



# Helipad Redux

The Boston Herald reported that Suffolk Construction CEO and city power broker John Fish is looking to build a private helipad next to the company’s Roxbury headquarters, a plan that is riling nearby residents who say they’ve been left in the dark.

Suffolk officials quietly filed the plans with the city last year, pitching a proposal that would put the pad in a Kemble Street parking lot adjacent to the company’s office. The move, they say, would serve the company’s “evolving transportation needs” in the largely commercial area. Company officials are slated to make their case to the city’s Zoning Board

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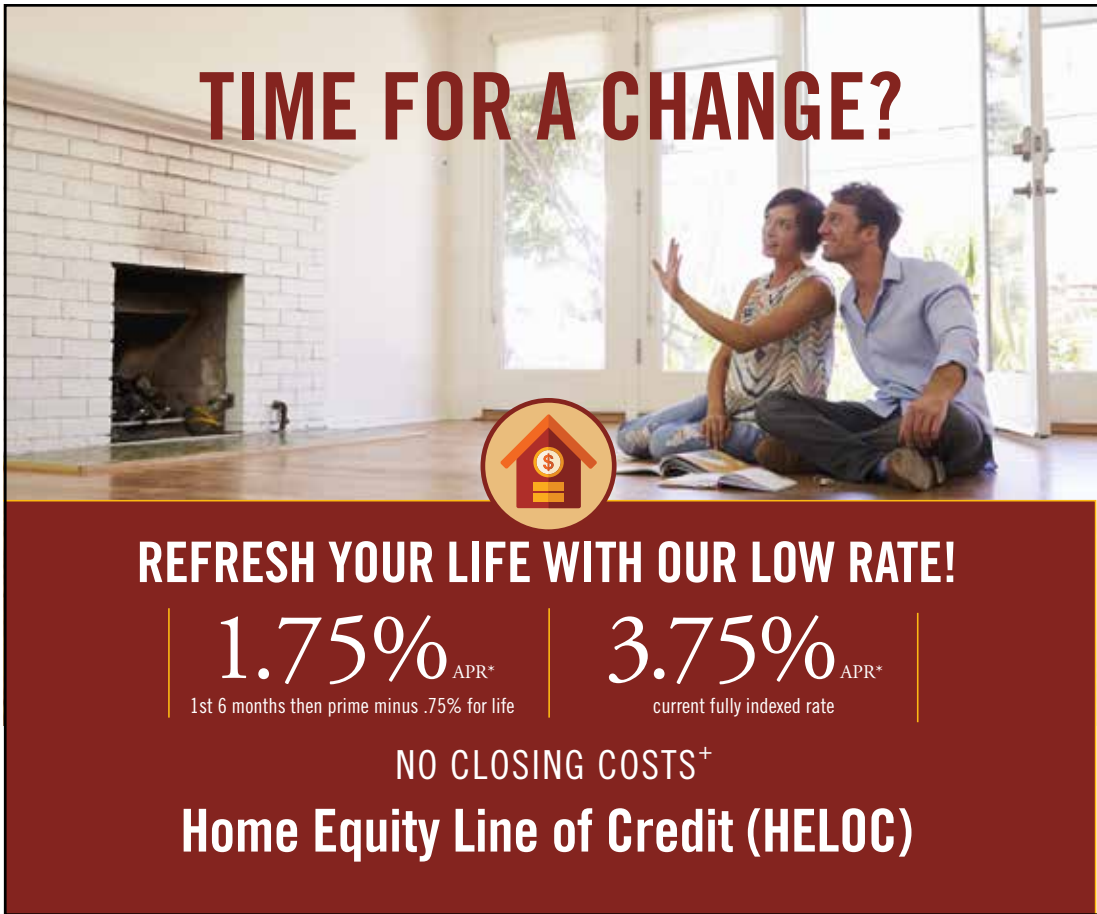
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# EDITORIAL

## Great Job! Another One Bites The Dust

Law enforcement gave us some good news last week. It was announced by Suffolk County DA Daniel Conley's office that thanks to the combined work of the Boston Police and the DEA, a major drug kingpin said to have links and be high up in a vicious Mexico connected Drug Cartel. More than two dozen associates, and the alleged leader have been taken off the streets in the

recent raids. It's alleged that this organization is responsible for helping to flood the United States, including the Boston area with fentanyl, cocaine and heroin among other deadly substances.

We all know the tragedy that dangerous drugs have caused to society. More than 64,000 drug related deaths were recorded in the past year alone and many families are devastated because of it. Yes, we've all heard it said

that if there were no demand and market on the part of Americans for these drugs there would be no epidemic taking place and there is certainly some truth to that.

However, choking off the endless supply that law enforcement agencies, including the BPD, confirm, have been pouring over our country's southern border would play a major part in putting an end to this nightmare. Beefing up security along our border

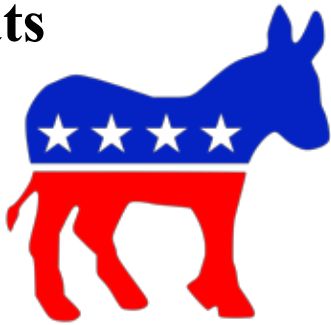
using every method available is a must. There is no reason not to as the protection of American citizens should be a priority for every elected official. Those

law enforcement personnel involved in this latest drug bust deserve very special praise and should have the support of every American for a job well done.



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## Democrats To Hold Ward 6 And 7 Caucus



Registered Democrats in South Boston and Dorchester, Wards 6 and 7 will hold a caucus on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Curley Recreation Center 1163 Columbia Road, South Boston (M Street Entrance).

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Wards 6 and 7. Doors will open at 8:30 am. Candidates for delegates and alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus. Those not elected as delegate and/or alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be an add on delegate.

Bernie O'Donnell

## Boston Teens Invited to Summer Job and Resource Fair March 10

**BOSTON**--February 14, 2018--Boston teens ages 15 to 18 interested in a summer job through SuccessLink, the Mayor's Summer Jobs program, are encouraged to attend the City of Boston SuccessLink Youth Job and Resource Fair on Saturday, March 10 at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center at Roxbury Community College. The hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Job Fair will feature:

- Over 100 Employers: Come find the right fit for your summer job;
- Game stations that will bring you up to speed on essential job skills;
- Youth resource tables with important information and opportunities for teens;
- Raffles;
- Swag bags for the first 200 youth who RSVP;
- Free food;
- Music;
- And more!

