



Boston May Be Stepping Outside The Box

As reported in Boston Curbed, private developers and public officials are still considering a 1-mile-long aerial gondola system between South Station and the Seaport District that could carry the passenger equivalent of 40 city buses per hour. A recent route alteration shows the idea’s continued viability, at least as an idea.

Millennium Partners and Cargo Ventures, which are developing a 12-acre project at Boston’s Marine Industrial Park that would include the gondola’s Seaport terminus, have agreed to alter the route so that cable cars wouldn’t pass directly in front of rooms at the

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Celebrate and Enjoy! Something for Everyone

South Boston is a place where March becomes a month-long celebration with something for just about everyone to enjoy. St. Patrick's Day is paired with Evacuation Day and our community is fortunate enough to have some truly dedicated volunteers, who put a lot of time, effort and creativity into setting up an impressive schedule of events sure to bring smiles to people of every age group.

But what brings smiles to those who do all the work putting everything together is see-

ing the crowds turn out to enjoy it all. We have the banquets, the breakfasts, the youth sporting events like the Boxing Show, Miss Ice O Rama, the Bowl O Rama, the Free Throw Competition and many other athletic activities for the kids. There is the Senior Salute, The big Road Race and the Religious Ceremonies such as the Memorial Mass. The Patriotic Memorial Exercises are always a hit and of course the big parade itself, the second largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the world.

There are all of these and more going on for the next two weeks. The hard working members of the South Boston Citizens Association and the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council and our other veterans posts, and of course our elected officials, give it their all with the collective goal of making South Boston's St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day celebration an epic event for all, whether you are long-time residents, new arrivals or visitors. These great volunteers deserve very special praise.



"Can you imagine if every school was as protected as was the OSCAR event?" – Michelle Malkin

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Yes, it is still winter, but at Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries, we would like you to think spring – spring cleaning, that is! That's because this time of year is our lowest for donations and we are asking for your help. In 2017, South Boston residents donated more than 760,000 pounds of goods to Goodwill and we are very thankful. Now, we are hoping you will get a jump start on spring cleaning and look in your closet to find items to help Goodwill today.

Donating makes you feel good. It also makes

a difference in people's lives. When you donate to Goodwill, you create jobs. Program participants get on-the-job training in our retail enterprise, graduates from our training programs get access to interview attire free of charge, and local residents get jobs in The Goodwill Stores. Your donations help us advance our mission of helping people with barriers to self-sufficiency to achieve independence and dignity through work.

In Cambridge, you can donate clothing and household goods at The Goodwill Store at 470 West Broadway or at another donation center



near you. For information about Goodwill as well as the locations and hours of The Goodwill Stores and donation centers, please visit www.goodwillmass.org or www.goodwillmass.org.

Thank you for donating and supporting Goodwill!

Joanne K. Hilferty, President and CEO

Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries

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planned 1,054-key Omni hotel across from the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center.

At the same time, Millennium has been talking to city and state officials about the gondola. And South Boston's Congressman, Stephen Lynch, has apparently become intrigued by the idea. He told the Globe's Jon Chesto that the gondola could ferry "the equivalent of 40 buses per hour, while reducing vehicular traffic and eliminating carbon emissions."

Millennium is also willing to pay the approximately \$100 million in construction costs for the South Station-to-Seaport system—and to consider helping extend it to residential areas of Southie near L Street, if that has any merit and support. As it stands now, the gondola would run 30 to 50 feet above Summer Street. But things are still tentative regarding the requisite official approvals. The route alteration for the Omni hotel, though, means the best idea of 2017 is still alive and well in 2018.

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The Oscars: Yawns, Eye Rolls and a Continuing Free Fall

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It's interesting what makes some people happy and brings satisfaction to them. For myself, I'm pretty easy to please, but I have to say, watching the free fall in ratings for the glitzy awards shows brings a big wide smile. And writing columns about it as I often do, especially after the latest ratings disaster just adds frosting to a tasty cake. And so, after the numbers that came out from Sunday's Oscars found that, as bad as the decline in viewership has been the past few years, this year saw the event even lose an astounding 20% more fans. At this rate in another year or so, the Oscars will be on a podcast shown at 3am, if at all.

Preferring to watch the paint dry on a bedroom ceiling, no one in the family watched the show. But, we did catch some of the so called 'highlights' the next day. And yup, ever predictable, it was another preach and scold session where the 'celebrities' lectured the diminished audience about their brand of politics. And while those groupies and wannabes in the live audience, much like trained seals waiting for a fish, clapped on cue at every leftwing rant uttered from the stage, what remains of the TV viewing audience just rolled their eyes, yawned and in many cases changed channels on their TVs.

MC Jimmy Kimmel, what can you say about him? The guy hasn't been funny in a couple of years now. Because while he spouts his nonsense with a smile on his face, you see the hate in his eyes and hear it in his voice. He's so bitter, nasty and petty he can't even hide his contempt for the American public. His comedy has completely turned to sarcasm and that act has gotten old.

But here's this year's irony. The trendy topic for the Hollywood types for this season's Oscars is Gun Control. THEY don't think Americans should have Second Amendment rights. They are fiercely opposed to firearms in the hands of

private American citizens for the protection of their families? Apparently, the celebs think their lives are much more important than ours because, at their insistence, last Sunday's event was surrounded by 500 armed Los Angeles police officers in addition to the 'stars' own personal armed security. Wouldn't it be nice if America's school children were as protected as the celebrities at the Oscars? Do we see an inconsistency here? As they took turns condemning gun violence in America, the money and royalties THEY collect from movies they make and star in glorifying massacres and mayhem just rolls in. A good guess would be that if you put it to these actors and actresses to promise never to be in another movie where people get shot, they'd flatly refuse. Hey, they wore their orange lapel pins and ribbons on stage, so they've done their part.

Many have asked since last Sunday's show if the push from the stage for gun control wasn't in part to create a distraction, so they wouldn't have to talk too much about the sexual abuse scandals that run wild through Hollywood. You know, the ones they've all known about and enabled for years but hoped the public would never learn about? Think about it. How can they in good conscience tell the rest of us how to live our lives if all these elitists on stage are running around groping and raping each other? They would much rather talk about our guns.

But probably the most telling part of the night, the segment which speaks volumes about the kind of people the Hollywood types are, was when British born actor Gary Oldman, God Bless him, came to the podium to accept his award for his portrayal of Winston Churchill. While the trained seals in the audience would wildly applaud every dig and barb at Heartland America

that was thrown out from the pampered malcontents on stage, the reception Gary Oldman got for what he said was quite different. When the humbled actor praised this country and told of how grateful he was for all the gifts and opportunities America had blessed himself and his family with, he received a stony, cold silence from the crowd. They clearly didn't want to hear anything good said about the United States of America.

