



*Annissa Essaibi  
George, Frank  
Baker To Chair  
Rep. Nick  
Collins Senate  
Campaign*

*Amy Frigulietti named  
campaign manager*

**B**oston City Councilors Annissa Essaibi-George and Frank Baker have joined Rep. Nick Collins' team as co-chairs of his campaign for the open senate seat for the 1st Suffolk District. Essaibi-George, a native of Dorchester and a former Boston school teacher, is an at-large

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# EDITORIAL

## Only Citizenship Provides Voting Rights

The right to vote in American elections is and should always be reserved for US citizens. It's a sacred right and privilege that gives our fellow countrymen and women the ability and power to choose who will represent us in government, who will make our laws and to decide which path our great nation takes going into the future. But as was reported in these pages last week, the president of the Boston City Council, Andrea Campbell says she wants to explore the idea of allowing non-citizens to vote in Boston's municipal elections;

even looking into the possibility for non-citizens in the country illegally.

We believe the council president is very much out of line for even publically entertaining such an idea. The Constitution of the United States as well as the Massachusetts Constitution clearly prohibit non-citizens from voting. In response to the Council President's idea, Jessica Vaughn, who is the Director of Policy for the Center for Immigration Studies says that to do so would be "devaluing citizenship".

We believe Vaughn is absolutely right. If non-citizens in this country



and in Boston legally want to vote, let them begin the process of becoming US citizens. And if and when they attain that proud status, then and only then should they be able to cast a ballot. As for those here illegally, they've already broken and

flaunted our nation's laws and should not be rewarded for it. Neither they, their agenda driven advocates nor Council President Campbell should get to decide which established laws must be obeyed and which ones can just be ignored.

*"The only man who never makes a mistake is the man who never does anything" – Theodore Roosevelt*

## Since When Is The Acronym SMILF An Acceptable Title – Fiction Or Not



Acronym aside, the plot for this South Boston based film is so exploitative that it was guaranteed to have some success. And it did. Other acronym responses come to mind but can't be printed here. The story line presents as quite quaint. Bridgette Bird is a smart, young single mom living in South Boston who is trying to navigate life with a very unconventional family. As she struggles to make ends meet, she strives to create a better life for her son, Larry, and often

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# The Information Center



## *In Philly, They Still Celebrate by Destroying Property*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
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The Boston Police have a system and a great plan put in place for dealing with rowdies after a big sporting event. Several years ago, they learned a lesson when, after a Super Bowl, thousands of fans swarmed into the streets downtown and went on a rampage destroying property. Now, the BPD is prepared to deal with any and all such incidents and have been able to keep things peaceful; whether the home team wins or loses; no matter what the sport might be and do so with precision and professionalism and a minimum of force.

In Philadelphia, they haven't quite gotten the hang of it as was witnessed last Sunday night when in response to their team's Super Bowl win, mobs took to the streets and smashed windows, set fires and tipped over cars. How bad would they have acted if the Eagles lost is anyone's guess? It's hard to understand the mentality that prompts people to go on a rampage of destruction after a sporting event or a concert or anything else that attracts big crowds. But small minds in the heads of dumb people never cease to amaze.

A belated comment on the State of the Union address two weeks ago: More small minds were on display as the 'Left' side of the room sat on their hands and refused to clap for even the things mentioned in the president's speech that everyone could agree on. There was the 12-year-old kid who on his own, placed 40,000 American Flags on veteran's graves. There was the excellent employment news with new jobs coming back and the number of people unemployed at a record low. Businesses giving raises and bonuses to their employees were mentioned. There were the hero first responders, police and military personnel who

risked their own lives while saving the lives of others and so many other good news stories. But politics being what it is, the majority of Democrat lawmakers sat stone faced and silent while Pelosi, Schumer and their other leaders openly scowled and some even hissed. Real classy.

But to the dismay of the disrespectful politicians, the public liked the speech just fine. CBS, no friend of President Trump's, did a poll immediately after and found that more than 75% of the American public liked and approved of the president's speech and that included 43% of Democrats. I have not watched a State of the Union address in 7 years, but decided to tune in to this one to listen to what our new president had to say. I liked it – a lot. In addition to the Right side of the room chanting USA USA, the most enjoyable and important thing I took away from it as did so many other Americans in the surveys that followed was that President Trump made it crystal clear with no backing off, that from here on in, it was going to be 'America First'. And while America First doesn't mean America Alone – the interests of this country and the wellbeing of American citizens will be priority number one as it should be. Because as he said, as President of the United States, that's what he was elected to focus on. And after eight long years of 'everything wrong in the world is America's fault' as was put forth by his predecessor, it was oh so refreshing to hear that those dark days are now over.

The response by readers to this column tells me that a popular feature here is when I announce what new things they are calling racist each week. In recent weeks, we've learned that the ever-growing list includes Farmer's Markets, eating meat, drink-

ing milk and going to 'Kid Rock' concerts. For those who may not yet have read or heard, new on the list is 'Yoga'. Ah yes, you read that right. That passive eastern form of exercise growing in popularity among the public has been added to the list. How could that be you ask? Well, according to yet another bonkers college professor who works at Michigan State University – White people practicing Yoga is racist and are tools for white supremacists. Professor Shreena Ghandi, a religious studies teacher claims that people who

do the 'downward facing dog' position are taking part in 'cultural appropriation' and therefore are racists.

So, to all of you readers out there who thought you were enriching yourselves spiritually and physically by practicing Yoga, you need to stop it – now, lest you be called a racist. You must look for some other form of physical activity to help stay in good shape. But hurry, because the odds are within a short period of time some other nutty college professor will proclaim that your new past time is racist too.



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## Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

### ***MBTA bus mechanics agree to concessions to avoid privatization***

After reaching a tentative deal last month, it's now official: The MBTA and the union representing bus mechanics have indeed settled their privatization feud, with existing workers agreeing to wage and work rule concessions in exchange for the T dropping efforts to privatize bus repair work, reports Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine and SHNS's Colin Young (pay wall).

