reached, straight as an arrow, to the 125 foot high “Nook Hill” located at today’s “B” & West Third Street. This hill was closest to British positions and warship anchorage so presented the most danger to the British. At the same time, its nearness made it the most exposed to British fire. It was decided by the Americans to fortify this hill last.

The cannon’s movement and the actual construction of their fortifications was a master stroke itself. Besides wrapping hooves and wheels in rags to muffle sounds, the Americans took a number of pre-emptive measures that led directly to victory.

The crossing into the “Neck” would have been under the eyes and guns of

the British, particularly the “Green” artillery position located on a rise at today’s Berkeley and Washington Streets intersection. The American created a “Blind” or a wall that would cover their movements by twisting and weaving hay. This was called “Screwed Straw”. Washington, for weeks, had his troops out in the “Wilderness” of Dorchester collecting thin tree branches and kindling. This was used to build “Fascine” or walls around cannon positions; usually by digging a trench and combing dirt and branches to make those protective walls. The frozen ground plus the need for secrecy made digging impossible. The solution was called, “chandelier”. These were simply 10 by 4 foot skeletal wooden tubs. Light, mobile, easily moved into position around the cannons, filled with the “Fascines” and immediately turned into sturdy defensive walls.

During the next three days, the men labored to erect defenses while the non-stop bombardment of Boston provided cover their actions. A bombardment so fierce that famed jurist, Oliver Wendell Holmes, later wrote and spoke of it in a childhood memory. As a Boston schoolboy in the 1850’s, Homes recalled passing everyday by a house which still has “cannonball embedded

in its chimney since that barrage”.

Over the centuries, Americans have been stirred to the defense of their country, in part by words identifying their cause. “Remember 911” is most recent. Before that it was “Remember Pearl Harbor”. Earlier, “Remember the Maine”. Still earlier, “Remember the Alamo”. It was on the “Heights” that call to battle was first used as General Washington walked among the troops exhorting them to “Remember the Men of March the Fifth”. Speaking of course, of the “Boston Massacre” six years earlier.

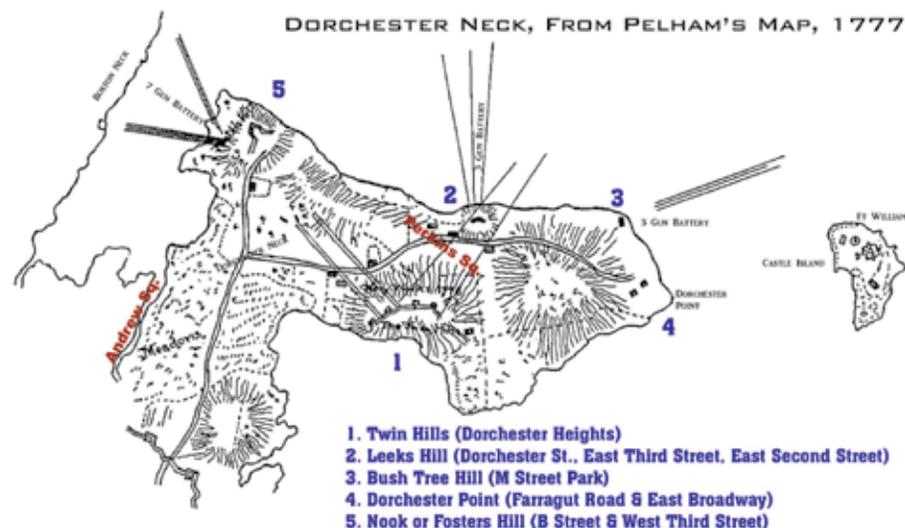
Upon awakening on March 5, 1776, General Howe first noticed the silenced cannons. Next, across the harbor, was the astonishing sight of the “Heights” bristling with troops and cannon from four positions. He then made his famous statement, “These men have done more work in a night than mine could do in a month.” Undeterred, Howe immediately drew up plans to attack across the harbor and dislodge the Americans from the Heights. All day, Boston was the scene of increasing alarm as British troops hustled about preparing for battle. Longboats were brought from the warships to ferry the troops for the assault and tied up at “Long Wharf”. By late afternoon, 2,400 troops were lined up at the foot of “Long Wharf”, today’s Purchase Street.

Stay tuned next week for the final chapter.