So, here's the final question for this week: They sit and fume in the audience if anyone gives praise to America. They make it obvious that they lack American pride. But as much as so many of them have threatened to leave the country and move to Canada or Europe, they just won't go. Why? They sit and scowl and trash our nation at every opportunity but know damn well that their bad attitudes wouldn't be tolerated any place else.



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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.

Feds to drop City Hall extortion case?

Mayor Walsh must be crossing his fingers on this one. From Maria Cramer at the Globe: “Federal prosecutors said Tuesday that they may have to drop extortion charges against two city officials accused of strong-arming organizers of a Boston music festival if a judge does not reconsider his planned instructions to the jury, the latest twist in a public corruption case that has dogged the Walsh administration for two years.” The case was weak from the start, so the feds, who have already lost a major Teamsters-related case in Boston, may be looking for an out of any kind.

Globe eyes major boost to home-delivery rates

Already one of the most expensive newspapers in the country, the

Boston Globe is about to get even pricier for customers who still want papers delivered to their homes, Don Seiffert reports in the Boston Business Journal. Rates may be going up as much as 80 percent for some subscribers, which means that some customers will pay more than \$1,300 a year to receive the Globe at home. Given the paper’s on-again, off-again struggles in the home-delivery space over the past year-and-a-half, Seiffert notes the move may be part of a larger strategy to get more customers to digital subscriptions.

If that’s indeed the strategy, it’s huge gamble. A lot of subscribers, we suspect, will be dumping their print subscriptions when they find out how much they’ll be paying.

In the fight against opioid addiction, MGH takes a non-abstinence stand

Martha Bebinger at WBUR has

an important story coming out of Massachusetts General Hospital: “The hospital has just become the first ED in Massachusetts to offer buprenorphine to patients with an opioid use disorder who want to start treatment on the spot. There will be at least one doctor in the ED, 24/7, trained in a protocol that guides patients through the transition from active drug addiction to managed addiction with MAT. It’s a basic, but profound shift.”

Patrick on running for president: ‘It’s on my radar screen’

He’s already signaled he’s interested in running for president, but former Gov. Deval Patrick broadcast that signal a bit louder during a recent interview with a radio station in Kansas City, reports the Herald’s Matt Stout and the Globe’s Michael

Levenson. “It’s on my radar screen,” Patrick told KCUR. “I am trying to think through 2020, and that’s a decision I’m trying to think through from a personal and family point of view and also whether what I believe is going to be on offer by somebody.” Hmmm. “On offer”? Is he referring to a possible vice president-ticket offer? We might be misreading it. Here’s the KCUR interview.

Warren, Markey et gang bail on Capuano

From the Globe’s Joshua Miller: “Giving an unexpected cold shoulder to a colleague and fellow Democrat, both Massachusetts senators and two of its representatives are declining to back 10-term incumbent Michael E. Capuano
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FORMER SEN. LINDA DORCENA FORRY ENDORSES NICK COLLINS FOR SENATE



Former Dorchester lawmaker introduced Collins at campaign kickoff

Former State Senator Linda Dorcena Forry has endorsed her longtime colleague and friend, state Representative Nick Collins, to be her successor as Senator for the



First Suffolk District.

Sen. Forry, who introduced Rep. Collins at his campaign kickoff last week at Florian Hall, said, “Nick is someone that knows the beauty of our city. He knows that it is about connecting us. He understands the issues that connect us that whether

you’re from Mattapan or South Boston, we stand together.” “We have worked together on so many issues and he will make a great Senator,” she added.

A Boston College graduate, Sen. Forry was born and raised in Dorchester. She served for eight years as the state representative for the 12th Suffolk District, which includes sections of Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park and Milton. She won a special election for the First Suffolk District senate seat in 2013 to succeed former Sen. Jack Hart.

Since then, she and Collins have worked closely on a host of issues impacting their shared districts in Dorchester and South Boston, including economic equality, housing, public safety, education and transportation. They penned two op-eds together

for the Boston Globe and the Boston Herald calling for transit improvements and supporting initiatives to improve access and increase economic opportunity for all on the booming South Boston Waterfront.

“Sen. Forry has been a champion for the people of Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, South Boston and our entire state,” Rep. Collins said. “It’s an honor to have her support as I seek to continue the great work we’ve done together to build a better city for us all.”

“I’m confident that we can enhance public transportation, improve our schools, build affordable housing and create economic opportunity for all,” he added. “I look forward to getting to work on these important issues as the next state senator for the First Suffolk District.”

“The Battle”

Brian R. Mahoney (In Memoriam)

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



Experience has taught us in Boston that rain, sleet, snow, gale force winds and freezing temperatures that arrive sometimes in February and March are known as a “Nor’easter”. Unaccustomed, The British could only equate this phenomenon to as “Hurricane”.

The British plan was to cross to Castle William (Castle Island), assemble, and then assault across at “Dorchester Point”. Instead General Howe later wrote a “Hurricane” had forced the cancellation of the assault ‘in the fear they would all be lost’ due to the weather. The same storm that drove the British indoors was used by the Americans as a fortuitous opportunity to strengthen their defenses, so that when the storm abated by noon on March 6, the British realized their chance to assault had passed. Undeterred, a squadron of warships weighed anchor and with sails full attempted to close on the North Shore (First Street). The looming Heights of the “Bush Tree” Hill forced the British to attempt a dangerous maneuver.

Shifting nearly every cannon to one side of the ship, the British intended this would allow the few cannons remaining on the other side to gain enough elevation to strike the American position on “Bush Tree”. This rarely used tactic carried the danger of swamping or even capsizing the ship. The North Shore at the time was riddled with inlets, barely submerged mud flats, and deepwater channels. This unpredictability, plus the batteries at “Bush Tree” and “Dorchester Point”, made the danger of grounding a ship under American

guns too great to allow the British ships’ cannons to continue firing and this action was halted.

At “Dorchester Point” the Americans were giddy at the British ships retreat. They began waving flags, gesturing, and generally taunting the British Troops at Castle William (Castle Island). The British at the castle had fired but found the range prohibitive. To counter this, the British attempted a double load of powder. Unfortunately, this caused cannon to explode killing and wounding several British. That ended the day’s events and on March 7 an unspoken truce seemed to be in place and the British began making preparations to pack up.

On March 8 the intently watching Americans were dismayed to observe and receive reports that the British efforts toward withdrawing had turned into looting and destruction. It was then Washington played his final card. With sunset the Americans, who had kept their last 10 cannons behind the base of “Nook Hill” at “C” and 3rd Street, began the construction of the final and closest battery. Late into the night the American troops labored. Then, perhaps due to overconfidence, a soldier lit a fire for warmth.