### ***Report: Uber, Lyft merely contributing to Boston's traffic congestion***

Speaking of transportation issues: No, it's not your imagination. Uber and Lyft are actually making traffic worse. That's the upshot of a report from the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission, which found that more than half of the 1,000 ride-hail passengers it surveyed would have taken public transit, walked or just stayed home if they couldn't summon a ride with their iPhones, Zeninor Enwemeka reports at WBUR.

### ***Rep. Carvalho pulls paper to run for Forry's Senate seat***

From Meghan Irons at the Globe: "State Representative Evandro Carvalho has pulled papers to compete in the special election for First Suffolk Senate district, which became vacant when former state senator Linda Dorcena Forry abruptly quit her job last month. Carvalho joins state Representative Nick Collins, who announced Friday that will seek the post."

### ***The question: When – not if – will Stan be replaced?***

When the governor, two of three gubernatorial candidates, the mayor of Boston and an increasing number of senators themselves openly say – with varying caveats – that it's

probably time to find a permanent replacement for Stan Rosenberg as president of the Massachusetts Senate, guess what? Stan's days are numbered – and the Herald's Joe Battenfeld says a vote on a new permanent president could come as early as this week. We'll see.

Gintautas Dumcius and Shira Schoenberg at MassLive, the AP's Steve LeBlanc and Bob Salsberg at WBUR, Matt Stout and Chris Cassidy at the Herald and Matt Murphy at SHNS (pay wall) have more on the governor's "no way" comment on a Rosenberg return, the reactions of the mayor and gubernatorial candidates, the criticism of Rosenberg by fellow Dems, the behind-the-scenes jockeying for power in the Senate and more.

### ***About that Dow drop ...***

Nothing like a single-day 4 percent drop in the Dow and S&P 500 to grab the attention of investors, economists and pols everywhere. And the fact much of the plunge is attributable to machines, as Bloomberg News reports, isn't exactly reassuring. Still, the Globe's Evan Horowitz and the NYT's Neil Irwin, while not downplaying the potential significance of yesterday's stock-market plunge, say that a little perspective is needed and that the headlines look worse than reality. Let's hope they're right.

### ***DOR: Enjoy the state budget surplus while it lasts***

As investors try to determine the economic implications of the stock market's roller-coaster ride of late, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue is trying to make sense of the flood of cash now flowing into state coffers. Specifically, the \$158 million in January tax collections above budget projections, bring-

ing the state's total "cash cushion" to \$810 million over the first seven months of the fiscal year, reports SHNS's Matt Murphy. But DOR Commissioner Christopher Harding is signaling, as have others, that the revenue increase may be tied to tax code changes and "collections are likely to regress closer to benchmark through the end of the fiscal year."

In other words: We may be looking at a fleeting budget surplus.

### ***Hatch says he hatched plot for Mitt's Senate run***

This is interesting. U.S. Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah is taking credit for Mitt Romney's probable run for the U.S. Senate in Utah, saying he first floated the idea of a Romney political comeback last March, reports the Globe's Matt Viser. "As I was thinking about retiring I was thinking, 'I don't want some dud to replace me,'" Hatch said. "I want somebody who's capable and could carry on some of the things I've worked so hard to do. And Romney fits that bill 100 percent in my opinion." Keep in mind: Hatch also has a legacy interest in not appearing to have been shoved out the retirement door. Either way, Romney is expected to make an announcement next week.

### ***Report: Steve Wynn set up separate LLP to conceal payment to accuser***

More factoids for the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to mull in coming days and weeks: The Wall Street Journal is reporting that Steve Wynn, whose company is currently building a massive casino in Everett, and his attorneys set up a separate limited liability company, dubbed Entity Y, in order to conceal his \$7.5 million payment to settle a sexual assault claim by a woman. The Boston Herald has more.

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#### **CITATION ON PETITION FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE SETTLEMENT**

Docket No. **SU16P0595EA**  
**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts**  
**The Trial Court**  
**Probate and Family Court**

**Estate of:** Nicholas A Valtz  
**Date of Death:** 07/20/2014

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A Petition for **Order of Complete Settlement** has been filed by **Sashi A Diaz Valtz of Brooklyn NY**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree of Complete Settlement including the allowance of a final account, RTD 03/02/18 and other such relief as may be requested in the Petition.

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,**  
**First Justice of this Court**  
 January 19, 2018  
 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate  
**February 08, 2018**



## Mayor Walsh's Approach to Taking On Drug Companies

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced a Request for Information (RFI) to inform the City of Boston's approach to potential litigation against pharmaceutical companies and other entities contributing to the opioid crisis. The City seeks to gather information from qualified law firms, universities, think tanks, hospitals, governmental entities, researchers, and any other interested parties to help inform the City's approach for developing best practice legal and other strategies to recoup public money in the form of damages arising from the City's use of its public services to combat the resulting opioid crisis. The RFI asks that interested applicants evaluate the financial, social, and other costs caused by the reckless dissemination of opioids and the misleading information about the safety and purpose of their use.

"The pharmaceutical industry is the main offender and sustainer of the opioid crisis," said Mayor Walsh. "They were irresponsible in their practices and turned their heads

the other way to increase profits, causing irreversible devastation to our families and significant damages to cities nationwide. In Boston, we are addressing the opioid crisis from every angle, from creating the first municipal recovery office to investing in more services and building a state-of-the-art recovery facility on Long Island. We, like so many towns and cities across the country, have invested the time, money and resources. Now is the time to finally hold the pharmaceutical industry responsible."

Based upon the responses received, the City may enter into an agreement for legal services with a qualified attorney or law firm. The City may also choose to explore other contracts, projects and remedies to address this growing public health crisis. The goals of any litigation or other endeavor shall be to recoup public money in the form of damages arising from the City's use of its public services to respond to the opioid epidemic; and create long-term solutions including rehabilitation services

and support networks for all impacted residents of the City of Boston and their families.

Having been in recovery for over 20 years, Mayor Walsh understands firsthand how easily addiction can take hold and how difficult it can be to recover. In his first term, Mayor Walsh made expanding access to recovery services in Boston a priority by creating the Office of Recovery Services to study substance use in Boston and lead the city's strategy around substance use disorders, addiction and recovery. This is the first and only municipal recovery office in the nation.