In the meantime, please remember public drinking is illegal.

A number of “Family Zones” have been created throughout the parade route and will be listed today and next week. Please ask your guests to respect the celebration, the town, and themselves and refrain from “Mardi Gras” type actions. Folks have worked diligently for a year to provide a safe, fun day that can be enjoyed by all.

Take care till next week.





John Joseph Kelley



Major Christopher F. Lee



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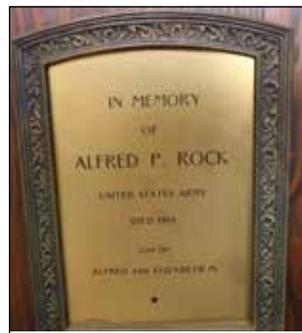
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Progress Continues For WWI Heroes

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

It is South Boston Today's honor to publish the remaining half of the photos and the names of South Boston's World War I heroes. In last week's issue, we ran the first half of the photos that are on display in the memorial case

located in the corridor of South Boston High School. In total, there are 101 images of the 104 men known to have given their lives in battle or as a result of participating during what was called at the time 'The war to end all Wars'.

As was mentioned in the two previous issues of South

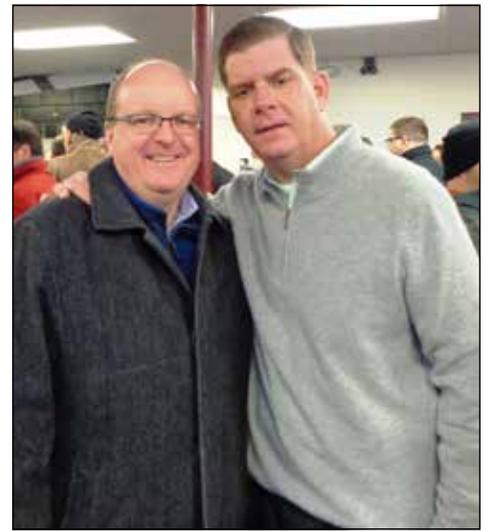
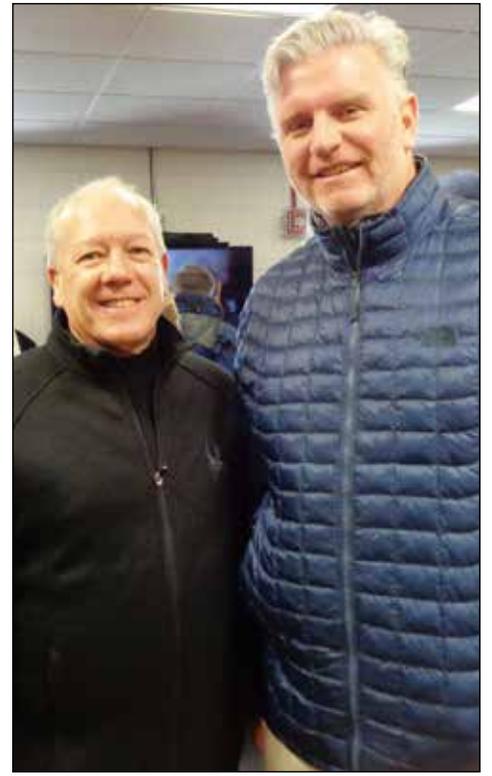
Boston Today, there is an active committee working on plans for special dedications and memorials to honor these fallen service members as the 100th anniversary of America's entry into that war will come next month in April.

The plans for the big event that will take place on April 29th in the auditorium at South Boston High School are rapidly coming together – the public is invited and encouraged to attend. Committee members are very interested in reaching out to the family members of these men and to invite them to attend and to participate and to also share any memories or information about them for the upcoming memorials.

Anyone who may have information about any of the service members in the photos are encouraged to contact Mary

Ryan; one of the organizers by email at SouthBostonWWI@gmail.com Also, if anyone knows of others whose names and photos are not part of the memorial and should be mentioned to contact the committee as well.

This week's group of photos pictured here includes Michael Perkins, a Medal of Honor recipient, Major Christopher Lee, for whom one of South Boston's Playgrounds is named in his honor and Roland Winterton, the only member of the South Boston Yacht Club known to have lost his life in that war who had died in a plane crash during the conflict. The committee informs us that among the men being honored and who considered South Boston to be their home are those who had emigrated from Belgium, Ireland, Italy, Denmark, Lithuania, Russia and Canada.