Almost immediately the British “Green” Battery (at Washington and Berkeley Streets), alerted to their location, began a deadly fire. A company of the 10th Artillery Regiment under Captain Thomas Pierce continued to work under this withering fire. This unfinished position attempted to return fire. A 17-year-old Private, Stephen Jennings of Norton, dashed back and forth bringing powder to the cannons. It was during one of these runs he was felled by a bursting shell. Watching this was 25 yr old Sgt. Obadiah Adams from Littleton and 33 yr old Surgeon Enoch Dole from Lancaster. Along with two other soldiers, they grabbed a litter and ran to aid Jennings. Sadly, as all four gathered round his fallen form, yet another British shell exploded,

killing all four of the rescue party. Ironically, the act of aiding and hovering over Jennings, by the four, shielded him and he survived with the loss of a hand and eye. The firing continued all night, ending at sunrise after over 800 cannon balls had been fired and the American abandoned the fortification attempts

This action seems, at least initially, to have prompted the British to cease the town’s destruction and continue the evacuation. Still by the morning of the 14th Washington had tired of the British stalling tactics. He was well aware more troops had already sailed from England. In any event, Washington was spoiling for a fight. “If the enemy will be kind enough to come out for a fight, I mean to give them one” he stated. In full view and in broad daylight, the very place that the very first soldiers of this new army, of this new nation, under this new commanding General had given the “last full measure”, he ordered to be fortified.

By late afternoon on March 16th, this final and most ominous position was completed. The next day, March 17th, the last British ship cleared Boston Harbor by noon as American troops entered the city. These troops discovered the final contempt of the British who had looted and used churches and meeting houses cavalry stables. In fact, in violation of the cease fire, they set Castle William ablaze as they left. Washington, expecting English treachery, placed in command as Officer of the Day (O.D.) General John Sullivan of County Wexford and made the password “St. Patrick”. So in effect the great British Empire surrendered their first American Colony to an Irish Catholic. This would probably be comparable to a former plantation slave owner working and taking orders under former African slave. “Those that laugh last, laugh best.”

How did this action, without which, arguably, the revolution would have failed, become a footnote in history? Would the Revolution have survived without their secure base in Boston? The British successfully moved in and occupied New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia. Over the next year, the only other American victory

was the Christmas raid at Trenton, so how did the victory at Boston become so overlooked?

When the British fleet sailed away that St. Patrick’s morning they left behind their hatred of the Irish and Catholics that remains with us in some form and by some people to this day. Consider that the battle occurred 236 years ago but for the first 130 years it was never observed. This is only the 108 observance. The ruling political elite were determined to keep the Irish in their place, but the joining of St. Patrick’s and Evacuation was seen by the Irish, as divine intervention. That and the flood tide of Irish Immigration swelled their ranks to political power. Prior to that every undesirable activity was placed in South Boston by the ruling elite. The poor house and insane asylum were placed in South Boston. Except for the “Twin Hills”, all of our “Heights” were leveled to fill in the Back Bay. A 45 acre park created for South Boston residents was first re-claimed by the Government as a military base and is now site of the Convention Center. When the Dorchester Heights Monument was dedicated in 1902 the guest speaker referred to the longstanding discrimination toward the Irish South Boston by noting “The Mayflower and the Shamrock have finally joined”. Even then St. Patrick could only be celebrated under the umbrella of Evacuation Day.

Yet, even today, a simple parade to honor the military birth of America and our cultural heritage is constantly under attack, No where else and no other parade is singled out to be the target of others’ political agenda. Not a single court in Massachusetts had the courage or honesty to give us the right that was so obvious the U. S. Supreme Court upheld it unanimously. 9-0!

I have a framed sign in my house. It was printed AFTER my mother was born. It reads “No Irish Need Apply”. As we watch officially sanctioned assaults on our parade and us continue, it’s obvious that some things haven’t changed all that much. Still, here we stand and will always stand. Celebrate with pride.

Happy Evacuation and St. Patrick’s Day.

Take care until we meet again.

James T. Brett to Receive Gold Medal From Eire Society of Boston



James T. Brett, president and CEO of The New England Council, will receive the 2018 Gold Medal Award from the Eire Society of Boston at the Irish organiza-

tion's dinner on Saturday, April 7, 2018. A tireless public servant, a legislative leader and lifelong advocate for public policy on issues such as health care, education, financial ser-

vices and working on behalf of those with disabilities, Brett joins a long list of those who have represented Boston's Irish community in receiving the award.

Each year the Society bestows its Gold Medal Award to individuals the organization believes have made "significant contributions to benefit society and to their chosen fields of expertise." The 2017 recipient was novelist, short story writer, playwright, journalist and literary critic Colm Tóibín. In 2016, the Gold Medal Award was presented to Mary P. McAleese, who served as the eighth President of Ireland—the second female president and the first from Northern Ireland.

"It is fitting that Jim Brett is being honored with the Gold Medal Award from the Eire Society, given his tireless work over many decades on behalf of vulnerable members of our

community," said Fionnuala Quinlan, Consul General of Ireland.

A leader in Boston's Irish community, Brett was named one of the "Top 100 Business Leaders" by Irish America Magazine and has been honored by the Charitable Irish Society of Boston, the Sligo Association of Boston, and the Boston Irish Business Association. He also serves on the Advisory Board of the Irish International Immigrant Center.

Kevin Cullen, columnist at The Boston Globe who will return in 2018 as the dinner's emcee, said of Brett: "With his compassion for our most vulnerable citizens, and for immigrants from all lands, Jim Brett embodies the best of the Irish. He gets it from his mother Mary Ann, who brought from Ireland a strength and a decency that she passed on to her children like DNA."

Notre Dame Ed Center At 200 Old Colony Ave Proposes Development

Notre Dame Education Center and All Saints LLC have an agreement to build a new education facility and 55 units of housing at 200 Old Colony Ave. the present site of the education center today and directly across from the Washington Village Development site in South Boston.

More than 500 adults annually take advantage of both day and evening classes at Notre Dame Education Center. NDEC has two departments, Adult Education Services and Youth Education Services. Learn more at www.ndecboston.org.

A majority of the Center's students walk from the surrounding neighborhoods and/or take public transportation. Once construction is completed Notre Dame Education Center Inc. will own and operate this nearly 10,000 sq. ft. ground level facility. "We are delighted to have this unique opportunity to work with All Saints LLC to redevelop our building," said Mary Rose Durante, Esq., Executive Director and CEO of Notre Dame Education Center. "The new building means that adults and young adults in the South Boston community will be able to receive

our high-quality education and support services for years to come."