Every employer that hires young people through SuccessLink will be present to engage with

youth about what a potential summer job would be like. Registration for SuccessLink will open February 19 and end March 30. Don't miss out on this opportunity to see what jobs are available and connect with employers! SuccessLink is managed by Boston Centers for Youth & Families' Division of Youth Engagement & Employment. Over 3,000 young people are hired every summer through SuccessLink and placed in a variety of jobs across the city.

### About Boston Centers for Youth and Families

Boston Centers for Youth & Families (BCYF) is the City of Boston's largest youth and human service agency. BCYF operates 36 community centers in Boston that offer a variety of engaging and enriching programs for people of all ages created through community input and need. BCYF also oversees many citywide programs including the nationally-recognized violence intervention and prevention Streetworker Program and SuccessLink, Mayor's Summer Jobs Program.

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## Some Thoughts On The Olympics

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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The Winter Olympics, at least so far, have pretty low ratings. According to surveys done early on, the interest in the Games is way down. But some expert observers, and the real experts are the everyday viewers – as in real people who tune in to be entertained believe it's not because of the athletes themselves or the great feats of athletic prowess on display - which is impressive - but mainly because so much time is given to yakking sports commentators. Most people who follow sports, particularly the Olympics, tune in to see the events and not to listen to the endless droning on by media know-it-alls, who think it's their job to tell you all about what you just saw for yourself on screen, as if you aren't bright enough to know what just happened. And the funniest part is, the sportscasters actually believe they are the main event, not the athletes themselves.

It's also being noticed that the American media is going out of its way to actually romanticize North Korea. Americans are smart enough to know that the country of North Korea is a murderous slave state. I see no need to be anything but blunt here. That regime kills and tortures its own people, starves them in order to build more and bigger weapons with the money needed for food, and routinely executes anyone who dares utter a negative comment about the tyrannical leadership. There is little difference between North Korea and Nazi Germany and the press knows it. And yet, American media disdain and hate is so intense for The United States and especially the Trump Family and

anyone who the supports them, that they have taken to providing Kim Jong Un with nothing but the most positive of coverage also known as propaganda.

All last weekend, the usual suspects, namely the New York Times, CNN, ABC, NBC, NPR and the Washington Post - all leftist mouth pieces by any standard - were conducting a shameless campaign of trying to normalize the North Korean regime and make it seem like a wonderful, misunderstood place victimized by an evil America. As was stated, the American public is smart enough to know that that country is anything but normal. Also, a fact is the press is NOT smart enough to understand that no one is falling for their scheme.

It's a good bet, that if given the chance to defect to the South, a decent size percentage of those North Korean Olympic athletes would jump at the opportunity, just like those Korean soldiers have been doing, even risking their lives in a hail of bullets to escape. But it's also a good bet that the athletes don't even dare try it, because there would be government retaliation against their family members at home.

When all is said and done, the actions on display by the US news media during these winter Olympics helps solidify the distrust and dislike that average Americans now have for them. When you have the press at every opportunity giving good, positive and fawning coverage to North Korea, while taking their subtle swipes at Vice President Mike Pence and our nation as a whole, it erases all doubt as to

where the media's loyalty lies.

To close this week, since we're on the topic of the Olympics, let's combine it with our 'what's racist this week' segment: Who knew that now, even coin tosses are racist. I'm of course referring to the embarrassing and childish actions of US Olympic Team member Shani Davis. The honor of who would carry the American Flag in the opening ceremonies came down to two people – Davis, who is black and Erin Hamlin who is

white. Since these two team members were tied in the voting for the selection, established team rules specifically state that in the event of such a tie, it will be decided by a coin toss. The coin was tossed, Ms. Hamlin won so Davis immediately whined, complained and played the race card. Acting like a child, he refused to take part in the opening ceremonies, embarrassing his team mates of every race and making a complete fool of himself. Again, who knew?

### FRIENDSHIP PARTY FOR Tom Rosher



On May 24th, Tom Rosher suffered an ischemic stroke, leaving him with left neglect, which effected his left ear and vision on his left side. He is alive and well but has suffered massive brain swelling, which had effected his mobility. He and his teenage sweetheart and loving wife of 46 years Mary Lou are doing the best they can.

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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.

### ***GIC caves: Panel to reconsider controversial health-plan changes***

Shortly after Attorney General Maura Healey said she was investigating whether the Group Insurance Commission violated open-meeting laws when it approved a controversial change in public employees' health-care plans, the GIC caved. The panel now says it will reconsider its deeply unpopular vote to drop popular private insurers from its list of health-plan options for public employees. The Globe's Priyanka Dayal McCluskey and SHNS's Matt Murphy at the BBJ have the details of the retreat.

But the GIC's about-face isn't stopping Beacon Hill lawmakers from planning hearings on the mat-

ter – and one lawmaker, Sen. Cindy Friedman, has filed legislation that would require notice be given to legislators any time the GIC makes significant changes to government health plans, reports SHNS's Matt Murphy in a separate story (pay wall). Our three-word analysis of the situation: What a mess.

### ***Linda Dorcena Forry resigns from Senate for job at Suffolk Construction***

This comes as a major surprise, considering she was only recently one of four senators vying for the Senate presidency. From the Globe's Frank Phillips: "Linda Dorcena Forry, the lone black member of the state Senate and

the state's highest-ranking elected black official, is stepping down to take an executive post at the construction firm run by powerbroker John Fish. ... 'I will be leaving the Massachusetts Senate effective Friday and joining an incredible opportunity,' she said in a statement provided to the Globe. Forry will be the northeast region's vice president for diversity inclusion and community relations at Fish's Suffolk Construction."

SHNS's Matt Murphy at the Dorchester Reporter has lawmakers' reactions to Forry's surprise decision.

### ***Does Forry's departure signal the return of Stan Rosenberg?***

Perhaps Linda Dorcena Forry, who only recently was angling for the coveted Senate presidency job, knows something the rest of us don't know. The Herald's Joe Battenfeld speculates that Forry's surprise resignation signals the likely return to power of former Senate President Stan Rosenberg. Battenfeld writes that City Councilor Ayanna Pressley, who lives in Forry's district, could be vying against Rep. Nick Collins of South Boston for the latest open Senate seat. FYI: Battenfeld also notes how so many senators are leaving office these days, perhaps a sign serving in the chamber has lost its luster.

### ***Ethics Committee: Only special investigators, and not senators, will know names***

Speaking of the Senate, we'll see if this entices victims and witnesses to step forward. From Mike Deehan at WGBH: "The Senate Ethics Committee has reaffirmed that members of the Senate - including the Ethics Committee - will not know the identities of witnesses in the investigation

of former Senate President Stan Rosenberg. The six members of the Ethics Committee adopted an order saying that the special investigators probing Rosenberg shall not disclose to any party the identities of witnesses, victims, or subpoena recipients as they investigate whether Rosenberg broke rules in connection with allegations that his husband tried to trade political influence for sex."