Francis L. Murphy Rink Rededicated Last Saturday

A standing room only crowd filled the newly renovated Murphy Skating Rink last Saturday for the official rededication of the beautiful, newly renovated ice skating and hockey facility. The building was once again dedicated to the memory of the late Francis L. Murphy, as his family members, friends, neighbors and a large representation of elected leaders and city and state officials, firefighters, police and local residents looked on. The rink, a long standing and heavily

used recreational magnet for many years, is brighter, and boasts a lot of great new features.

South Boston Youth Hockey officers, coaches and players were also on hand, among them long time coaches such as Teddy Cunniff and Tom McGrath, to help celebrate the improved rink.

The ceremony was emceed by State Representative Nick Collins who was joined by Congressman Stephen Lynch, Governor Charlie Baker, Mayor Marty Walsh, Senator Linda Forry

and City Councilors Mike Flaherty and Bill Linehan, along with DCR officials. The cooperation between city and state made the renovations possible with funding as well as hard work from local activists determined to make sure that South Boston had a state of the art facility on par with some of the best rinks around.

Speaker after speaker emphasized the importance of the rink to the South Boston Community and some shared memories of the countless hours they had spent as youths

enjoying one of the neighborhood's most popular gathering places. They also praised the memory of the great man whose name will forever be part of the rink – Francis L. Murphy. Frank Murphy was a United States Marine, a Boston Firefighter, an excellent family man and a proud South Bostonian. He epitomized what true heroes are made of and will always be remembered for his service and his sacrifice by a grateful community and the nation he served so well.

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Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2017. For more information on the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship, including an application checklist, please visit: www.massport.com/scholarships.



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High school seniors who reside in South Boston and are interested in applying for the Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship must have community service experience and must submit a 1,000-word essay. To be considered, all academic and residency criteria must also be met.

Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2017. For more information on the Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship, including an application checklist, please visit: www.massport.com/scholarships.

South Boston Citizens' Association Events This Week

The Annual St. Patrick's Day boxing show will be held this Saturday night at Peter Welch's gym. Doors open at 6:00PM. There is a 20-bout schedule. Admission is free, so come out and support these young athletes.

The Annual Tommy and Eddie

Butler Senior salute sponsored by Mayor Martin Walsh will be held this Saturday at the St. Monica's lower church hall at 11:00 am. Music provided by The Mike Reynolds band. Admission is free to all seniors; Trolley service will service provided by the City of Boston.

SBCA ICE-O-RAMA is this Sunday 10AM MURPHY RINK. Open to all South Boston children ages 14 and under, Speed skating, Puck Shooting and Miss Ice-O-Rama (Figure Skating) competition will also take place (if there are participants). Helmets and gloves are required in order to

compete in hockey events. Figure skates are a must for Miss Ice-o-Rama competition.

On Tuesday March 14th, the SBCA Dodge ball tournament will be held at the Condon School Gym, See Joe Curran and Barbara Caputo-Kelly for more info. Boys and girls ages 7-14.



TYNAN HAPPENINGS

GYM NOTES: YOUTH FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

In last week's games, the L.A. Kings took on the Maple Leafs in the first game. The Kings came out strong and had a 3-0 lead at the end of the first period. The Leafs fought back but could not score due to the strong goaltending of the Kings. The Kings took the victory by the score of 5-0. Ryan Alexander played a strong game for the Kings scoring 4 goals.

In the following game the Minnesota Wild came out on top, taking the win against the Penguins.

Greg Matthews and Andrew Missett played a strong game for the Penguins, scoring a goal apiece. Liam Long was superb for the Wild scoring 5 goals, leading his team to victory.

INSTRUCTIONAL BASKETBALL

The 5-7 year old instructional basketball is going strong. With over 40 participants the boys and girls are improving every week on their skills. Last week we focused on passing and shooting fundamentals. Stars of the week were Matthew Stapleton, Grace Joyce, Aidan Hartman, Brian Goodman, Corey Radzik and Norah Mullen.

8-11 BOYS AND GIRLS YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

We are in the process of planning our Spring Youth Basketball League. Registration will be held on Thursday for anyone interested. We will conduct a 2week scrimmage/clinic and pick teams to begin the league on March 23rd. Games will be played on Thursday afternoons.