In addition, Mayor Walsh mandated the life-saving medication naloxone (Narcan) be carried in every public safety vehicle in the city in his first two weeks in office and launched a new 24/7

hotline through 311 to help people struggling with addiction access all levels of recovery services. Continuing these efforts into his second term, Mayor Walsh announced in his inaugural speech earlier this month that his Administration will rebuild the Long Island Bridge and invest in a comprehensive, long-term recovery facility on Long Island. These new services will offer a continuum of care, from harm reduction, to detox, to residential treatment, to transitional housing and ongoing peer support, and equip people with the opportunity to rebuild a life.

All responses or questions to the RFI should be submitted to John Natoli at John.Natoli@boston.gov. The City shall accept responses up to noon EST on March 12, 2018.

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# WALSH TO MODERNIZE CITY SHELTER SYSTEM

**M**ayor Martin J. Walsh announced that the City of Boston is seeking to redesign the emergency shelter system to better support people experiencing homelessness in exiting shelter as quickly as possible, and to ensure that people seeking shelter are quickly connected with the right resources. In a request for proposals (RFP), the City outlines its goal of modernizing its emergency shelter system. Responses to the RFP are due on February 20, 2018.

“We have made significant progress in our efforts to end chronic and veteran homelessness in the City of Boston,” said Mayor Walsh. “There is more work to be done though, and modernizing our shelter system will make sure that if a person becomes homeless, they are assessed and quickly connected with the right services to help them get back on their feet.”

Since the implementation of Boston’s Way Home, the Walsh administration’s plan to end chronic and veteran homelessness, the city has seen significant success, ending chronic veteran homelessness and housing nearly 1,300 formerly homeless people. Despite this significant progress, however, demand for shelter continues to grow each year. Boston’s individual shelters now serve seven percent more people annually than they did in June 2015, when the plan was released.

“Pine Street applauds Mayor Walsh’s efforts to connect those who are homeless with the best resources to move them out of homelessness,” said Lyndia Downie, President and Executive Director of Pine Street Inn. “Our goal is to move people out of shelter as



quickly as possible; and better yet, to prevent them from entering in the first place. We look forward to exploring best practices as we work with the city to help people rebuild their lives.”

Boston has one of the most intensive emergency responses to homelessness in the country, offering a shelter bed to anyone in need, regardless of sobriety, criminal record, ties to the area, income, or any other barrier that other shelters often impose. For example, more than half of all individuals entering Boston’s shelter system report their last known address in a zip code outside of Boston. To that end, a more efficient use of the city’s emergency shelter system is critical to achieving the goals of Boston’s Way Home.

An 18-month Front Door Triage pilot at the City’s four largest adult shelters revealed that there are still individuals entering shelter who have viable alternatives other than entering shelter. Shelter guests may need a different type of assistance, such as family mediation, inpatient treatment, or nursing home care, to become stable in housing. Data shows that in other cases,

emergency shelter has become an over-utilized safety net for people exiting other systems of care, such as hospitals, jails, and psychiatric facilities. These facilities provide minimal discharge support, or in some cases, make referrals to shelter with the false expectation that it is a fast track to housing.

It is the goal of this RFP to reach a shelter system that is accessed only by those who need it, reducing demand on shelters and connecting clients with other options and assistance where necessary. Boston’s shelters will also be able to operate in a manner that ensures people experiencing homelessness exit to housing as quickly as possible, and with lower rates of return. Should clients return to shelter after becoming housed, they will be connected to the appropriate resources to help them remain housed.

The shelter redesign process will take place after a thorough review of the policies, procedures, operations, staffing, and outcomes in the city’s shelters. The proposed plan will be based on proven strategies and outcomes, and will be tailored to the context and resources avail-

able within Boston. Shelter management, staff, and clients will be consulted throughout the process.

In his recent inaugural address, Mayor Walsh announced the establishment of the Boston’s Way Home Fund, which will raise \$10 million over the course of four years. These funds will be used to create 200 new units of supportive, sustainable, long-term housing for chronically homeless men and women. The effort to redesign shelter and to create more permanent housing support one another, as often, the best solution for a chronically homeless individual exiting shelter is to become housed in a unit of permanent supportive housing.

This type of housing combines subsidized rental housing with individualized support services so that people with complex issues can receive the assistance they need to stay housed. The services are designed to build independent living skills and to connect people with services such as community-based health care, support managing mental health conditions, substance use counseling, and employment services.

# Police Arrest Mobile Drug Dealer on O’Callaghan Way

SBT Staff Report  
Information Provided by BPD

Last week, Boston Police report that while the BPD Drug Control Unit was conducting an ongoing drug investigation in the area of 270 O’Callaghan Way in the Maryellen McCormack Housing Development, they pulled over a pickup truck being driven by 38-year-old Daniel Lincoln of Revere.

The arresting officers are assigned to the neighborhood drug control unit and were work out of the South Boston C-6 station. When the officers searched the truck’s interior they discovered a large haul and a big variety of illegal drugs and a substantial amount of cash. Some of the drugs had actually been baked into edible items such as cookies and Rice Krispy style treats possibly ready for consumption.

The following is a list of drugs

and other items found in the truck:

- Approximately 4 ounces of marijuana.
- 2 23 vials of liquid THC
- 160 vials containing 4 edible THC gummies
- \$2640 in US Currency
- Various prescription medications packaged for distribution including Adderall, Alprazolam and Diazepam.
- 216 packaged and pre-rolled THC cigars.
- 34 tins containing THC chocolate bars.
- Numerous chocolate chip cookies and Rice Krispy treats containing THC packaged for distribution
- Scales, packaging materials and various smoking paraphernalia

Mr. Lincoln was arrested and charged with possession and intent to distribute Class B, Class C and Class D drugs. Asked to comment on the arrest and confiscated drugs, Boston Police



Commissioner William Evans said the following: “Even with changes to the law, we are still seeing these drugs being sold illegally on the streets. THC and marijuana pose a risk to buyers who don’t know exactly what they are getting, and firearms and weapons are often involved. Due to the public safety risks that come with the illicit sale of THC and marijuana, my officers will work to continue to take these drugs off the streets in efforts to

keep Boston safe.”