### ***Northern Pass wins huge state clean-energy contract – battle lines form***

The headline on the Globe story is brutal: "Eversource wins a huge state contract it helped design." But it's accurate. The Globe's Jon Chesto and Commonwealth magazine's Bruce Mohl have the details on the Baker administration's awarding of the largest clean energy contract in the state's history to a partnership of Hydro-Quebec and Eversource Energy. The selection of the Northern Pass hydroelectricity project is already drawing fire from environmentalists and grumblings from losing bidders about the process that allowed Eversource and other utilities to participate in crafting the original request for proposals, as Mohl points out.

The next step: Northern Pass must now negotiate details of the long-term, multibillion-dollar contract that will be submitted for approval to the Department of Public Utilities, Mohl reports. If the transmission project wins key approvals in New Hampshire, the president of Eversource New Hampshire swears the project can start as soon as this year. But we have a hunch the Conservation Law Foundation and others have a different legal time schedule in mind.

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# DA: Wiretap Investigation Yields More Than 30lbs of Fentanyl

*More Than 77lbs of Fentanyl, Heroin, Cocaine Seized in “Operation High Hopes”*



**S**uffolk County District Attorney Daniel F. Conley, Boston Police Superintendent in Chief William Gross, Special Agent in Charge Michael J. Ferguson of the Drug Enforcement Administration's New England Division, Braintree Police Chief Paul Shastany, and Randolph Police Chief William Pace announced the results of Operation High Hopes, one of the longest, most far-reaching, and most successful state wiretap investigations in Massachusetts history.

The investigation dismantled two Boston-area drug trafficking organizations and led to the seizure of some 77 pounds of various narcotics – including more than 30 pounds of fentanyl, an opiate so powerful that mere milligrams can be lethal – and some \$300,000 in alleged drug money. The fentanyl, heroin, cocaine, and opiate tablets are believed to have come from the Sinaloa Cartel in Mexico.

“I want to be clear about the size and scope here,” District Attorney Conley said. “Massachusetts’ fentanyl trafficking statute covers quantities greater than 10 grams. That threshold represents less than

1/1000th of the quantity we’ve taken off the street. The number of actual milligram-level doses in 15 kilograms is in the millions. And the number of overdoses it could have caused is truly staggering. Individuals who buy and sell at this level aren’t users. They’re not small-time dealers, either. They’re certainly not selling to support a habit. They’re trafficking in addictive substances that claim more lives in Massachusetts than all homicides, all suicides, and all car crashes, statewide, combined.”

“Those suffering from the disease of opioid addiction need access to treatment and recovery,” said DEA Special Agent in Charge Michael J. Ferguson. “But those responsible for distributing lethal drugs like fentanyl to the citizens of Massachusetts need to be held accountable for their actions. DEA’s top priority is combatting the opioid epidemic by working with our local, county and state law enforcement partners to bring to justice those that distribute this poison.”

“These arrests and seizures will have a tremendous impact on

the quality of life in Boston and many other Massachusetts cities and towns,” said Boston Police Commissioner William B. Evans. “The individuals arrested are responsible for pumping dangerous drugs into our communities, while profiting on the vulnerability of those suffering from the disease of addiction. I commend the work of my detectives and all our law enforcement partners who worked tirelessly over the past six months of Operation High Hopes. These partnerships are a tremendous benefit to law enforcement and the communities we serve, as they provide the resources needed to conduct this type of large-scale operation and keep our cities safe and free from drugs.”

The initial targets of the investigation – Edward Soto-Perez, 43, of Roxbury; Nelson Catala-Otero, 37, of Brockton; and Julio Cuello, 52, of Dorchester – were arraigned in November on multiple drug trafficking charges after the execution of wiretap-based search warrants. They were held on bails ranging from \$100,000 to \$250,000 and will return to court on Feb. 13.

Their alleged supplier, Robert Contreras, 42, of Dorchester, was one of more than a dozen additional targets arrested today. He was arraigned in the Boston Municipal Court and held on \$1 million bail on charges of trafficking fentanyl, heroin, and cocaine. He will return to court on Feb. 28.

At a briefing this afternoon, Conley laid out the investigation. “This investigation began in July 2017. The Boston Police Special Investigations Unit and DEA Task Force Two were attempting to make inroads into a suspected trafficking organization run by Edward Soto-Perez. Using cooperating witnesses, controlled purchases, physical surveillance, and other means, they had reliable evidence that he was a kilogram-weight trafficker – but they hit a wall in determining where he stored his supply or who his supplier was.

“Soto-Perez was clever and extremely diligent in covering his tracks. He used couriers to make

deliveries and take cash payments. He switched cars regularly to foil court-authorized GPS tracking. And he would make as many as five sudden turns in the span of a mile to spot police surveillance teams. In fact, he was so adept at protecting his suppliers and stash houses that I took the rare step of approving a wiretap application to get that critical evidence. That first application was granted in September 2017 only after careful review by a Superior Court judge – under all the rules and restrictions of state and federal law.

“It’s a frustrating quirk of Massachusetts law that it’s easier to get a wiretap in a narcotics investigation than a murder investigation. Our Governor, Attorney General, and Chief Justice of the SJC all agree that this tool would help solve the armed robberies, shootings, and homicides frequently driven by the drug trade, in addition to the drug trade itself. And I think all of us here would urge the Legislature to lift that archaic restriction. But based on what investigators knew about the Soto-Perez Group, there was no question that a wiretap was the appropriate next step.

“In the months that followed, the court extended the wiretap 11 times and approved interceptions on more than two dozen phones. Investigators doubled as code-breakers to reveal the criminal enterprise as it unfolded. In some calls, the defendants referred to drug shipments as “musicians” and to payments as “tickets” to the party. In others, they discussed purity levels by referring to a kilogram of cocaine as a “car” that could fit “three passengers” – a highly potent original product that could be quadrupled in retail weight with cutting agents.

“Ironically, the wiretap that Soto-Perez’ precautions made necessary revealed facts and evidence we might never have obtained otherwise. It identified his partners and led to search warrants on their stash houses in Dorchester. But most importantly, it identified his supplier – Robert Contreras and

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## Are The South Boston Yacht Clubs Next!