NDEC Board member, Sr. Susan Thornell, SND, added, "Over the past 25 years, NDEC has furthered the exceptional educational standards of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. To know that tradition will continue in a state-of-the-art building is a real blessing."

In addition, 55 units of housing will be built on site of which 17% of the housing units will be affordable and available in an open lottery. Parking will be provided on site and underground.

Public meetings will be held to ensure neighborhood impacts would be addressed and that abutters, neighbors and users of the education center will have a chance to voice their concerns and support.

Former District City Councilor Bill Linehan is working with All Saints LLC through fruition on this development. "It is my intention to work with neighbors and the school to see that the Sisters of Notre Dame's 150-year legacy of contribution to South Boston remains viable and impactful for decades to come," said Bill Linehan.

Boston Youth Lacrosse 2018 Season

Boston Youth Lacrosse is opening its outdoor practice this Saturday for boys (weather permitting) at Moakley Park at 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Boston Youth Lacrosse is a consolidation of the South Boston Youth Lacrosse and the Dorchester Youth Lacrosse programs.

Both programs have been around for close to 20 years. Both programs felt it would be better to merge the programs under one and increase the numbers of players. Teams are a first come first serve program. There are no tryouts. The first 20 players that sign up for each of the teams are on the team. 20 players is the ideal number of players to make sure each player gets enough playing time and has a positive experience.

Over the past 20 years, we have had many of our players play at top private schools in the area. And many play for the Boston Latin Boys and Girls teams. After high school our players have gone on to play in many different colleges. As

coaches, we believe kids should be exposed to as many sports as possible. We hope that you will expose your son or daughter to this great sport and all that it has to offer.

Weather permitting, boys will be outside at 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. 1st grade through 4th grade practice from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. 5th grade through 8th grade practice 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM.

If it is bad weather, we will practice at the Condon Community School.

5th grade through 8th grade practice from 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. 1st grade through 4th grade practice from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.

We will be selling new lacrosse sticks for \$30 and will be providing equipment on a first come, first serve basis starting with the youngest teams.

If you haven't registered, you can go to the Boston Youth Lacrosse Association website bostonyouthlacrosse.org and register. Hope to see you at the field on Saturday. Any questions you can email Bob Ferrara at rwferrara@gmail.com

Lynch Urges Secretary Tillerson to Protect U.S. Against Foreign Interference in Elections



Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, the Ranking Member of the House Subcommittee on National Security, sent a letter to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, urging him to combat foreign disinformation and propaganda campaigns using funds that were allocated to the State Department for that purpose.

In 2016, the State Department's Global Engagement Center (GEC) was allocated \$120 million over two years to counter foreign efforts to threaten U.S. national security and interfere in U.S. elections. The Center, however, has yet to spend any of the allocated funds.

"In order to combat Russian and other foreign interference in future U.S. elections, Congress in December of 2016 expanded the mission and mandate of the Global Engagement Center (GEC) within the State Department to 'counter foreign state and non-state propaganda and disinformation efforts' that

threaten our national security as well as the national security interests of U.S. allies and partners," wrote Congressman Lynch. "Regrettably, the State Department has failed to maximize its use of these critical resources."

According to a recent report by The New York Times, the State Department "has yet to spend any of the \$120 million it has been allocated since late 2016 to counter foreign efforts to meddle in elections or sow distrust in democracy" and "not one of the 23 analysts working in the department's Global Engagement Center – which has been tasked with countering Moscow's disinformation campaign – speaks Russian." This is despite assessments by the U.S. intelligence community that Russian President Vladimir Putin "ordered an influence campaign in 2016 aimed at the U.S. presidential election" and that "Moscow will apply lessons learned from its Putin-ordered campaign aimed at the US presidential election to future influence efforts worldwide."

Efforts to meddle in U.S. elections were also detailed in a February 16, 2018 federal indictment against 13 Russian nationals and three Russian organizations. The indictment detailed a widespread campaign to influence the 2016 presidential election that included identity theft, bank and wire fraud, and illegal political advertisement purchases.

"During a February 6, 2018 interview with Fox News, you cautioned that Russia is already undertaking attempts to interfere in the upcoming 2018 U.S. federal elections," Congressman Lynch wrote to Secretary Tillerson. "You also stated, 'I don't know that I would say we are better prepared, because the Russians will adapt as well.' The full use of the authority and resources at the disposal of the State Department for the purpose of countering foreign interference in our elections would significantly enhance our ability to address this continuing national security threat."

USS Cole Port of Call in Boston



The South Boston Allied War Veterans Council (SBAWVC) is honored to announce that the USS Cole, a US Navy destroyer, will be visiting Boston during St. Patrick's Day weekend for a port call. Their arrival is anticipated on Thursday, March 15th at 2:00 PM at Black Falcon Pier in South Boston. We invite all of our family and friends to join us at this time for the arrival

of the USS Cole into Boston Harbor. We ask that those attending bring with them a small American flag to ensure our servicemembers receive a special welcome.

The USS Cole serves as an enduring symbol of the struggle and sacrifices made by our armed forces in the war against terrorism. On October 12, 2000, during a brief refueling stop in the harbor of Aden, Yemen, the USS Cole was attacked by a small boat laden with explosives, resulting in the deaths of 17 members of the ship's crew, with 39 others wounded. This terrorist attack also caused serious damage to the ship, which USS Cole crew members heroically fought to save. 'Determined Warrior' is the official motto of the USS Cole, which continues to serve a vital role in protecting our country thanks to the efforts of those who helped save the ship, as well as those who serve on the USS Cole today.

SBAWVC is proud to organize the St. Patrick's Day / Evacuation Day Parade, an event intended to celebrate, not just the St. Patrick's Day holiday, but also Evacuation Day and to honor the service of our armed forces. With that in mind, the SBAWVC places a strong emphasis on facilitating such occasions and we are proud to have the USS Cole in Boston to help celebrate a special weekend with all of us.

We hope to see you on March 15th.

Dave Falvey Commander

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in his congressional primary fight against Boston City Councilor Ayanna Pressley." They are Elizabeth Warren, Ed Markey, Seth Moulton and Niki Tsongas. Other members of the Congressional delegation, all within relatively safe districts, are with Capuano.

Fyi: In a primary contest in which the race and gender of the two candidates are playing a major role, Capuano has picked up some key support of late – from civil rights icon John Lewis (Globe)

and Maxine Waters (SHNS – pay wall). Capuano seems happy, via Twitter, with the latter's support.

Dan Koh's impeccable resume. But can he win in the Third?

Speaking of Congressional races, Dan Koh is clean cut, earnest, polite, thoughtful, a graduate of Andover and Harvard, and a former wunderkind at Boston City Hall. But can the 33-year-old Koh win in the gritty, albeit changing, Third Congressional District? Malcolm Burnley at Boston Magazine takes a look at Koh and his candidacy.