This arrest was the result of the continuing work the Boston Police are doing in their efforts to keep dangerous and illegal drugs from being bought, sold and used on the streets of Boston. Often these arrests are made possible because of the cooperation of citizens who contact police and report crimes in progress. Police officials urge members of the public to report any such suspicious activities by calling 911.

## Police Recover Illegal Handgun Near McDonough Way



Boston Police report that they made an arrest last Monday which resulted in a loaded illegal firearm being taken off the street. At about 3:35pm on Monday, February 6th, officers assigned to the District C-6 South Boston Drug Control Unit arrested a known suspect on firearm and drug related charges in the area of 27 McDonough Way in South Boston. The suspect was Keon Baker, 26, a South Boston resident who was stopped as part of a drug investigation at which time the officers performed a ‘pat and frisk’ search of his person which led to the recov-

ery an illegal 9mm Kel-Tec Luger semi-automatic handgun.

The firearm was located in the suspect’s pants waistband. When officers asked if the gun was loaded, the suspect responded “Yes, one in the chamber and 10 in the mag”. Officers also recovered a small bag of crack cocaine from the suspect’s pants pocket. Baker was placed in custody and will appear in South Boston District Court on numerous charges including unlawful possession of a firearm, unlawful possession of ammunition and possession with intent to distribute Class B drugs.

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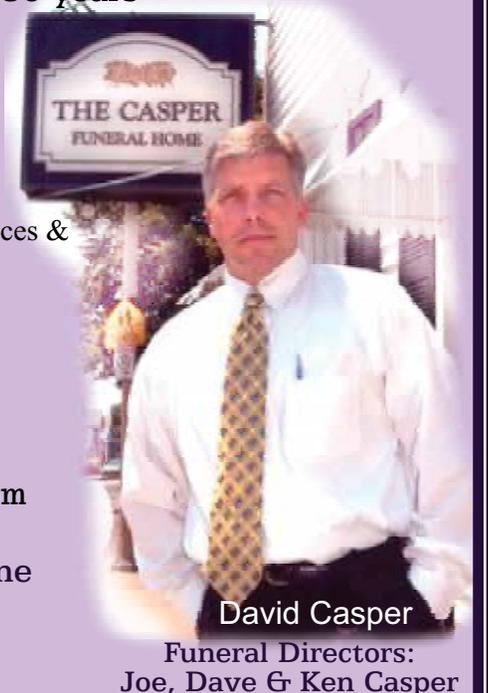
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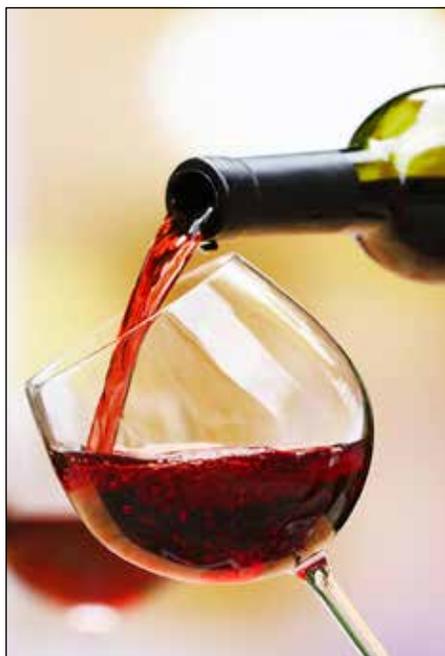
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## The Wine Guy



# THE NEXT NAPA

Chile, located on the Pacific coast of South America, is a long, narrow country on the other side of the Andes mountains from Argentina; its Andean foothills, in addition to providing abundant fruit and vegetable crops for itself and much of the Western Hemisphere, also provide some of the “best of the West” wines, too.

Chile is known for producing wines of exceptional value, but that’s not to say Chilean wines don’t also include outstanding bottles to boast about. As a new world wine region, with 2,700 miles of coastline along the frigid Pacific Ocean, Chile produces wines that are both fruit-forward and herbaceous, similar to French wine. It’s no wonder then, that French wine producers from Bordeaux have invested heavily in the region, making it their home away from home.

Cabernet Sauvignon is the most widely-planted grape variety in Chile. Chilean Cabernet

Sauvignon typically produces a lighter colored, less tannic style of Cabernet Sauvignon, with juicy flavors of black cherry, plums, smoked bell pepper, and (on some more refined examples) mint and deep blackberry. One of the best up and coming regions is the Colchagua Valley.

It’s been called “The Next Napa”, and with good reason. As the modern Chilean wine industry has matured and come to rely ever more on scientific methods for drawing the best from its exceptional soils and microclimates, it has become apparent that the Colchagua Valley offers exceptional advantages for growers and producers alike. It’s a situation not unlike that of the Napa Valley 50 years ago.

Located about 80 miles southwest of Santiago, the Colchagua Valley is about 75 miles long and averages 22 miles in width. It enjoys a balmy, Mediterranean climate matched in only a few other places on earth. With no smog, the air is exceptionally clear, and the region is noted for its abundant and extraordinarily luminous sunshine. The average annual rainfall, which occurs mostly in the winter months of May to August, is about 24 inches. Humidity is low, and frost is unknown.

Some examples of “the next Napa” wines-

**Casa Lapostolle, Grand Selection, 2015, Colchagua Valley,**

**(\$12.99)**, has a full and distinctive nose with notes of plums, cherries and a mocha tone. It has a nice mouthfeel and pleasing finish. Try it with Italian red sauce dishes, roast beef or a good New York strip.

**Carmenere, Koyle Royale, Alto Colchagua, 2014, (\$29.99)**, the history of the Undurraga family and Chilean wine dates to 1885, with the newest chapter being estate production of exceptionally crafted wines. The Carménère as an old Bordeaux varietal finding new life in Chile, is a standout here, showing a sense of place along with elegance and minerality. It is the best of all worlds, ready to drink now and put a few in the cellar.