Institutions are the anchors of a neighborhood. Churches. Libraries. Recreation Centers. Fire Houses. Schools. According to a recent Boston Globe article, the next frontier for housing development in Boston could be a community center. Or a library. Or a firehouse.

The Walsh administration is asking for ideas to redevelop more than 80 city-owned buildings, with the goal of adding housing while sprucing up the public facilities inside. It's part of the city's broad push to ease the housing crunch by creating 53,000 apartments, condos, and houses by 2030.

"We believe this model could have the potential to enhance city property by improving our infrastructure and generating new affordable housing options needed in neighborhoods throughout our city," Walsh said in a statement.

The plan is patterned on an approach taken in other cities, including New York, Washington, and San Francisco, which have partnered with developers to build on the sites of libraries and com-

munity centers.

The Boston Planning & Development Agency has, in recent years, put a number of city-owned sites out for bid to developers. In its initial "request for interest," released Friday, Walsh's Housing Innovation Lab identified 83 city-owned buildings — ranging from older branch libraries to the massive 1010 Mass. Ave., home to the Inspectional Services Division, to the Boston Fire Academy on Moon Island — that could be offered up to accommodate additional housing. It also listed 36 parking lots where current city buildings might be relocated to make room for development. The request is just the start of what may be a long process of design and approval, said Marcy Ostberg, director of the Housing

Innovation Lab. At this point, it's mostly looking for ideas that might both improve city services and add housing.

"It's very complex to do this," she said. "It could be a smashing success. It could be we don't get a lot of applications. It's too soon to tell." It's the type of concept that could make sense for affordable-housing developers, said Leslie Boss, director of real estate at the Jamaica Plain Neighborhood Development Corporation. "As a community-based nonprofit in a neighborhood where countless families have been displaced by skyrocketing housing costs, JPNDP has found city land and resources to be instrumental to our efforts to create new affordable homes," Boss said. Submissions are due in late March.

## Is Congestion Pricing Coming To Boston?

By Tom Acitelli, Curbed Boston

Curbed Boston has reported that New York City is closer than ever to enacting congestion pricing—that is, charging most motorists a fee for driving in and out of Manhattan's main commercial districts. Councilor Michelle Wu's parking fee proposal may very well investigate this type of program as well.

The idea has the backing of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the sort-of backing, or at least not outright opposition, of New York Mayor (and Cambridge native) Bill de Blasio. Business groups are starting

to line up behind it, and even ride-hailing apps such as Uber are saying they wouldn't have a problem with the fee.

The idea behind congestion pricing is simple: To reduce vehicular traffic in congested areas by making it a cost-benefit analysis rather than a routine for drivers. Go in and about only if you absolutely need to—otherwise, take public transit, bike, or walk. In New York's case, too, the revenue from congestion pricing under the most recent proposal would go toward paying for much-needed repairs to the region's public transit system, particularly the subway.

We know that Boston needs money for its public transit system, particularly the subway. The idea of charging drivers a fee for

entering the city's core is not a new one (and highway tolls are already a fact of life here). The idea has been bandied about to the point of mulling where officials might locate cameras to snap cars' photos for fees. But congestion pricing in Boston has never gotten beyond the idea phase. What if New York institutes it, though? That could come as soon as this spring via the New York state budgeting process.

New York would become the first city in the U.S. to enact congestion pricing. Would that be a tipping point for other clogged cities such as Boston? The Boston region already has a reputation for some of the world's worst traffic, the sort of jams that nibble away at quality of life and that have a very real economic



impact on individuals, businesses, and the region as a whole.

And the T and the commuter-rail are routinely short of the capital funding necessary for substantive improvements to infrastructure and service. Plus, most T lines are just a headache to take on any given day. Perhaps, then, the idea and its moment are about to meet in Boston: Congestion pricing to pay for public transit improvements and to curb traffic in busier areas.

Or the region can just wait for Amazon, privatize the whole shebang, and sit back. Alexa, get me to Logan.

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his drug trafficking organization.

"We allege that the Contreras Organization worked with members of the Sinaloa Cartel, one of the most powerful drug trafficking organizations in the world, who imported huge quantities of narcotics into the northeastern United States. In fact, we believe they were so high in the distribution structure that the

next level up would take us outside the United States. Evidence suggests that the Contreras Organization would receive those cartel narcotics and distribute them to the Soto-Perez Group and others, who would in turn supply lower-level dealers.

"Our goal in these cases isn't simply to make arrests. It's not just to build cases. It's to disrupt an industry that causes addiction, overdose, and death. For low-level drug

users, our emphasis was and remains treatment and diversion, because addiction isn't a crime — it's a treatable medical condition. But top-level drug trafficking groups like these are a different matter. They cause real harm to real people, real families, and real communities. There is no doubt in my mind that by dismantling their trafficking infrastructure at the highest level possible, this operation has saved hundreds of lives."



# Signature Drive For Rep. Nick Collins A Huge Success

Representative Nick Collins' Senate Campaign Headquarters at 666 East Broadway was bustling with volunteers, lining up to collect signatures for the special election for the State Senate, the result of the resignation by former Senator Linda Dorcea-Forry. Ms. Forry has decided to take a position with Suffolk Construction.

Over 1000 signatures were collected on Saturday in a blitz of activity, setting the stage for a very short campaign plan for the election on April 3.

Folks from Dorchester, South Boston and Roxbury dropped by to lend their time and visible support. Kathy Sawyer - "I don't do this just for anybody. I usually just throw a sign on the house and vote. To-day, I'm campaigning!". Michael

McMurrough, owner of Astra Hair Salon and Annmarie of Hair by Annmarie, are shown here holding nomination papers for Nick Collins and have pledged support. The Flynn family was out in force and the Collins family as well.

Nick Collins stated, "It was heartwarming to see such an outpouring of support, especially on such a blustery winter day. I pledge to continue to bring the passion and leadership that has marked my career to date, to the expanded role of State Senator."

Collins will present his track record and platform over the next few weeks to the residents and voters of the Senate District. He is looking forward to meeting as many voters as possible in a short time frame. Volunteers are welcome.



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## Flynn Seeks Working Group Following Pet Tragedy



Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn is seeking to assemble a working group to examine the issues related to stray voltage in the City of Boston that recently led to the tragic death of a dog on South-

ampton Street. Flynn has since met with an official from the City of Boston Department of Public Works and has also contacted utility companies Eversource Energy & National Grid.

Flynn said, "I read reports last week regarding stray voltage under the ground on Southampton street that led to the tragic loss of Ms. Begley's dog, Bob. I am so sorry to hear about her loss and my heart goes out to her during this difficult time. It is now my immediate goal to establish a working group, comprised of City of Boston officials and the utility companies, to examine this issue thoroughly and prevent tragedies like this from occurring in the future."