ADULT COED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

TONIGHTS GAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

6:30 Team 1 vs. Team 4
7:15 Team 5 vs. Team 3
8:00 Team 6 vs. Team 2

South Boston Branch Library Events

South Boston Branch Library Friends Sale

March 18, 2017, 10 am - 3 pm

Join the Friends of the South Boston Branch at their Spring Book Sale, where you'll find books, DVDs, CDs, and audiobooks for adults, teens, and children available at the lowest prices around.

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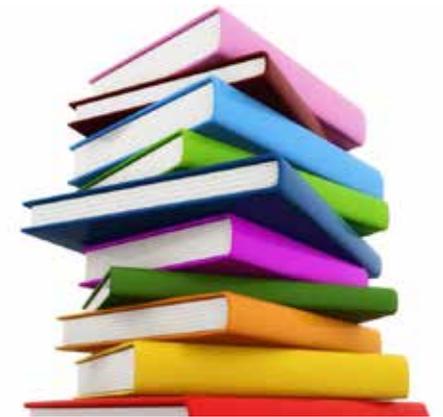
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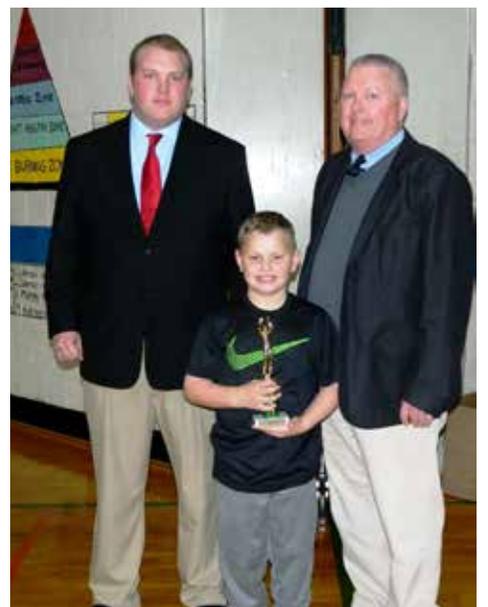


Corned Beef Allowed on Friday, March 17th

For those who may not have heard the news, it will be fine with the Church for Catholics to eat corned beef on Friday, March 17th. Though the day falls on a Friday during the Holy Lenten Season; traditionally a day of abstinence in regard to the consumption of meat by Roman Catholics over the age of 14, Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, head of the Archdiocese of Boston, has granted 'dispensation' for the day in light of the Feast of St. Patrick where a meal of Corned Beef and

Cabbage is an important part of the celebration. The statement in regard to the dispensations follows:

"Given the importance of this feast in the life of the Archdiocese and in the lives of so many of our families, I am granting a dispensation from the Friday Lenten Abstinence on March 17th, 2017 to those who wish to take advantage of this opportunity," he wrote. He added that Catholics who do should consider another sacrifice or act of charity to make up for it."



Basketball Free Throw Competition Scored Big

The events leading up to the big St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day finale continue to roll on and to entertain. Last week, the annual Basketball Free Throw competition; held at the Tynan Community School as always had some outstanding young South Boston athletic talent on full display as local kids; both the boys and the girls gave it their all. The event, sponsored by the South Boston Citizen's Association was a pleaser and at times had the kids cheering at the top of their lungs.

The Basketball Free Throw competition attracts kids, ages from 8-17 from every part of the neighborhood. They bring with them not only their competitive spirit and well-honed athletic skills but also their sense of good sportsmanship.

The winners who walked away with the trophies this year were:

Boys – 8-10 yrs. old: 1st place: Tristan Pecevich, 2nd place: Robert Wisniewski, 3rd place: Anderson Wisniewski.

Girls – 8-10 yrs. old: 1st place: Phoebe Alto, 2nd place: Ella Welch

Boys – 11-13: 1st place: Michael Nunez, 2nd place: Richard Betemit, 3rd place: Stephen Flynn.

Girls – 11-13: 1st place: Sarah Day, 2nd place: Phoebe Alto and 3rd place: Ella Welch.

Boys – 14-17: 1st place: Christian Mazzeo, 2nd place: Vlady Jiminez, 3rd place: Wellington Arias.

Trophies were handed out by Bernie O'Donnell Sr., Bernie O'Donnell Jr. and Cathy Davis.