**Primus, Alto De Casablanca, 2013, (\$15.99)**, is a red blend that exhibits a lot of similarity to some of the finer Bordeaux-style wines on the market today, but at a value price point. This is a terrific, full-bodied Chilean red wine made from the country’s signature red wine grape, Carmenere. Carmenere is believed to have traveled from Bordeaux, where it was one of the six original grape varieties planted there before the devastation from the root louse Phylloxera in 1867 wiped out all the vines. Chile’s natural protections from this vine louse include the ocean, the Andes mountains and the desert. Carmenere is named for its

color - crimson (carmen). It has some similarities with Merlot but is not the same grape. You’ll notice aromas of dark red fruit and toasty oak, mingled with a dark chocolate edge. Try this one with wine-braised beef or veal chop.

Lastly, if you enjoy Syrah, look to Chile. Syrah is an important grape in Chile and is only just starting to make waves in the wine community. These wines are distinctly more elegant (cool climate) in style and consistently offer up spiced meaty notes along with red or black plummy fruit. Tannins can be bolder in Chilean Syrah, which is one of the reasons this wine has become so intriguing as of late; it also has the potential to age very well.

A really nice example is Montes **Alpha Series Syrah 2014, Syrah/Shiraz Colchagua Valley, Rapel Valley, Chile, (\$19.99)**. This one is an Intense purplish-red in color. Abundant blue and red berries on the nose with a predominance of blackberries, blueberries, and cherries as well as a characteristic note of dry-cured Serrano ham along with French oak, which also lends aromas of vanilla and a touch of chocolate. Vibrant and round on the palate with very soft, well-balanced tannins that complement this impeccable Syrah from Colchagua. This wine pairs well with red meats, stir-fried beef, pork chops, spaghetti with Bolognese sauce, and lamb chops.

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## Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs Office of Coastal Zone Management

### Notice of Issuance of the Designation Report for the South Boston Designated Port Area (DPA) Boundary

In accordance with applicable regulations at 301 CMR 25.00, public notice is hereby given of the Office of Coastal Zone Management's (CZM) issuance of the South Boston Designated Port Area boundary designation report. CZM shall consider written comments relative to the designation report. Comments must be received by 5:00pm on March 9, 2018 (30 days after publication of this notice in the *Environmental Monitor*). Comments should be addressed to:

Office of Coastal Zone Management  
 Attn: Lisa Berry Engler  
 251 Causeway Street, Suite 800  
 Boston MA 02114-2136

CZM will convene a public hearing on the DPA boundary designation report on February 26, 2018 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at:

EDIC - Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park  
 22 Drydock Avenue, 3rd Floor Conference Room  
 Boston, MA 02210  
 (parking available at Central Parking Garage, 12 Drydock Avenue)

Copies of the state DPA boundary regulations (301 CMR 25.00) can be obtained at the State Bookstore, Room 116, State House, Boston, MA 02133, or electronically at: [www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/wl/301-cmr-25.pdf](http://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/wl/301-cmr-25.pdf)



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## So Many Reasons to Celebrate Valentine's Day Locally

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

**Y**es, the weather is still off again, on again cold. It is, after all, still winter and though it could be a whole lot nicer, it could be a lot worse as far as cold and snow go. But, none of that should interfere with Valentine's Day in South Boston – 2018. Flowers, candy, dinner, maybe a chilled bottle of wine in a romantic setting; all of these things and more, often come to mind when couples, married or dating, think of Valentine's Day.

This unique, unofficial holiday is said to have been based on the legend of one or more early Christian Saints named 'Valentinus'. The most well-known St. Valentine lived during the time of the Roman Empire and was said to have performed weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry while in the Roman Army. Valentinus was captured, arrested and later executed for his 'crimes', but his fame

lives on to this day.

And still, here in 2018, Valentine's Day means so much to so many. It truly is a tradition that has endured the test of time. Certainly, the candy companies and florists love this time of year. It's a huge business as the mad rush for flowers to send to that special someone ups the prices to sometimes 3 to 4 times what they usually are the rest of the year. Diets are often put on hold so that the thoughtful gifts of chocolates can be enjoyed and savored. But those couples in love are more than happy to pay the higher prices. Well, if not happy to pay, willing at least. And as we've all noticed to be the case more each year, no sooner do the Christmas decorations and items come down from the shelves in many stores, the red décor of Valentine's Day appears in their place.

Restaurants prepare for the occasion by making their establishments extra appealing creating that romantic atmosphere that softly states that yes indeed, this is a special day in the hearts of those in love. Reserva-

tions often need to be made well in advance if you expect to be able to get a table. And often the big question of 'Will you marry me?' is popped as many engagements over the centuries have commenced on February 14th.

Here in South Boston we have quite a few fine establishments more than capable of accommodating the most perfectly thought out plans. Cafe Porto Bello on East Broadway comes to mind with its quiet romantic atmosphere and fine Italian cuisine. There is also Barlow's, Coppersmith's, Stephi's, Legal Seafood, Lincoln, Shenanigans and so many other excellent restaurants and florists too - as good as if not better than any that can be found anywhere.

And if you really want to make it that special day to remember, well, gold, diamonds and other precious stones can be found locally at Murphy's Jewelers with selections to rival any of the larger chain stores. If you don't see what you want, Bill Cosetta, owner of Murphy's can get it for you. As most know, Murphy's Jewelry has moved its location to 403 W. First Street and still offers that fine quality merchandise and the best service around with great prices.

You may want to stop in to Jim Fallon's PS Gourmet Coffee at Perkins Square, for some of the best coffee in town, grab a cup to go and bring it along as you take in a romantic sunset at Castle Island or along Carson Beach. Watching the sun set over the water won't cost you a penny but might bring rewards worth far more than material items if it sets the mood just right. Whatever is needed to have a memorable Valentine's Day can be found right here in our neighborhood. Why not take advantage?