"In the meantime, I have met with the Public Works Department and been informed that saturated ground, corroding salt, and older electrical cabinets and infrastructure present conditions where this can occur," said Flynn. "I would encourage residents, if able, to sweep off any salt from their sidewalks as a precaution."

If residents become aware of similar incidents like this, please contact both 311 and Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@boston.gov.

*Mayor Marty Walsh was the guest speaker at the New England Council annual gathering in Boston. Each year, the Mayor presents an overview of the progress they have made and their priorities for the coming year.*



*Left to Right: The Honorable Marty Walsh, Jim Brett, President & CEO of the New England Council and Joe Carroll, Director, Community & Customer Management MA, National Grid.*

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## South Boston Students Earn Boston College High School Honors

### 2018 High Honors

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- Timothy Smyth

### 2018 Honors

- Timothy Lynch
- James McDonnell
- Andrew Topalian

### 2019 High Honors

- Chase Thomas

### 2019 Honors

- John Flaherty

### 2020 Honors

- John Goodine
- Arbri Leka
- John Matthews
- Daniel Potember
- Tyler Woolf

### 2021 High Honors

- Christopher Lowe
- Brandon Thomas
- Nolan Callow

### 2021 Honors

- Thomas Lowe
- Brian Miller

All of South Boston achieved Honors for the Second Quarter at Boston College High School. For High Honors an upperclassman must have at least a 3.8 quality point average and all grades C+ or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 QPA and all grades C+ or higher. For honors upperclassmen need a 3.2 QPA and all grades C- or higher. Freshmen need a 3.16 QPA and all grades C- or higher. Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1600 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts.




# Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
1596 Columbia Road Three Family	\$2,150,000	12/29/17	20	3	3939
870 East Fifth Street Three Family	\$1,700,000	12/29/17	20	3	4536
27 Mercer St UNIT 2 Condo	\$1,100,000	12/22/17	5	2.5	1628
525 East Second St UNIT 12A Condo	\$1,065,000	12/28/17	5	2.5	1681
225 Dorchester St UNIT 2 Condo	\$922,500	12/21/17	4	2.5	1848
205 E St UNIT 2-S Condo	\$896,250	12/28/17	4	3	1188
770 East Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$885,000	12/28/17	5	2.5	1500
350 West Second St UNIT 3 Condo	\$852,500	12/22/17	4	2	1467
25 Dorchester St UNIT PH16 Condo	\$840,000	12/28/17	4	2.5	1573
84 O St UNIT 1 Condo	\$805,000	12/22/17	6	2.5	1450
196 Dorchester Street Single Family	\$750,000	12/28/17	6	2.5	2303
180 L St UNIT 3 Condo	\$649,000	12/29/17	6	1	1058
319 A St UNIT 410 Condo	\$606,500	12/27/17	2	1	487
86 P St UNIT 2 Condo	\$600,000	12/21/17	5	1	929
912 East Fourth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$570,000	12/28/17	4	2	1069
603 East Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$460,000	12/21/17	3	1	663
11 Boston St UNIT 3 Condo	\$396,000	12/21/17	3	1	569
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# Lots of Love at St. Peter Academy

This past Saturday students, families, and staff members from St. Peter Academy gathered for the annual Sweetheart Ball, a Valentine's Day tradition. At the "fancy frock" event, community celebrated

the love of family and friends with an evening of dancing and refreshments. A highlight of the evening was definitely the parent-child dance to the classic tune, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". Students are looking forward to

continuing to celebrate the holiday with classroom festivities and to give thanks for all of the love in their lives!

*St. Peter Academy is 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!*



## Evacuation Day Boxing Program Is Back

Yes, it's back, Tommy McGrath, President of the South Boston Citizens Association along with Peter Welch, owner of Peter Welch's Gym at 371 Dorchester Ave. South Boston will again be sponsoring this year's March 10th Boxing Show. Join us for this year's show on Saturday Night, March 10th at the Peter Welch's Gym, in South Boston. Admission is free of charge to all.

The South Boston Citizens' Association March 10th Boxing Show has been part of the events put together by the Citizens' Association for over 75 years, and at the request of many past and present South Boston residents, the show must go on.

This year's Boxing Show Chairman, Suffolk Register of Deeds,

Stephen Murphy, along with event supporters City Councilors Michael Flaherty, Ed Flynn Representative, Nick Collins and organizers Mike Larkin, Ed Kelley and Peter Welch, Owner of Welch's Gym, will be looking for young boxers of all ages to participate in this year's show. Every young man or lady who participates in this year's show will be awarded a trophy and fight night tank top.

Tryouts will be held on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 7:30 pm, starting Tuesday February 6th at the Peter Welch Gym, 371 Dorchester Ave. South Boston.

All young men or ladies will be trained by expert staff including Danny Long, Tom Connors, Jimbo Curran, James Murrin, Sean Murrin,

Eric Savard, Matt Alger, Elizabeth Erna, Anthony Cefalo, Tim Skolnik, Ryan White and Raf Montes.

All tryouts and training are free to every young man or lady participat-

ing in this year's show. All boxers will be matched, by age, weight, and experience and must report to the Peter Welch's Gym with a mouth-guard, shorts and sneaker.



**Wow! Who remembers this? Mike Larkin refereeing a bout between Steve McDonald of South Boston vs Freddie Roach of Dedham 1973**



## Essay And Poster Topics for 242nd Evacuation Day Competition

South Boston Citizens' Association President Tom McGrath announced today that because of the tremendous success of the past several years' contest, the Association, along with Mass Bay Credit Union and Comcast will sponsor the 2018 Annual Essay and Poster Contests.

After last year's outstanding effort put forth by past President Bernie O'Donnell, he has once again expressed an interest in taking on the challenge of chairing the Essay and Poster Contests. "Bernie always taught me that these contests are a great way to educate and strengthen the interest of the children of the community. I was more than pleased when Bernie offered to head up this event for the children of South Boston", remarked McGrath.

Bernie further expressed "One of the missions of the SBCA is to reach out to the young children of this historically rich community, Joining the

SBCA in promoting, organizing, and judging the Evacuation Day Poster and Essay Competitions is a most fitting way to improve on that mission."

Subject matter has been specifically chosen

The Poster Competition is open to all students in grades 3, 4 and 5 who are either South Boston residents or who attend school in South Boston. This year's theme is Historic South Boston, for example, Dorchester Heights, Castle Island, Farragut Statue, L St Bath House (Curley Rec. Center) or the Evacuation Day Parade. Posters should be original compositions, in any medium, at least 8 1/2" x 11", but preferably larger. Prizes are as follows first prize \$100, second prize \$75, and third prize \$25.