On hand helping to oversee the competition and showing support for all the ST. Patrick's Day/Evacuation

Day events as he does each year was Ed Flynn.

As the days leading up to St. Patrick's Day progress, the impressive lineup of activities will continue to provide entertainment for residents of every age group and interest. The volunteers from the South Boston Citizens Association along with the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council who sponsor the parade as well put in long hours and a lot of hard work to make sure this time of year in South Boston is festive and very special.



Bridget Ryan, a BPS teacher and South Boston resident, takes the plunge for the 6th year in a row, raising \$1365 for South Boston's beaches as part of this year's Harpoon Shamrock Splash. Splashers raised \$7000 to support free beach events and programs on South Boston beaches this summer.



More than 250 splashers get together for a photo in 20 degree weather before dashing to the water's edge and taking the plunge in the clean, cold water of Boston Harbor.



Record breaking cold couldn't stop these beach-lovers from splashing Sunday to raise a record breaking \$52,000 to support free beach events and programs on their favorite beaches in 2017.

250 Splash in Record Cold to Save Summer Programs

On March 5, over 250 brave beach lovers plunged into Boston Harbor at the BCYF Curley Community Center in South Boston in record-breaking cold temperatures as part of the Harpoon Shamrock Splash to benefit Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

This year, the "pledge and plunge" fundraiser raised over \$50,000, crushing 2016's fundraising record. All proceeds from the event supports Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches Program, which every

year provides a spectacular summer of free concerts and beach festivals, sand sculpting competitions, and youth programs on the region's public beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull. You can find the exact tally at the event website at www.shamrocksplash.org.

This year's Harpoon Shamrock Splash was the best ever, with post-plunge Harpoon beers and b.good burgers while Mix 104.1 and AMP

103.3 played hit music. After the event, participants went home to warm up with great Harpoon swag for reaching fundraising goals, and roundtrip JetBlue flights for the biggest fundraisers, and for those who showed up in the best costumes. All splashers and contributors had the opportunity to win in two post-splash JetBlue flight raffles.

This year's Harpoon Shamrock Splash was also the most important ever, with deep cuts to the metropolitan beaches budget

this year, every dollar raised goes straight to help fund another great summer of free events and youth programs on our public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket.

"Despite the budget cuts, Save the Harbor is committed to funding a full season of free beach events and programs this summer" said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy and Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "All of us froze our fannies off at the Harpoon Shamrock Splash to make it happen."

Patty Cloherty To Receive SBCA Shamrock Award

South Boston Citizens' Association president Tom McGrath has announced the Association's 2017 recipient of the James M. "Jimmy" Kelly/Margaret "Peggy" Flaherty Shamrock Award for Community Service.

The 2017 Shamrock Award will be presented to Patty Cloherty, for her selfless efforts in aiding those in need, and pitching in at the drop of a hat, for any benefit or worthy cause in and around the town. Patty is a resident of South Boston, along with her husband Brian and children Brian and Lauren reside on Columbia Rd. Patty is someone that understands the important part society can play

in helping people. Patty and her husband Brian, and their family, are always there for those in need and are involved in so many organizations and charities in South Boston. One of her favorites is the Laboure Center.

Patty has been a faithful and tireless volunteer at the Laboure Center for over twenty-seven years. She has chaired several committees for the Christmas House Tour that raises funds to support their organization. Patty is a major part of the "Family" at the Laboure Center and treats everyone with respect and dignity.

Additionally, Patty remains involved at St. Brigid School and

their many activities. She also was instrumental, along with many other South Boston mothers, in helping help with a Home for Sydni and the "Help get Wheels for Sydni" campaign. Through the years, the Cloherty family has given back so much to the people of South Boston and we are proud that Patty remains an important and well respected member of the South Boston Community. "She goes above and beyond in her work in the Community and all other worthy causes in this town. Patty is all about South Boston and its survival as a community, and her positive attitude and actions reflect her

commitment and dedication to this great neighborhood." McGrath said.