Report To The Community -

Working together to address transportation needs of South Boston residents



MBTA City Point Bus



Thomas J. Butler Memorial Park



City Point Bus Terminal

Keep cars and trucks out of the South Boston neighborhood – and preserve 7,000 jobs in the Port of Boston. That's our commitment: to be a good neighbor and an economic engine for Massachusetts.

In the coming months, Massport will complete construction of an \$85 million, multi-modal South Boston Waterfront Transportation Center with 1,550 shared public parking spaces. The project marks another milestone in a collaborative, multi-year effort to address the transportation needs of the South Boston community and keep cars out of residential South Boston.

We wanted to keep the community updated on the progress of the South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan under the leadership of the MassDOT Secretary of Transportation, Massachusetts Highway Administrator, MBTA General Manager, City of Boston Transportation Commissioner and Massport.

- **The \$75 million Thomas J. Butler Freight Corridor** is complete. The dedicated roadway and bridge for Conley Container Terminal keeps 500 container trucks off East First Street and Summer Street every day. The project includes a sound barrier wall along East First Street, and 95 on-street parking spaces for residents.
- **\$6 million Summer Street reconstruction has been authorized** by MassDOT and the City of Boston in the Fort Point neighborhood from Dorchester Avenue to the West Service Road, and will provide better protection and enhancements for pedestrians and bicyclists and improved roadway drainage.

- **Road safety study along Day Boulevard is underway** and \$2.5 million has been earmarked to make improvements to improve safety and operations.
- **The City Point Bus Terminal has been modernized** at a cost of \$800,000 to better serve the 650 passengers who depend on the facility every day.
- **Green space has been expanded** by Massport's 4.5 acre Thomas J. Butler Memorial Park which includes South Boston's first dog park.
- **The MBTA has added buses to Routes 7 and 9** in order to increase capacity, improve reliability and reduce overcrowding on this heavily used route. As a result of this \$2.1 million investment, customer complaints declined by 80% in September.
- **Vehicle emissions are down at Conley Container Terminal** by replacing 60-year old trucks with clean diesel vehicles. In addition, truck idling time has been reduced by 40,000 hours.

The South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan is a collaboration of Massport, MassDOT, the City of Boston and the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority.

Our progress would not be possible without the continued guidance and support of South Boston community members and their elected officials, former State Senator Linda Dorcea-Forry, State Representative Nick Collins, former Boston City Councilor Bill Linehan, Councilors Michael Flaherty and Ed Flynn, the Governor Baker Administration, the Mayor Walsh Administration and the business community.



Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship for \$5,000



High school seniors who reside in the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop and are interested in applying for the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship must have community service experience and must submit a 1,000-word essay. To be considered, all academic and residency criteria must also be met.

Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018. For more information on the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship, including an application checklist, please visit: www.massport.com/scholarships.



Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship for \$5,000



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David W. Davis Memorial Internship



College juniors and seniors who reside in the City of Boston and are interested in applying for the David W. Davis Memorial Internship must have community service experience and must submit a 1,000-word essay. To be considered, all academic and residency criteria must also be met.

The David W. Davis Memorial Internship is a 13-week paid public service opportunity at Massport and is awarded annually to an exceptional junior or senior in college. Internship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018. For more information about the David W. Davis Memorial Internship including an application checklist please visit: www.massport.com/internship.

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BFD commissioner Joe Finn to Receive SBCA Public Service Award



South Boston Citizens' Association President Tom McGrath is pleased to announce that BFD Commissioner Joe Finn has been chosen to receive the John W. McCormack Public Service Award at the South Boston Citizens' Association's 138th Annual Evacuation Banquet on March 16th, at the South Boston Convention Center.

"It is an honor for the Association

to present this award to Commissioner Finn for his countless contributions to better the quality of life for all the employees of the BFD, the safety and well being of the City of Boston and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts for well over 30 years," McGrath said.

Boston Fire Commissioner and Chief of Department Joseph E. Finn was sworn in on July 27, 2014. He began his career with the Boston Fire Department in October of 1984 and rose through the ranks of the department.

In 2001, he was promoted Deputy Chief of Personnel, responsible for recruitment, selection and hiring, as well as contract enforcement, employee assistance, and discipline. He initiated and trained the first team of investigators to examine harassment and discrimination allegations, and trained firefighters to

become mediators to achieve conflict resolution among staff.

From 2005-2014, he served as a Division Commander in charge of all administrative functions, fire ground operations, hazardous materials, and technical rescue responses in Division One. In his 33 years with the Boston Fire Department, Commissioner Finn made significant contributions to the department, including establishing an EMT training program that increased the number of EMTs on the Boston Fire Department by 50%, and assisting in the development of state regulations for the use of semi-automatic external defibrillators, and of legislation that made the fire service a major player in the delivery of emergency medical services. He also served as a committee member for the Massachusetts Human Resources Division

in the development and implementation of the entry-level firefighters testing process.

Commissioner Finn served in the United States Marine Corps from 1979 to 1982.

He has earned an Associate Degree in Fire Science from Bunker Hill Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Northeastern University in 2008, graduating magna cum laude. He is a leading voice among fire chiefs in the battle against occupationally-acquired cancers.

In 2017 Commissioner Finn was the recipient of the prestigious Metro Fire Chief of the Year Award, presented by the Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Association. Joe is married to his wife of 32 years Susan. They have 4 children Billy, Kelsey, Brandon, Sean and a grand-daughter Riley.



Basketball Free Throw Competition Winners

Last Monday night at the Tynan Community School, there was some excellent talent on display for the annual St. Patrick's Day Basketball Free Throw competition. Both the boys and the girls in each age group were on fire, as they dazzled the crowd with their hoop shooting skills.

In the 8-10-year-old Boy's Division, the winners were Sean Costello – 1st Place, Ryan Alexander – 2nd Place and Jamali Price-Wade in 3rd Place.

Bridget Fitzgerald won the top award for the girls.

In the 11-13-year-old age group

the winners for the boys were Stephen Flynn – 1st Place, Ryan MacDonald – 2nd Place, Terry Markos – 3rd Place and Mario Blasi received Honorable Mention for this division.

For the 11-13-year-old girls Teagan Fitzgerald took 1st Place and Lily Austin took 2nd Place.

In the 14-17-year-old division Joey Maiullari won 1st Place and Jonathan Walsh took 2nd Place.

Trophies were awarded to the winners.