The Essay Competition is open to all students in grades 6 through 12 who are either South Boston residents or who attend school in South Boston. The Essay themes are broken down according to grade,

as follows: For students in grades 6 through 8: What roles did General John Thomas, Colonel Henry Knox, Lt. Colonel Benedict Arnold, Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys have in the fortification of Dorchester Heights? Essays should be at least 500 words, prizes are as follows first prize \$100, second prize \$75, third prize \$25.

The Topic for students in grades 9 through 12: Recent historical books like Bill O'Reilly's Killing England transport readers to the events of the American Revolution. In your essay take us to events leading up to March 17, 1776 in Boston and Dorchester Heights. Why is it important to South Bostonians and all Americans? Essays should be at least 1000 words, prizes are as follows; first prize \$150, second prize \$100, third prize \$50.

As in years past, the SBCA, Mass Bay CU and Comcast are generously sponsoring the competitions.



All prizes will be presented during the Historical Exercises on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Dorchester Heights, following the 9:00A.M. Mass at St. Augustine's Chapel, weather permitting.

All entries should bear, in an attached envelope, the contestant's name, school and a means of contacting the entrant, and should be submitted no later than Friday, March 9th, 2018 at 5 PM. All entries may be mailed to South Boston Citizens' Association, P.O. Box 74, South Boston, MA 02127, or can be picked up at schools by a representative of the Citizens' Association. Entries can also be dropped off at 170 M Street.

## South Boston Mom's Club Valentines Grab-A-Date

Local parents gathered at The Broadway on Tuesday, February 6th to celebrate the South Boston Mom's Club membership and the organization's past year of community, educational and philanthropic

programming. Guests enjoyed signature cocktails and raffle prizes, while collecting in-kind donations for Julie's Family Learning Program. South Boston Moms Club President, Kristin Frechette, addressed guests,

sharing highlights from 2017 and the board's collective excitement for the upcoming year. To learn more about the South Boston Mom's Club please visit their new website <http://southie-momsclub.com>.



### Photo 1 (Names - Left to Right)

- Danielle McClure, SBMC Member & Hosting Committee
- Roberta Rybicki, SBMC Member
- Jessica DeFeo, SBMC Member & Hosting Committee
- Rachel Pearson, SBMC Member, Moms Night Out Co-chair and Hosting Committee

### Photo 2 (Names Left to Right)

- Julia Hebert, SMBC Member
- Kristin Frechette, SMBC President
- Carrie Coughlin, SBMC Member
- Becca Lanstein, SBMC Member & Hosting Committee

### Photo 3 (Names - Left to Right)

- Kimberly Matthews, SBMC Board Member & Family Fun Day Coordinator
- Kevin Loy, Hosting Committee Member

- Rachel Pearson, SBMC Member, Moms Night Out Co-chair and Hosting Committee

Photos 4 - SBMC members, Sida Star Liu (left) and Becca Kornfeld (right), toast with their husbands at the event.

Photo 5- New SBMC Members



# INTERACTIVE LIGHT AND SOUND SEE-SAWS COMING TO THE SEAPORT

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The Seaport's art scene continues to grow, this time with an internationally renowned public installation. WS Development is transforming Seaport Common into a lively interactive art experience, Seaport x Impulse. With fifteen illuminating and sound-producing see-saws, Seaport x Impulse creates a whimsical playground, offering visitors the opportunity to beat the winter blues through creative light therapy while exploring how architecture can visualize sound. The project is on view on Seaport Common (85 Northern Avenue Boston MA 02210) from February 16th through April 8, 2018. More information can be found at [www.bostonseaport.xyz](http://www.bostonseaport.xyz) and videos of the installation in London and Montreal can be viewed here.

The see-saws form units of light and sound that can be activated

and played by the public to create a temporal, ever-changing public event. When activated by users and inclined, the see-saws, connected to LED lights and a speaker, will augment in light intensification and emit a sound sequence, animating Seaport Common. When not in use, the see-saws stabilize and remain at a lower glowing level. Research suggests that the changes in light exposure alter levels of the hormones melatonin and serotonin, which help regulate mood and sleep.

Seaport x Impulse was created by the award-winning artistic team from Toronto's Lateral Office with Montreal-based CS Design in collaboration with EGP Group, also based in Montreal, with Mitchell Akiyama at the sound design, Generique Design at the mechanical design and fabrication, and Robocut Studio at the electronic design and fabrica-

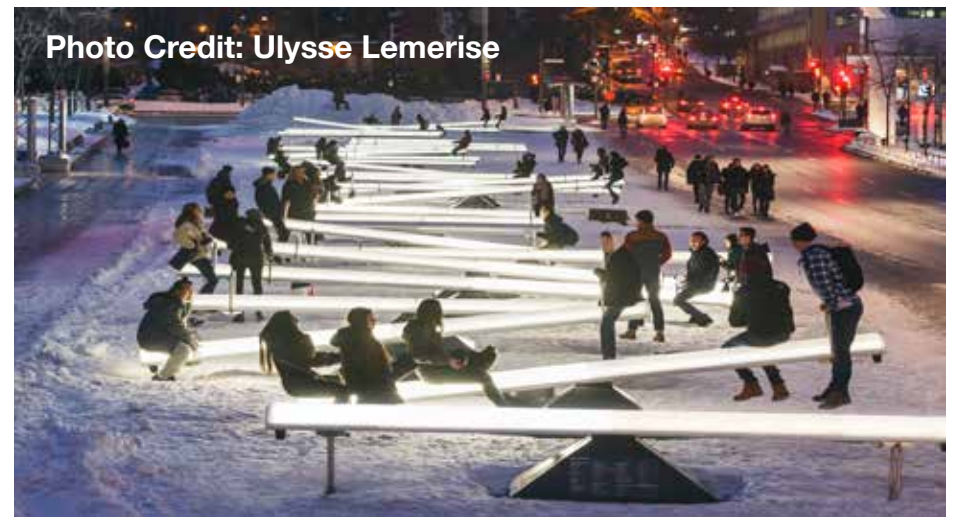


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tion. Touring multiple cities around the world, including London, Brussels and Chicago, the internationally acclaimed project was first inspired by the iconic cover of the Joy Division album "Unknown Pleasures", as well as Steve Reich's serial, minimal music which plays with repetition, rhythm and syncopation.