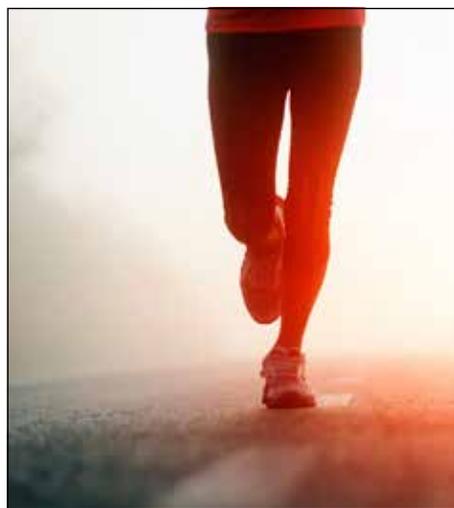
The award will be presented at the Association's 137th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet, to be held on Friday evening, March 17th, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Curragh's Fancy will provide the entertainment, along with a host of special dignitaries. McGrath cautioned that tickets are sure to be purchased at a good pace, with South Boston's most valued community leaders receiving awards, he urges those that are planning to attend to act fast. For information on tickets call Tom McGrath at 1-857-204-5825.

L St. Runners Rull, Morgan and McGuire Marathon Bound

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

The L Street Running Club (LSRC), has become a well-established organization that not only boasts fine athletes and encourages, by example, a healthy life style, it's also a group of individuals who pride themselves in working on behalf of all sorts of worthy charities. They have hosted road races over the span of their many years of existence which raise funds that then are donated to those groups that need them and put those funds to good use in efforts to improve the quality of life for others.

This year as they do every year, the LSRC has many of its members training to take part in the annual



Boston Marathon. These runners of course have as one of their goals to complete the Marathon and in the best time they are capable of; which as most know is no easy task, but many will also be running to raise money to benefit their selected charities. South Boston Today will proudly highlight the profiles of some of these fine athletes from week to week and the charities they will be assisting; with different runners being mentioned in our editions leading up to the Patriots Day event itself.

This week we have the pleasure of highlighting Dan Rull, Annie Morgan and Beth McGuire— Three outstanding athletes with big hearts and the charities they will be running for.



Beth McGuire The Hold in the Wall Gang Camp

I never would have believed that I was capable of running any distance farther than one mile. 8 years ago, I met a friend who convinced me that running was not only fun

but therapeutic. I took it one telephone poll at a time, one mile at a time. She said to me, 'the first mile is the worst' and 'the hills are your buddies'. I thought, 'She must be nuts'. After a couple of years of focus and training I completed my first marathon. I said to myself, as did my husband Bob, 'one and done' and 'never again'.

However, a year ago, I unexpectedly lost my best friend and husband. I needed a healthy outlet to ease the pain of my grief and learn to survive. I knew that running provided me that freedom and I set another monumental goal...to one day run the Boston Marathon. Bob was not only a baseball coach who loved children but a huge fan of Paul Newman and this charity. I believe he would have been proud of me that I chose The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp to represent and run the Boston Marathon on behalf of.

Dan Rull



I am running my third Boston Marathon this year along with fellow "L Streeters" Mark Porter and Sean Campbell for the APT Fighting Chance Foundation, a non-profit organization who assist families currently battling cancer.

I am a 42-year-old father of three from Southie who originally took up running so I could keep up with my then 3 year old son. I ran my first 10k (the run for Charlotte) April of 2014 and my first Boston Marathon one year later in April 2015. Since then I ran Boston and Chicago marathons in 2016 along with numerous 1/2 marathons, 10ks and 5ks. I joined L Street in 2015 and have not looked back since, it is probably one of the best life decisions I have ever made.

APT Fighting Chance Foundation is a non-profit organization that assists everyday people who are battling cancer cope with the



challenges facing them on a daily basis. These range from rides to treatment centers, paying monthly utilities and mortgages bills, helping at the holidays, financial assistance however important.

With rising costs, many cancer patients simply do not have the resources available for these burdens and this is where we act and make a difference in the lives of cancer patients and their families.

We can't help everybody but everybody can help someone!!!!

Checks can be made to Apt Fighting Chance Foundation or you can donate on the link below:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-click&hosted_button_id=N4NQLWGQ69JNC

Annie Morgan

Why the V Foundation is Important to Me

It's been a long-time goal of mine to run a marathon. With help from some really amazing people and perfect timing I recently got entry into the 2017 Boston Marathon, the holy grail of all Marathons. The training and 26.2 miles represents more than just a medal - its reaching my personal goals, and having the ability to make an impact on a disease that affects most of us at some point in our own or loved one's life. I'm also thrilled to be able to make a mark on my new city and run this surrounded by my family. I'm asking for any support you can give to help me as I run my first marathon and reach my \$8.3k goal (!!)