Honorary Chairpersons for the Basketball Free Throw were City Councilor Ed Flynn, Bernie O'Donnell and Kathy Davis



Flaherty Kick Off Breakfast

While honoring the memory of Jimmy Flaherty, a son of South Boston, family, friends and perennial St. Patrick's Day and Evacuation Day faithful joined the 2018 Henry Knox award winners, which honors community volunteers and unsung heroes of South Boston. Emceed by this year's Chairman, the inimitable Michael J. Donovan Clerk of Court, who was also honored with an Official City Council Resolution from Councilors Michael Flaherty and Ed Flynn commending his dedication to the importance of the

Evacuation Day Exercises.

As a reminder of the wonderful work of these awardees, a brief recap is highlighted.

Lorraine Linehan feels privileged to serve on the board of the South Boston Specials Kids and Young Adults and always enjoys spending time with the members and volunteers. The South Boston Neighborhood House (the Ollie) is another organization that Lorraine has donated much of her time over the years in support of their mission.

James "Jimmy" Cahill is a retired Boston firefighter where he spent

28 years on the job serving the city of Boston. He has volunteers for the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner and is often chauffeuring senior citizens to their doctor's appointments.

Sean Connor has been involved with South Boston Pop Warner since its inception and has coached at various levels for a decade. He also coached baseball for South Boston Little League for a number of seasons.

Jennifer Zablocki is an active member of the Andrew Square Civic Association and volunteered for many years as the treasurer on the St Mary's School Parent Council, but her passion is sports and being involved with

the youth of South Boston.

Dianne M Horne has always had time for her community while raising her 5 children, Randy, Janet, Valerie, Greg and Tiffany with her husband Ed. She has 9 grandchildren and a great grandson. Dianne for years has volunteered at the weekly church bingos and has taught Religious Education classes at St Vincent's and continues to so at St Monica's.

The Henry Knox Award symbolizes the essence of dedication and just as Knox dedicated himself to the cause of freedom, these awardees dedicate themselves to the cause of community and neighbors helping neighbors.



Gatey Hoop Notes

By Gatey Volunteer Staff

On Sunday, March 4, at the McDonough gym, the Gate of Heaven CYO basketball program held their end-of-the season house league girls' all-star games, the boys' instructional league all-star game, as well as the championship finals in the boys' cadet and midget house league divisions.

Opening up the day was the girls' house league all-star game. Gatey Purple realized an early 11-6 lead against Gatey White, and led at the half, 19-6. Gatey White played tough in the second half but fell short, 33-21. Megan Harrison was the MVP for Gatey Purple and Teagan Fitzgerald was the MVP for Gatey

White. The girls' instructional league all-star game (1st and 2nd grade girls) also thrilled the crowd with their display of great basketball. The girls have been hard at work every Saturday morning since October honing their skills. They're fortunate to have outstanding coaches, as epitomized in Allison Baker and CYO Legend, Marie Laundry.

Marie Laundry, the girl's house league commissioner, was proud of the girls who participated in the program this season and appreciates all the assistance the Gatey program receives to make it so successful year after year.

"After sixteen weeks of practice and games, the all-star games highlighted the skills the girls

have learned," said Laundry. "Seventh graders, Megan Harrison and Colleen Lombard, scored 28 points between them to give their team the win! I say a 'Thank You' to fellow seventh graders, Sara Galvin and Katherine Baszkiewicz, for their commitment and contribution to our program.

"As with every successful program there are many people to thank," Laundry added. "... from the coaches, the referees, the sponsors, the staff at the gym site, the players, and to the parents and the volunteers, who give their time and effort. I would also like to thank Gate of Heaven CYO Athletic Director, Kevin Lally, coaches Allison Baker, Christina McDonagh, Margaret Keaveny, and Jean Harrison, as well as the high school-age volunteers, Jackie Beggan, Emily Harris, Emily Hart, Mary Kate Hart, Allison

McGough, Julia Casper, and Lauren Woods.

"Finally," Laundry concluded. "I'd like to thank Cheech and his (McDonough) gym staff, the league sponsors (Barbara Caputo Club/Kelly Collins Club/Sister Pat Club/O'Brien and Son's Funeral Club) and give an especially huge shout-out to the Gavin Foundation and Executive Director, John McGahan, who provide us with the gym, and opportunity, to continue to bring 'Gatey CYO' to the youth of South Boston."

The boy's midget league final game pitted the first place team, coached by Paul Hogan, against the hottest team down the stretch, the East Boston Savings Bank, coached by Wynn Matthews and Bob McGarrell. It didn't look like anyone would beat the East Boston Savings

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Pictured at the McDonough gym last Sunday are the Gate of Heaven CYO girls house league all-stars with Gatey commissioners, Sean Monahan and Marie Laundry, Coach Allison Baker and Christina McDonagh, and league volunteers, Jacqueline Beggan and Lauren Woods



Pictured at the McDonough gym last Sunday (from left to right) is Mary Kate Hart, Lauren Woods, Jacqueline Beggan, Allison McGough, Allison Baker, Christina McDonagh, and Marie Laundry



Pictured last Sunday at the McDonough gym are Gatey house league hoop officials, Brad Hill and James Donovan



Pictured last Sunday at the McDonough gym is the Ryan Club, coached by Paul Hogan. The players are: Robert Wisniewski, Ryan Alexander, Ronan Manning, Alex Beaulieu, Evan Pierce, Gavin Ekman, Cam Flood, Chase Bonny, Kyle Bonny, Trey Miller, and Tom Gillis. (not all players pictured)

P.S. Deli Club Hoop Champions

By Kevin Devlin

On Sunday, March 4, at the McDonough gym, the P.S. Deli Club defeated the Jack McDonough Club, 44-40, to capture the Gate of Heaven CYO cadet house league basketball championship.

It was a hard-fought game throughout the entire 34 minutes of play, and when the final buzzer sounded, the P.S. Deli Club went home with championship bragging rights. For the McDonough Club, AJ Mansaray scored 17 points and Zack Mitchell had 15. For the P.S. Deli Club, Emmanuel "Manny" Disla (SBT's MVP) netted 21 points, Damien Alvarez had 11 points and

Jake Harrison contributed 9.

Coach Michael Donovan was happy his players eked out the nail-biting victory. "It hasn't really sunk in yet that we won the championship," said Coach Donovan. "But the greatest satisfaction I have is for the kids on the team. They are unselfish in the way they play the game of basketball. And, I hope they come away knowing that they played to the very best of their ability."

"That's what I look for," he concluded. "...not did we win or lose; but did everyone do their very best so that there aren't any regrets no matter what the outcome. I couldn't be happier, or prouder of such a group of fine, young boys."



Pictured at the McDonough gym last Sunday is the P.S. Deli Club cadet house league hoop champions. Pictured from left to right are: Tommy White, Emmanuel Disla, Damien Alvarez, Jake Harrison, Joey Maiullari, Dermot Murray, and Coach Michael Donovan.