"Seaport x Impulse speaks to the Seaport's innovative and collaborative spirit while offering an opportunity to bring the neighborhood together. As we continue to welcome new residents and businesses to the Seaport, our latest interactive installation is another new way to celebrate our neighborhood's sense of community. We invite all ages to come outside and enjoy this uplifting activity," says Yanni Tsipis, Senior Vice President, Seaport, WS Development.

## ABOUT IMPULSE

Impulse is a publicly activated light

and sound experience. It was created by the award-winning artistic team from Toronto's Lateral Office with Montreal-based CS Design in collaboration with EGP Group, also based in Montreal, with Mitchell Akiyama at the sound design, Generique Design at the mechanical design and fabrication, and Robocut Studio at the electronic design and fabrication. For more information on Impulse, visit <https://www.creos.io/en/art/impulsion>.

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## Helipad Redux

Continued from front page

of Appeal March 6, but only after their original hearing was scrapped yesterday. A spokeswoman for the board cited a "clerical error" for scheduling the hearing and promised that Suffolk would have to go through a "full community process" before presenting to the board.

But the plan had already caught some by surprise. State lawmakers who represent the area said yesterday they weren't aware of it before a Herald reporter asked them about it, and Steve Fox, chairman of the South End Forum, said residents there hadn't gotten any notification of the hearing before it was deferred to March at Suffolk's request.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh downplayed the controversy that has surrounded helipad proposals

in Boston, but says he'll leave the latest debate — this time over a private pad at Suffolk Construction's headquarters — to the neighborhood to decide. "I think this conversation — helipads — we get all so tied up over it," Walsh told reporters yesterday. "I think it's a mode of transportation that other cities use and there's no controversy around it. But I think Suffolk will reach out to the community and talk to the community," he added. "... That's how we operate in the city. If the community is fine with it, we'll see with it moving forward."

"We had absolutely no outreach, no understanding, no knowledge, no nothing. The first thing that comes to my mind is, why do you need a heliport? What's the frequency?" Fox said. "Given the location of their headquarters, the flyovers

are clearly going to be a concern for us." A Suffolk spokesman said the company has been weighing the helipad to make getting to its New York office more "efficient," and said it intends to "engage the community in an open discussion."

"We are still in the early stages of exploring our options," spokesman Dan Antonellis said. Sue Sullivan, executive director of the Newmarket Business Association — which counts Suffolk as one of its members — said the company briefed local businesses on its plan at least twice in the last six months. The association gave the proposal preliminary approval.

Sullivan said company officials told them they planned to use the helipad a "couple times a week" and while some businesses raised questions about noise and

interference with development, she said she found no one with "a serious objection to it." "Given the investment that Suffolk has made in the area, I don't see them acting in a way that would be detrimental to the development that is going on," Sullivan said.

Private helipads remain rare in Boston, with only about a half-dozen — including four hospitals — registered with the Federal Aviation Administration, according to federal records. The plan evoked the heated debate last year over the state's proposal to build a public heliport in the Seaport, after promising one to General Electric as part of a \$120 million incentive package. GE ultimately said it didn't need one anymore, and a city councilor said last September that the plan was "dead."



# Gatey Girls Go Undefeated Defending CYO State Champions On A Roll

By Kevin Devlin

On Saturday, February 11, at the McDonough gym which is located within the Walsh Community Center, the Gate of Heaven CYO girls' high school travel team defeated Saint Ann's of Dorchester, 43-24, to remain undefeated in regular season play. The 2017 CYO state champions are now getting ready to defend their title as the upcoming playoffs begin.

In the opening minutes of their final regular season game, Gatey took an early 12-2 lead against Saint's Ann's. Then the girls from Dot closed the gap to 7 but Jacqueline Beggan (6 pts.) hit 2 three-pointers to give her team a 23-11 advantage at halftime. In the second half, Gatey went on a 6-0 run from

the get go and cruised to a convincing victory.

To round out the scoring for the Gatey, guard Allison McGough netted 12 points including one three-pointer. Lauren Woods had 10 points. Jackie Czar scored 6 points and Rebecca Donovan had 4. For Saint Ann's, Marie McCarthy scored 10 points, Cassidy Nguyen had 7 points and Holly Edwards had 4.

Gatey's regular season record is 11-0 and Coach Allison Baker had nothing but praise for her team's overall performance thus far this season.

"This team is one of my favorite teams to coach," said Coach Baker. "When I first began coaching I started out in the (Gatey) girls' instructional league. The first group I started with are the seniors on the team now; Jacqueline Baker, Jackie



Czar, Lauren Woods, Catherine Woods, and Julia Casper.

"We have travelled a long way together!" Baker added. "In the past two years we have lost only one game. Last year we were (CYO) state champions. The banner we also worked for is now hanging in the McDonough gym at the Walsh Center.

"This team consists of a great group of girls," she concluded. "...and I'm excited to enter the playoffs within a couple of weeks.

Our goal is to bring home banner number two."

Assistant Coach Brianna Esposito is also proud of this winning squad.

"This is my second year coaching these girls," said Esposito "...and I have been able to witness how much they have grown as players and also as individuals. It has been a true privilege and honor to be their coach and work alongside such a great group players for an undefeated season."



Pictured at the McDonough gym last Saturday before their game is the Saint Ann's CYO girls' high school travel team coached by lifelong Dot resident, Danny Clark. The players are: Maeve Walsh, Erin Leahy, Cassidy Nguyen, Kaelin Clark, Marie McCarthy, Holly Edwards, and Lilah Gutlerner



Pictured at the McDonough gym last Saturday before their game is the Gate of Heaven CYO girls' high school travel team coached by Allison Baker and Brianna Esposito. The players are: Julia Casper, Lauren Woods, Allison McGough, Grace Tinlin, Jacqueline Beggan, Rebecca Donovan, Jackie Czar, Catherine Woods, and Emily Harris.

## Kevin Devlin's Gate of Heaven CYO Basketball "Sportsmanship Award" To Alex Polena

Alex plays on the 7th/8th grade boys' travel team coached by Matt Beggan and Brendan Kelly. He also plays on the P.S. Deli team in the cadet house league which is coached by Michael Donovan.

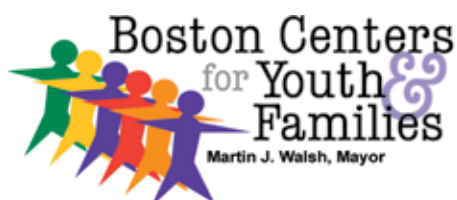
I've watched Alex play hoop during the past few

seasons and I have never heard him complain about the officiating or make any waves towards his coaches. He's a gentle boy on the court, is a great teammate, plays hard, and is focused on his game. He deserves the recognition from my corner.