Thank you for your support in advance, and even if you can't financially assist me a simple prayer for healthy training is always appreciated.

I will be documenting my training on my site - so feel free to visit that



too -> <http://schmannnnn.com/>

Link for my website: jimmyv.convio.net/goto/AnnieMorgan

About the V Foundation

The V Foundation for Cancer Research is dedicated to declaring victory over cancer. It was founded in 1993 by ESPN and the late Jim Valvano, legendary North Carolina State basketball coach and ESPN commentator. Since 1993, the Foundation has funded more than \$170 million in cancer research grants nationwide. It awards 100% of all direct cash donations to cancer research and related programs. Due to generous donors, the Foundation has an endowment that covers administrative expenses. The Foundation awards peer-reviewed grants through a competitive awards process vetted by a Scientific Advisory Committee.

MAYOR ANNOUNCES YOUTH EMPLOYMENT - SUCCESSLINK 2017

Summer youth employment enrollment now available online



Martin J. Walsh announced the opening of SuccessLink, an online tool that enables Boston youth to register for summer jobs. The SuccessLink application will be available from Saturday, February 25th until 11:59

pm on Friday, March 31st. Teens can apply 24 hours a day on the BCYF Youth Engagement & Employment Division website on boston.gov.

“A summer job is so much more than just a paycheck,” said Mayor Walsh. “It’s also a chance to explore career options, experience new things and meet new people. Giving our young people an opportunity to have a summer job builds confidence and sets students on the path for a successful career.”

Through SuccessLink, young people can register for the summer Youth Employment Program lottery, get connected to resources and join civic engagement initiatives designed to empower youth. Ap-

plicants will be able to manage and update their information online.

Teens interested in applying must meet the following requirements:

- Must be a full-time resident of the City of Boston
- Must turn 15 years old on or before Friday, August 18th, 2017
- Cannot turn 19 years old, on or before Friday, August 18th, 2017
- Must be legally permitted to work in the United States

Boston is a leader in youth employment across the nation with a focus on offering meaningful employment opportunities to young people ages 15-18. Summer opportunities include paid positions with the Boston Police

Department, Zoo New England, radio stations, Boston municipal government departments and as tutors, mentors and counselors at many summer day programs. Last summer nearly 3,000 young people were employed through SuccessLink.

Applying for a summer position with SuccessLink does not guarantee a job. Applicants can visit BCYF Division of Youth Engagement & Employment at 1483 Tremont Street, Roxbury, or call 617-635-4202 for assistance with the application. Visit www.boston.gov/health-and-human-services/youth-employment-programs for more information.

Rep. Lynch

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legislation last month, H.R. 1001, the Veterans Federal Hiring Protection Act, which would exempt America’s veterans from the federal hiring freeze and allow federal agencies to continue to hire returning service men and women.

“Congress and the federal government must work together to improve the quality of care and employment opportunities for the men and women who dutifully served our country. A hiring freeze does the opposite by closing the doors of the federal government, our nation’s largest single employer of veterans, to our returning service members,” said Congressman Lynch. “President Trump’s misguided executive action is freezing out our dedicated veterans from entering the federal workforce. We are calling on President Trump to exempt veterans from

the hiring freeze and live up to his promise that ‘veterans have delivered for this nation, and now we must deliver for them.’”

In particular, Congressman Lynch’s letter notes “America’s veterans currently represent 30.9% of our federal workforce nationwide, or approximately 623,755 out of 2,016,325 employees... Veterans’ employment in the Federal Government has also risen considerably in recent years. While federal agencies reported 65,030 veteran new hires and a veteran new hire percentage of 28.3% in Fiscal Year 2011, they recently reported 71,867 veteran new hires and an increased veteran new hire percentage of 32.5%.” With a rising unemployment rate among the newest generation of veterans, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, it is imperative that the federal government is working to increase job opportunities for our nation’s veterans.



FREE PARKS DEPT. INDOOR GOLF CLINICS BEGIN MARCH 27

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is offering free indoor golf clinics at local Community Centers for both beginners and experienced players who want to brush up on their skills before they hit the links.