Gatey Hoop Notes...

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Club the last half of the year. They had a strong defense, good ball handling, outside shooting and great rebounding. In Sunday's game, all of that was on display, but their shots just weren't falling. They were getting the offensive rebounds and taking good high percentage shots, but it was an off day offensively for Savings Club, as the Ryan Club outscored the East Boston Savings Club, 20-9. As usual, the offense from Savings was spread around with Greg Matthews scoring four points, two each from Paul Downey and Jack Reidy and one from Evan Filozov.

Despite the ferocious defense by the East Boston Savings Club, Robert Wisniewski from the Ryan Club was not to be denied. He netted 13 hard-earned points from inside the paint while Evan Pierce scored 7. After a few tough years with this team, Robert leaves the midget league after playing the game of his life when it counted the most. The defense of Trey Miller, Ronan Manning, Chase Bonny and Gavin Ekman forced Savings to outside shots and Alex Bealieu set some great picks to free up the scorers and had a number of

key rebounds down the stretch. (Please note the boys' cadet league championship is featured in a separate piece.)

The boys' instructional league all-star game (1st and 2nd grade boys) put on quite a show for the packed gym, with the Blue team edging the Black team, 10-6. The fans weren't disappointed. The novice players displayed all the skills they learned the last five months: dribbling, passing, shooting, rebounding and a textbook zone defense. They learned these skills under the tutelage of the Master Michael Donovan, along with Fred Haddad, and the Gatey boys' instructional and midget league commissioner, Sean Monahan. We couldn't do it without the dedicated teen coaches: Tommy White, Eddie Murray, Connor Strickland, Jake Harrison, Owen Donovan, James Buzzell and Dan Mahoney. Mahoney had his debut at refereeing Sunday who was paired with Strickland who is a veteran from last year.

"The Gate of Heaven CYO Program capped off another successful season last Sunday," said Monahan. "We would like to thank all the coaches, sponsors, Cheech, the Gavin Foundation and John McGahan, for all their help and support throughout the year."



Pictured last Sunday at the McDonough gym is the East Boston Savings Club, coached by Wynn Matthews. The players are: Ryan McGarrell, Nolan Young, Paul Downey, Greg Matthews, Ian White, Desmond, Cikacz, Finn Cawley, Evan Filozov, Tim Whelan, Jack Reidy, and James Posehl. (not all players pictured)

"We would also like to acknowledge the following Gatey house and travel league coaches," Monahan stated further. "They are Greg Lally, Matt Beggan, Brendan Kelly, Peter Alto, Kelly Sanborn, Paul Hogan, Bobby McGarrell, James Schallmo, Scott Bell, Ed Flynn, Kevin Cox, Walter Steele,

Ralph Mazzeo, Wynn Matthews, Jerry Galvin, Matt Hogan, and Billy Crowley. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

"And lastly without doubt," Monahan concluded. "We're truly grateful to SOUTH BOSTON TODAY for giving the Gatey CYO program such outstanding coverage this entire season."



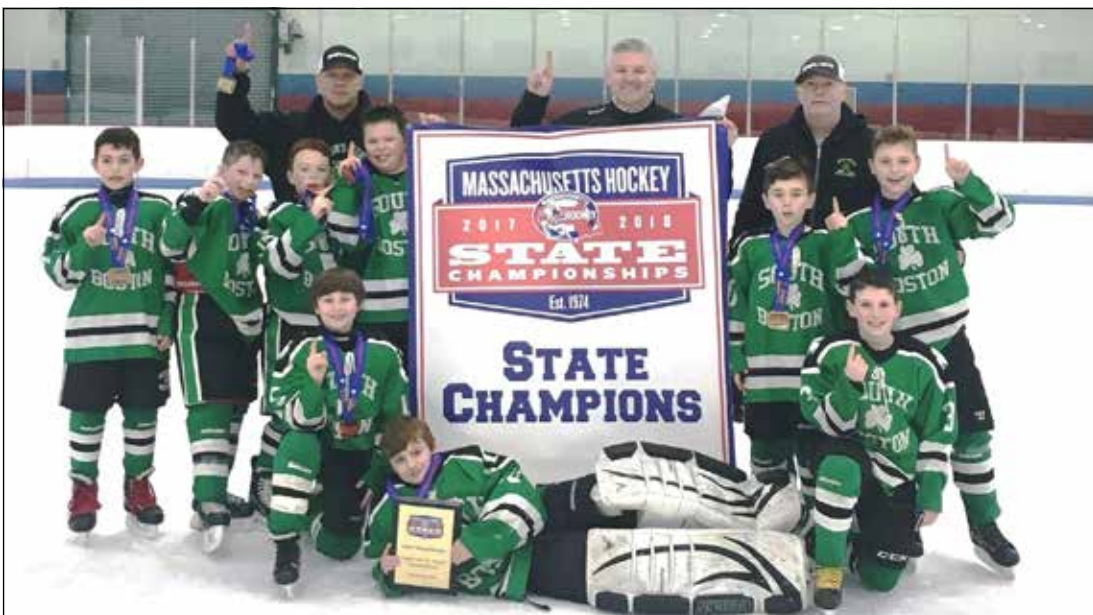
Gatey Instructional League

Girls Instructional All-Star Game-The 1st and 2nd grade girls also thrilled the crowd with their display of great basketball on Sunday. Like the Boys, the girls have been hard at work every Saturday morning since October honing their skills.

The girls are fortunate to have outstanding coaches in Allison Baker and CYO Legend Marie Laundry along with their teen coaches: Jacqueline Beggan, Lauren Woods, Marykate Hart, Emily Hart, Allison McGough, Emily Harris and Julia Casper. Boys Instructional

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South Boston Youth Hockey Squirt AAA State Champions!

L-R Players: Rocco Blasi, James Baker, Dennis Lynch, Benjamin Dearden, Joseph DiBlasi, Goalie Ryan McGarrell, Dimitri Markos, Ryan Alexander, James-McFarland. **Missing from picture:** Harry Minucci and Jackson Ballard
Coaches: David Ivaska, Bobby McGarrell, Dennis Lynch



Central Mass Winter Classic Mite 'A' Tourney Winners

It's often been said that Braintree has become the South Boston Annex. With many former South Bostonians residing there now, it stands to reason that the great youth hockey talent that both Southie and Braintree have always been famous for would merge and become a formidable force on the ice. And so, it has.