So, if this coming Tuesday you get the feeling that love is in the air maybe even more than any other day, a quick look at the calendar, February 14th just might explain why. It's Valentine's Day. And if you're married, engaged or romantically involved in any way, here's a bit of advice from your friends here at South Boston Today: You could be in for some serious trouble if you find that you have forgotten this of all days. And finally, if nothing else, stop and think back to the first time you saw that special someone and what it was that made your heart move like it never has before and celebrate the love of your life. Happy Valentine's D

# Bringing Learning to Life at St. Peter Academy

The grade 3 & 4 class at St. Peter Academy has been making the most of local resources to enhance their recent unit on animal adaptations and food webs. This project based unit of study has provided numerous opportunities for students to take the learning process outside of the classroom to make real world connections.

The unit began, as all great science modules do, with a Bill Nye video on animal adaptations. Bill Nye proved to be the perfect jumping off point as it peaked the students interest in the topic. The following class they did a bird beak adaptation experiment designed to have students

discover the importance of adaptations through an engaging hands-on learning activity. In groups, students were given several bowls of food stuffs designed to represent a variety of different sources of energy for separate species of birds. In one bowl students had gummy worms in place of real worms, another had watered down honey as a stand in for nectar, and a third contained a mixture of seeds. Students were then given a pair of tweezers, chopsticks, and a straw to represent different types of bird beaks. Finally, in a set amount of time each group would test the efficiency of each beak type in relation to each source of food.

After a fun filled hour a few

important facts became clear to the students: i. animals have different adaptations to increase their ability to survive in an ecosystem, and ii. it is impossible to pick up water with chopsticks.

In the following weeks, with the necessary background information in place, the students got to fully appreciate a field trip to the Harvard Museum of Natural History. While seeing preserved organisms in person was fun, the students' excitement most certainly peaked with the visit of the self-proclaimed "Creature Teacher" and his fluffy animal friends.

This week marks the final project, where students create a food web for

an ecosystem they have chosen to research. The results are sure to be spectacular, and we encourage all to swing by to check them out at our next open house!

*St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Main Office at 617-268-0750 or by emailing SPA@StPeterAcademy.com. Join us!*



# Gatey Hoop Notes

By Kevin Devlin

The regular season is winding down and the second season will begin soon as teams play their final regular season games and prepare for the upcoming playoffs.

On Saturday, February 3, at the McDonough gym which is located within the Walsh Community Center, the Gate of Heaven CYO 3rd/4th grade boys' travel team defeated their counterparts from Milton, 20-12. Saint Agatha's just didn't have an answer to stop Gatey star, Evan Pierce, who netted 15 points. Liam Colton also had a ter-

rific game scoring five points for Coach Paul Hogan.

Another game featured the Gate of Heaven CYO 5th/6th grade girls' travel team playing against Saint Agatha's of Milton. Gatey took an early lead and enjoyed a 13-6 advantage at the break. In the opening minutes of the second half, the home squad went on a 6-0 run, and at the 10:20 mark, realized a 19-6 advantage. Gatey continued to control the flow of action and defeated their foe from Milton, 27-16. Star center, Teagan Fitzgerald, was all over the court, snagging rebounds, registering steals, and scoring 25 points. She was

unstoppable and in the zone.

On Sunday, February 4, in Gatey cadet house league action, the first place and regular season champions, the Jack McDonough Club (7-1), eked out a hard-fought victory against the Boston Home Inspector's Club. The McDonough Club took an early lead, 7-2. Later in the first half, the Boston Home Inspector's Club cut the deficit to seven, 23-16, but then the McDonough Club went on a 5-0 run and led at intermission, 28-16.

In the second half, the McDonough Club went on a 9-2 run, and with 8:28 left in the tilt, led by 17, 37-20. But Coach Ralph Mazzeo's hoop warriors didn't pack it in, went on a 9-0 run of their own, and cut the deficit to 8, 37-29. His warriors continued to pound the

boards and score, and with 1:45 left on the game clock, trailed by only three points. Unfortunately, their heroic bid to overcome the 17-point deficit fell short, and they lost, 42-39. Coach Mazzeo applauded his team afterwards for not giving up and fighting for victory until the final buzzer sounded.

For the McDonough Club, Zack Mitchell and Conor Strickland had 12 points (including two treys) apiece. Linden Cox contributed 8 points, AJ Mansaray had 6 points, and Joey Brink had 5. For the Boston Home Inspector's Club, Darrell Handy had a tremendous game netting 22 points and James "The Gunslinger" Buzzell finished with 11 points, including two three pointers.



Liam Colton. Liam plays on the Gate of Heaven CYO 3rd/4th grade team which is coached by Paul Hogan.



Caitlin Fitzgerald. Caitlin plays center on the Gate of Heaven CYO 7th/8th grade girls' travel team.



At the McDonough gym last Saturday is the Gate of Heaven CYO 5th/6th grade girls' basketball team, which is coached by Peter Alto and Kelly Sanborn.



Teagan Fitzgerald. Teagan was unstoppable as she scored 25 points against Saint Agatha's of Milton.



Conor Strickland. Conor plays on the Jack McDonough Club. He had a great game scoring 12 points.



At the McDonough gym last Sunday, before their final regular season game, is the Boston Home Inspector's Club. This Gate of Heaven CYO cadet basketball house league team is coached by Ralph Mazzeo.

**Nick Collins Senate Campaign**

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councilor and longtime friend and colleague who has worked with Rep. Collins on several key issues since her election in 2015. “I’m proudly supporting Nick Collins for State Senate,” Essaibi-George said. “This election is especially important to me because Senator Dorcena Forry and I had such a strong working relationship, and because I am a resident of the First Suffolk District. Nick Collins has a proven record of success and collaboration that reaches across each and every community from Dorchester to Hyde Park and South Boston to

Mattapan. I know that he will continue to be a leader on Beacon Hill on issues that matter to me and to my neighbors investing in our public schools, keeping our streets safe, and providing all Bostonians with access to limitless opportunity.”