# BCYF Tynan Happenings



## Flag football:

On Friday February 6th at 4:30pm, the Rams played the Chiefs in the BCYF Tynan flag football Super Bowl. It was a hard-fought battle between both teams but in the end, the Rams came out on top 62-48 to beat the Chiefs. The Rams came out scoring quickly with Evan Pierce and Aiden Kinevy scoring some quick touchdowns to put the Rams in the lead. The Chiefs came back with Robert Wisniewski and Zaidin Pickup scoring a few touchdowns to keep the Chiefs in the game. At the half, the Rams lead the Chiefs 37-18. It seemed like the Rams were in a good situation to win until Mullen Byrne and Jayden McQueen scored

some quick touchdowns to have the Chiefs only down by one touchdown. In the end, the Rams held on with some scores from James Posell and Finn Cawley and a interception by Max Atchue to seal the deal for the win. The MVP of the game was Evan Pierce, who had three touchdowns, two extra points and played great defense. It was a great year and all the kids had fun and improved a lot as the season went on. We hope to see everyone back next year.

## Girl's fitness Program:

Starting on March 12th from 6pm-7pm for 8 weeks! Registration tonight @6pm.

Ages are 10 & up and the instructor will once again be Amanda McCarthy. Email youth Worker, Katie O'Connell (Katie.O'Connell@boston.gov) for more information.

## 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.

## Last call for Floor Hockey:

The BCYF Tynan Community Center Floor Hockey League has started. If you still want to play than please see Greg Lally A.D. by Feb.15th. Schedules can be picked up in the Gym Office.

## Field trip:

BCYF Tynan kids went to the

Patriots Hall Of Fame recently and had a great time! The price is right if you are looking to take the family. The tour started out with a video of the Patriots history before and after they had become this dynasty. It's very user-friendly with some great exhibits, running through the tunnel, eye catching patriot imagery on large ceiling screens and many more attractions.

**Patriot Hall of Fame Team picture;** Aidan Colton, Ryan Alexander, Anthony Frallicciardi, Zaiden Pickup, Liam Colton, Liam Long, Thomas Gillis and Brayden Buckley.



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*This week, Danny looked at some of the top Spring Training storylines for the Boston Red Sox:*

It's already here. Pitchers and catchers have reported. Full-squad workouts begin on Monday. Before you know it, we'll all be wearing shorts and t-shirts again, watching the Red Sox try and win their third straight AL East title. But before we fast-forward to October, or even to preseason predictions, let's take a look at a few of the top Red Sox storylines to keep an eye out for this spring, after what was a pretty quiet offseason:

#### MEGA POWERS UNITE

-That's right, I just called Chris Sale and David Price the "Mega Powers." If you're an old-school WWF fan like myself, then you know that Hulk Hogan and the Macho Man Randy Savage are the original Mega Powers. Well, fast-forward to 2018, and jump from the world of professional wrestling to Major League Baseball, and you have the potential version of Hogan and Savage at the top of the Red Sox rotation.

In other words, they have the potential to be the most dominant one-two punch in all of baseball. But, like any spring training storyline, it comes with some questions. Will Sale struggle again late in the season like he did in 2017? Can Price stay healthy for an entire season? And what will both pitchers look like in the postseason?

Sale has apparently changed his offseason throwing program in order to not

be worn down by the end of the season. If you recall, Sale came out of the gate guns blazing during his first season with the Red Sox last year. He struggled late in the season because of it but has said he's "dialed it back" this offseason so that he can withstand a full 162-game schedule, and then some.

Price is back in the starting rotation. He missed most of last season with an elbow injury that didn't require surgery. He returned late in the year and pitched masterfully out of the bullpen for the Red Sox in the postseason. It's that type of performance that leads me to believe his presence in the rotation will be a dominant one. I realize it's fairly cheesy to look at Price's return the rotation as an offseason acquisition, but let's be honest, Price only made 11 starts last year. That's the lowest amount of starts he's ever made in a single season as a starting pitcher, since he came into the league. And with his early opt-out clause after this season, there's incentive for him to dominate the way he has for most of his career.

Now, I know what you're thinking. The Mega Powers eventually collided, and it led to Hogan vs Savage for the WWF Championship at WrestleMania V. Well, here's hoping Miss Elizabeth doesn't get involved in this one.

#### FOLLOW THE LEADER

-Last season was the first season

without David Ortiz in a long time, and there's no doubt that his absence was felt, especially in the clubhouse. It's time for somebody to step up and take a more prominent leadership role. I'm not talking about the manager. Sure, new skipper Alex Cora needs to establish himself as somebody the players must respect, but the Red Sox need leadership from somebody who's actually lacing them up. And I'm not talking about a pitcher, or somebody who comes off the bench once or twice a week. I'm talking about an everyday positional player.

It should be Dustin Pedroia, but you know how I feel about him. I still can't get that Manny Machado video from last year out of my head. So maybe it's best that Pedroia leads by example, if he can get that knee healthy and stay on the field. I also look at Mookie Betts as a lead-by-example guy. There's nothing wrong with that. But somebody needs to try and be that vocal leader as well. As if to say, "This is my team now." I think we all know that's not going to be Hanley Ramirez. He's had his opportunities to be the new leader of the Red Sox, and he failed.

I'll be looking at guys like Xander Bogaerts and Christian Vazquez to step into that elite leadership role. Bogaerts is 25 and is entering his fifth full Major League season. Vazquez is 27 and has clearly established himself the team's

top catcher. Bogaerts had a down year in 2017, hitting .273. But the two seasons before that, he hit .294 in 2016, and .320 in 2015. I'd put my money on him bouncing back in 2018. I expect him and Vazquez to be more vocal in 2018 and establishing themselves as two of the Red Sox' most respected players.

#### DON'T WAIT FOR JD

-I'll keep this short and sweet. Red Sox players can't spend all spring training looking over their shoulders and waiting for Martinez to walk through those doors. As I write this, Martinez is still a free agent. Would he help the Red Sox' offense? Of course, he would. But if the Sox don't want to get in a bidding war with themselves over a 30-year-old who isn't as good as everyone's made him out to be, then I don't blame them.

They offered him a \$100 million contract, and Martinez is reportedly "fed up" with the way the Red Sox have handled the negotiation. Well, I have some news for Martinez. The Boston Red Sox will survive without him. He needs them, more than the team needs him. And it's time for the Sox to send that message home.

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