Young Gavin O'Doherty, the grandson of Former Boston Mayor Ray Flynn, nephew of South Boston's City Councilor Ed Flynn and son of Nancy Flynn O'Doherty, Ray's daughter and Ed's sister was

part of the outstanding Braintree team that won the Central Mass Winter Classic Tournament Mite 'A' Division. The combination of great hockey talent and team work by the entire squad and excellent coaching made it happen. Along with Gavin, some of the top scorers were Luke Payzant, Tommy Ryan and Jack O'Leary. Robert Flaherty gave an outstanding goal tending performance.

The team was coached by South Boston native Joshua Blinn along with Mike Daley and Todd Payzant.



K of C Free Throw Contest

Last weekend, the Knights of Columbus held the second round of their annual free throw event at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury.

The following Gate of Heaven CYO players who came in first and second place at this event (from left to right) were; Colleen Lombard, Evan Pierce, Noelle Haddad, Morgan White, and Teagan Fitzgerald.



*This week,
Danny shared his
thoughts on some
of the top stories in
the sports world:*

It's officially the dead zone in the sports world. Happens every year at this time. We'll call it the calm before the storm. Soon, we'll have playoff hockey and playoff basketball, March Madness, Opening Day, The Masters, the NFL Draft, and yes, WrestleMania.

In the meantime, allow me to react to a few things that are currently going on in the world of sports.

—The Bruins are dealing with some serious injuries. Patrice Bergeron has a fractured foot. Charlie McAvoy has a sprained MCL. And Tuukka Rask is dealing with a lower body injury. Rask's injury is being described as the least serious of the three. But who really knows.

What I do know is that Bergeron will be back playing hockey at some point this season, because he's the toughest SOB on the planet. The Bruins better hope I'm right, because if Bergeron doesn't return, the B's will be in serious trouble in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

As high as I am on Rask and McAvoy, I actually believe the Bruins would have the capabilities to still make it interesting without them. But Bergeron is the heart and soul of this team. And without him during that playoff grind, I wouldn't

be able to put my money on the B's to hoist the Cup.

But again, the good news here is that Bergeron is an animal. And if I did put my money on anything, I'd put it on a Bergeron return before season's end.

—Over the weekend, we saw one of the best pound-for-pound fighters in the world retain his championship. We also saw Deontay Wilder retain his championship. You see, it was an action-packed weekend for fight fans. But it was also a confusing one.

Wilder is the WBC heavyweight champion. He knocked out (TKO) Luis Ortiz in the 10th round. But he wasn't the best fighter that earned a victory on Saturday night. Sergey Kovalev was.

Kovalev is one of the best in the world and has been for a handful of years. He knocked out (TKO) Igor Mikhalkin in the seventh round, on Saturday, and retained his WBO light heavyweight championship.

But if you logged onto social media over the weekend, you wouldn't have even known Kovalev was fighting. All the buzz was surrounding Wilder vs Ortiz at Barclays Center. Granted, Wilder's opponent was tougher than Kovalev's, the idea

that Kovalev was suddenly being overlooked by the boxing world, in favor of Wilder, made little sense.

It spoke to a few things. For one, fight fans are desperate to see the heavyweight division be competitive again. Wilder undoubtedly brings an excitement level. I'm just curious to know why it took everybody so long to notice. Saturday night marked Wilder's 40th win. He's 40-0 with 39 knockouts. So, it's not like he just showed up to main event status. He's been the champ since 2015. But again, the desperation to make heavyweights relevant again has forced some into a false sense of excitement. If we're being completely honest, the heavyweight division has some talent, but it's still not as exciting as most tried to make it on Saturday.

And nobody in that heavyweight division is as good as Kovalev. Him being somewhat ignored and thrown into the Bingo Hall attached to Madison Square Garden on Saturday night has something to do with his opponent, sure. But the overall lack of attention he received over the weekend has more to do with his two losses to Andre Ward. Both were controversial. And in my opinion, both results were wrong.

Kovalev got screwed, twice. And then Ward ran off into retirement. It's left Kovalev in a strange spot. He's still dominant, but those two losses — the only two losses of his career — are major blemishes on what's been one of the more dominant runs in the sport in recent years.

That combination of fans yearning for a competitive heavyweight division and Kovalev getting screwed in the Ward fights, has led to Kovalev getting buried by Wilder on a Saturday night in early March.

If it means anything at all, it means somebody should talk Ward into doing what's right, and that's coming out of retirement to face Kovalev for a third time.

Unless they just plan on screwing him again.

While I have you here, I'd like to remind you to please subscribe to my YouTube Channel: youtube.com/DannyPicard. It's received a minor facelift as of late, and I'll be launching two new YouTube-specific shows in the coming weeks, to go along with some video clips of my podcast.

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Saturday, March 3rd
Clerk of Courts, Michael Donovan
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Sea-Point Restaurant 9:30 AM
Suggested Donation \$ 10.00

21+Bowl-A-Rama

Sunday, March 5th
State Rep. Nick Collins
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Honorary Chairpersons
South Boston Bowl 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Must be 21+ to attend-no children, please

Basketball Free-Throw Competition

Monday, March 6th
City Councilor Ed Flynn
Bernie O'Donnell & Kathy Davis
Honorary Chairpersons
Tynan Community School Gym - 6:00 PM

The Swimming Competition

Tuesday, March 6th
State Auditor, Suzanne Bump
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Boys and Girls Club Pool
Registration 6:00 PM, Meet 6:30PM

St. Patrick's/Evacuation Day Parade

Sunday, March 18th at 1 pm
Barbara Signor - Chief Marshal
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Sunday, March 11th
City Councilor Michael Flaherty
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Events begin approx. 10:30 AM

Back This Year

Boxing Show

Saturday, March 10th
Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy
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Tom & Eddie Butler

St. Patrick's Senior Salute

Saturday, March 10th
Mayor Martin J. Walsh
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Thomas Butler Jr. Chairmen
Mary Walsh, Mary Collins, Kathy Flynn
Pauline Bare
Honorary Chairwomen
Saint Monica's Lower Church Hall - 11:00 AM

Wiffle-Ball Competition

Condon School Gym

Wednesday, March 14th, 5PM-7PM
Joe Curran, Barbara Caputo Kelly,
Honorary Chairman
Boys and Girls ages 8-11 and 12+

St. Patrick's Day

Road Race

Sunday, March 18th
Proceeds benefit South Boston
Boys & Girls Club
Pre-registration Required
617-516-5441 or hduvall@bgcb.org
Race begins at 11:00 AM at the Club

Evacuation Day Memorial Mass

Saturday, March 17th
Fr. Joe White
Margaret Lynch, Honorary Chairwoman
St. Augustine's Chapel - 9:00 AM

Memorial/Historical Exercises

Saturday, March 17th
Including
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State Representative Nick Collins
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Robert Allison, S.B. Historical Society
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Honorary Chairpersons
Dorchester Heights Monument - 10:00 AM

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