Baker, who also grew up in Dorchester, lives in Savin Hill and has been Dorchester’s district councilor since 2011. A former printer for the city of Boston, Baker’s district also includes sections of South Boston and the South End. “I know Nick Collins will work tirelessly on our behalf to acquire the funding necessary to improve our ever-changing neighborhoods,” Baker said. “I know this because he already does it. As a State Representative in part of my district for the past eight years, Nick has been laser focused on issues important to his constituents, and I know he will continue to work with such passion and collaboration as our next State Senator.”

“I have had the privilege to work alongside Nick on some very important issues impacting both our

districts, in particular transportation, planning and development concerns relative to Kosciuszko circle, Morrissey Blvd., and UMass,” Baker added. “I can say without hesitation that there is no better advocate for our neighborhoods.”

Rep. Collins has also selected Amy Frigulietti as his campaign manager. Frigulietti is a graduate of University of Massachusetts-Amherst and was most recently Baker’s chief of staff. A resident of Lower Mills in Dorchester, she has also been chief of staff to state Sen. Michael Moore, was a legislative aide to state Sen. Guy Glodis and was an assistant deputy superintendent for the Worcester County House of Correction.

“I’m looking forward to working on the Nick Collins for Senate campaign in an effort to get him elected as our State Senator so that he can do even more for a greater number of individuals and neighborhoods,” Frigulietti said. “Representative Collins is not only easy to talk to, he listens and is eager to take action and help people. He understands our city and the

people who make it great. That’s why I am honored to take on the role of his campaign manager. I know he will do an unbelievable job as our next State Senator.”

Since 2010, Rep. Collins has represented the Fourth Suffolk District, which includes South Boston and sections of Dorchester. Born and raised in South Boston, Rep. Collins worked closely with Sen. Dorcena-Forry on a number of key issues, including transportation, public safety, housing, economic development, job creation, gender pay equality and the environment.

“I look forward to continuing the important work that Sen. Dorcena-Forry and I started together and having strong, effective neighborhood advocates like Councilors Essaibi-George and Baker, as well as experienced talent like Amy Frigulietti, on my team is crucial,” Rep. Collins said. “We are excited to collaborate with the many diverse neighborhoods of our district and hear from residents as we prioritize the work that needs to be done to improve the quality of life for all.”

**The Acronym SMILF... continued from page 2**

finds herself making impulsive and immature decisions. The program is a fresh, raw, and honest comedic look at co-parenting, motherhood and female sexuality. “SMILF” is adapted from Frankie Shaw’s Sundance Film Festival Jury award-winning short film.

And Frankie Shaw cashed in on her portrayal of a vulnerable single mother from South Boston. She celebrated the success of her Showtime comedy series “SMILF” — after two 2017 Golden Globe nominations, one for Best Actress, Television Series Musical or Comedy and the other for the Best Television Series, Musical or Comedy, the show was picked up late last year for a sophomore season — with the \$2.15 million dollar purchase of a 1930s Monterey Colonial residence in the

hills between L.A.’s Los Feliz and Silver Lake areas.

On behalf of our neighborhood, Councilor Ed Flynn has spoken out against the after effects of this exploitation. “The proud mothers I know from Southie, who work so hard for their families and our community, have told me they find it unwatchable as it is a degrading, crude, and inaccurate portrayal of their life,” Flynn said in the statement. “I’m tired of Hollywood making a profit off of these abysmal shows that in no way capture the real lives, character, and contributions of the people of South Boston.”

Here is Councilor Flynn’s Statement:

Dear friends,

In recent weeks, many of my constituents have relayed to me their disgust with Showtime’s TV Show “SMILF” and its depiction of the people of

South Boston. The proud mothers I know from Southie, who work so hard for their families and our community, have told me they find it unwatchable as it is a degrading, crude and inaccurate portrayal of their life in the neighborhood. At the same time, I noticed advertisements for the show featured at bus shelters around the city. I’m tired of Hollywood making a profit off of these abysmal shows that in no way capture the real lives, character and contributions of the people of South Boston. Public resources should be used to lift people in our community up and not at the expense of denigrating single mothers. As a result, I reached out to officials from the City of Boston and they have kindly agreed to remove these advertisements. Thank you to those of you that brought this to my attention. - Ed

**Window into the State House...**

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**Opioid lawsuits gain steam as more communities sign on**

Selectmen in Sturbridge and Dudley have voted to add their communities to the growing list of cities and towns signing on to lawsuits against major drug makers for their role in the opioid crisis, Craig Semon and Debbie

LaPlaca report in the Telegram. That’s four Worcester-area towns already on board, with Charlton and Southbridge officials earlier signaling they want a piece of the action.

**With loaded gun in backpack, T driver was using cell phone when he crashed his trolley**

For the record: It was .40-caliber

Smith and Wesson firearm and he was deleting a Reddit post when all of a sudden – bam! – he crashed his Mattapan Line trolley into another train, according to police records. The driver has since been fired. The Globe’s Travis Andersen has the details.

**MBTA to communities: No pay, no expansion play**

Attention all those who want expanded rail service in western and south-eastern Massachusetts: Be prepared to pay up. Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine reports that state transportation officials will increasingly look to third parties to financially support expansion initiatives, similar to how Somerville and Medford had to pony up millions for the Green Line extension.

# TYNAN HAPPENINGS



### **CATCH** After School Program

The CATCH Program had another great week. Chris Fitzgerald, DYEE worker, did a great job tutoring our participants and helping them with homework. Activity for the week was basketball. Everyone did a great job participating and displaying skills as well as teamwork. Floor Hockey was a major success, as players get ready for the season to begin this Friday. Star of the week was Danny Fox, who continues to listen and always looks forward to our weekly bowling trip.

### **BCYF-TYNAN TEEN CENTER**

Our teen center is now opened Monday through Friday from 6-9 pm. We have a variety of activities for our teens to participate, including but not limited to board games/tournaments, trivia nights, Netflix/movie night. We are also equipped with a brand

new PlayStation with online access. Stop in and use our chrome books for both educational and recreational purposes. We have been long awaiting our Teen Center and are excited to finally have this space!