The clinic series is six weeks long with registration on a first come, first served basis. The first hour of each clinic is the Junior Session (ages 7 to 17), the second hour is the Adult Session (18 and up). There is a maximum of 25 people per session; all others will be placed on a waiting list.

Equipment is provided, but you may bring your own clubs. Clinicians are highly qualified golf instructors. Registration forms are available at www.boston.gov/departments/parks-and-recreation/recreation-programs. The clinic schedule is as follows:

Mondays starting March 27

BCYF Leahy Holloran
1 Worrell Street, Dorchester
(617) 635-5150

Junior Session: 5 p.m.

Adult Session: 6 p.m.

Wednesdays starting March 29

BCYF Tynan

650 East Fourth Street, South Boston (617) 635-5110

Junior Session: 6 p.m.

Adult Session: 7 p.m.

Colonel Daniel Marr Boys & Girls Clubhouse
35 Deer Street, Dorchester

(617) 288-7120

Junior Session: 6 p.m.

Adult Session: 7 p.m.

Adult Session: 7 p.m.





This week, Danny talked Patriots offseason with Comcast SportsNet's Mike Giardi:

DANNY PICARD: I did not expect to be talking about the Patriots trying to trade for Brandin Cooks. Have you heard anything on this interest that the Patriots reportedly have interest in trying to acquire New Orleans Saints wide receiver Brandin Cooks?

MIKE GIARDI: That's not something that would surprise me at all. You look at the report from earlier this offseason that the Patriots had offered Jamie Collins — when they were shopping Collins around — to the Texans for DeAndre Hopkins. They look at the age of their wide receiver corp. And then when you look at Cooks, he's a guy that Bill Belichick has seen up close and personal a couple years now in the summertime with the joint practices, both in West Virginia and here in Foxboro. And he raves about the guy. He says, "I'm glad we don't have to play him two times a year like some of these other teams do." So, I think it's definitely one of those situations, where, it doesn't surprise me. It doesn't surprise me that they'd be one of those teams that would be inquiring

about Cooks.

DP: If I'm the Patriots, I would be interested in Cooks too. I guess where the surprise comes for me, is that it does seem like New Orleans is willing to move Cooks. And I look at his contract, and they have him under control I think for two more years. He's 23 years old. Why would the Saints even be listening?

MG: For starters, they have two other quality receivers down there that they like. And Cooks is a little bit of a — he's one of those No. 1 receiver types that can be difficult to handle at times. He's complained about his role a little bit. And he's complained about the number of touches that he's had. So you kind of add all that up together, and they need help elsewhere on that team. They need some help defensively. They probably look at Cooks as a guy who has some value out there, and they'll see if they can get what they want for him. And if they can, they don't feel like they're in a situation where their offense is going to suffer all that much, even though he is a very talented receiver.

DP: Now I'm thinking crazy. Because I see this Cooks report,

and I start thinking about Adam Schefter's report that Jimmy Garoppolo won't be traded. How are you piecing all of these rumors together?

MG: My intel on Garoppolo and the Patriots remains the same. And I'm not casting shade on Adam Schefter, because there is nobody more plugged into the league than he is. But he's also the same guy, when it came to Garoppolo, who reported on the Monday after his injury against the Dolphins that he had a chance or he was being told he had a chance to play that Thursday night against the Texans. And that was never going to happen. I wonder sometimes about when you're trading information in this league, and you're taking people's word; sometimes you can get burned. So he's not without, I think, having been used by the Patriots and having that happen to him. And with this, I don't think they've received the offer that they've wanted yet. So therefore, they're going to make it sound like, "Well we don't have any intention of trading him." I think that's just more or less, "Look, what you guys have thrown our

way doesn't even come close to what we're asking for, and until you want to meet that price, we want everyone to know that we are more than content to keep this guy on the roster and on the team." And what the hell, you control him for the year anyway, and you can control him for two more years, if you want to. I know the franchise tag is a significant amount of money following next year, but, it's not unfair, and it's not unfair to think that way, because they did it once before with Matt Cassel, albeit a little different situation because Brady had the post-knee infection and all that. But you're looking at a quarterback who's going to be 40 years old, come training camp. And that's not bad insurance to have. So I don't have a problem with them putting the report out there and kind of feeding it. But I still think they're just letting everybody know, "What you've thrown at us so far doesn't mean crap."

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