### **GYM NOTES:**

#### **FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE**

The BCYF Tynan Community Center Floor Hockey League will be starting on February 9th. Games for this week will be at 3:50 p.m. and 4:40 p.m. Players will be contacted on their specific game time this week. The past few weeks, the participants have done various drills, scrimmages and worked hard developing their skills. Star of the week was Joe Leeman, who continues to display some great skills.

#### **FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

Playoffs began this week for our Youth Flag Football League.

Both games were very close and exciting to watch. In the first game, the Rams took a 38-28 lead at halftime against the Cowboys. In the second half, the Cowboys came out strong to tie, forcing the game into overtime. In overtime, Evan Peirce lead the Rams to the victory, by the final score of 82-74. He had 7 touchdowns for the Rams. Michael Quinlan, Thomas Quinlan, and Ryan Patterson all had 3 touchdowns apiece for the Cowboys. The following game was between the Saints and Chiefs. Both teams consistently exchanged touchdowns throughout the game, keeping it very close. The Chiefs came out on top to advance to the Championship/Superbowl, winning by the score of 50-48. Robert Wisniewski had 5 touchdowns for the

Chiefs and Rocco Blasi lead his team with 3 touchdowns. Good Luck to the Rams and Chiefs in the Championship this week.

### **BCYF TYNAN-GIRLS' FITNESS TEAM**

Youth Worker, Katie O'Connell, will be starting the BCYF-Tynan Girls' Fitness program. Fitness Instructor, Amanda McCarthy, will be returning to conduct the (8) week program. Classes will be held on Monday nights, 6-7 pm at the Tynan Gym for girls ages 10 and over. We will continue registration on Tuesday, Feb. 13th and Thursday Feb. 15th from 3-8 p.m. A \$20 registration fee (in check or money order) will be applied at the time of registration. If interested or need further information, please contact Katie O'Connell or Kathy Davis @ (617)-635-5110.



The Cowboys Tynan Youth Flag Football Team



The Saints Tynan Youth Flag Football Team

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*This week, Danny reacted to the New England Patriots' Super Bowl LII loss:*

**W**ell, that's certainly not how I expected it to go down. The Philadelphia Eagles are Super Bowl champions. They defeated the Patriots 41-33. Nick Foles was named Super Bowl MVP.

Here in New England, there are plenty of questions about the future. As I write this, it's being reported that Josh McDaniels will not go to Indianapolis after all, and instead, he'll stay with the Patriots. What does that say about Bill Belichick's future? How much time does Tom Brady have left? Is Rob Gronkowski seriously contemplating retirement? And where will Malcolm Butler play next year?

There's plenty of time to tackle those questions. But for now, Sunday's loss to the Eagles is still fresh in my mind. So here are my top three reasons the Patriots lost Super Bowl LII:

1) Defense couldn't make the big plays

I'll get to the Butler fiasco in a moment. But first and foremost, the rest of the Patriots' defense just couldn't make a big stop in this game. Part of it was the execution. Part of it was the game plan. And part of it was the personnel. Foles threw for 373 yards, and LeGarrette Blount and Jay Ajayi combined for 147 rush yards. Every time it seemed the Patriots' defense had the Eagles' offense on the ropes, either Foles or his run game would

move the chains. It didn't help that Foles had a clean game. He wasn't sacked once, but that was partly because the Patriots didn't necessarily dial it up when it came to creative blitzing schemes. I was begging for a corner or safety blitz, or a couple linebackers busting up the A-gap. That never happened, for whatever reason. The Patriots never confused Foles. They never rattled him with a little extra pressure. And he never made him uncomfortable in the pocket. That's a recipe for failure, as you saw with the 41 points allowed.

Now, to Butler. We'll call this "1A." Look, nobody is a bigger believer in "The Patriot Way" than me. There's a reason why this organization is continuously so successful. That's because Belichick has instilled a certain mindset into every player who's walked through those doors in Foxboro. It's a football team, and no player on that team is better than anybody else. The day after the Randy Moss trade, I asked Wes Welker what message it sent to the rest of the team. He said, "There's a sign on the wall that says, 'If you don't want to be here, you don't have to be.'" I'm not sure what Butler did, but I don't care what anybody says, he obviously did something. And if Belichick wants to send a message

to Butler and stay consistent with his message, then I have no problem with benching him for the first half. But the Patriots needed Butler more than ever before in the second half, yet, Belichick decided to keep him on the sideline for the entire game. At that point, everyone is playing for a ring. Butler needed to play in the second half. The fact that he didn't is inexcusable, and it might have cost the Patriots a sixth Super Bowl.

2) Philly stayed aggressive

-How many times do we see the Patriots' opponent looking up at the clock in the second half, just trying to hold on for a win? The Jacksonville Jaguars did it in the AFC Championship when they decided to take a knee at the end of the first half. The Eagles got nuts on Sunday. Doug Pederson pulled out his bag of tricks and decided he was going for the jugular. Philadelphia went 2-2 on fourth-down conversions, one of which that saw Foles going out for a pass and catching a touchdown. Credit where credit's due. The Eagles were not going to simply try and run out the clock and hope that time would run out on the Patriots. They went out and scored 41 points, and they did it in the most ballsy way possible.

3) Patriots' O-line crumbled

-There's only so much blame I can

put on the Patriots' offense. They scored 33 points. Tom Brady threw for 505 yards and had three touchdowns passes and no interceptions. That should be enough to win. But as bad as New England's defense was, let's face it, we all wanted Brady to have the ball in his hands late in the fourth quarter. The Patriots trailed 38-33 after the Zach Ertz touchdown and got the ball back with 2:21 left in the fourth, still having a timeout and the two-minute warning. They began the drive from their own 25-yard line and needed a touchdown to win the game. At that point, who thought the Patriots were going lose? Not me. But on the second play of the drive, the Eagles rushed four and still got pressure on Brady, as right guard Shaq Mason and right tackle Cameron Fleming got manhandled at the line of scrimmage. The Eagles forced Brady to fumble, and that was the ballgame. When Brady needed protection the most, he couldn't get it, and in the end, that fumble was the difference between another Brady comeback win, and an Eagles Super Bowl upset.

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