



## Parade Route Shortened Because of Snow

South Boston's St. Patrick's Day Parade has again been shortened and will go from Broadway Station to Farragut Road because of the barrage of snow, but residents and business owners along the parade route are advised to shovel their walkways to help prepare for the parade. If that isn't incentive enough \$50 tickets will aggressively be handed out, according to the City of Boston.

Boston got hit with a foot or more of snow before the blizzard that battered Massachusetts blew out of the state. The city's snow emergency and parking ban for main roads remained in effect until Wednesday

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# EDITORIAL

## St. Patrick's Day Is Meant To Be Enjoyed

St. Patrick's Day and Evacuation Day come to South Boston on the same date each year. It's a very special time in a very special and unique community. It's a time to celebrate Irish Pride, as everyone is Irish at this season of year, as well as the historical event that saw brave American Patriots drive an occupying army of British Red Coats out of our city.

The key word is of course 'celebrate'. The week of March 17th gives us the op-

portunity to enjoy all of the many festivities and events that occur in South Boston that delight people of every age group in a wonderful variety of ways. Blissfully, we can ignore the usual news media encouraged political theatre that more often than not comes with it. It's a time of laughter, of joy, and a chance to renew old friendships and maybe make some new ones.

Of course, being the month of March, it's never really possible to predict what the

weather has in store for us. Perhaps, some events may have been cancelled or rescheduled. But whatever the case, we are a hearty people who can adapt to whatever comes our way and make the best of it. Whether the celebrations go off as planned or changes needed to be made, it's party time. Whether you are at home, on the streets, at a local establishment, with family or friends or both, enjoy yourselves and please stay safe.



*"May luck and joy shine down on you today and every day and may you have a Happy St. Patrick's Day" – SBT*

## U.S. Representative Stephen Lynch Addresses the New England Council

On March 5, 2018, U.S. Representative Stephen Lynch (D-MA) spoke to members of The New England Council at a Congressional Roundtable Breakfast in Boston, MA. The New England Council--the nation's oldest regional business association--regularly hosts members of the New England Congressional delegation at roundtable events throughout New England.

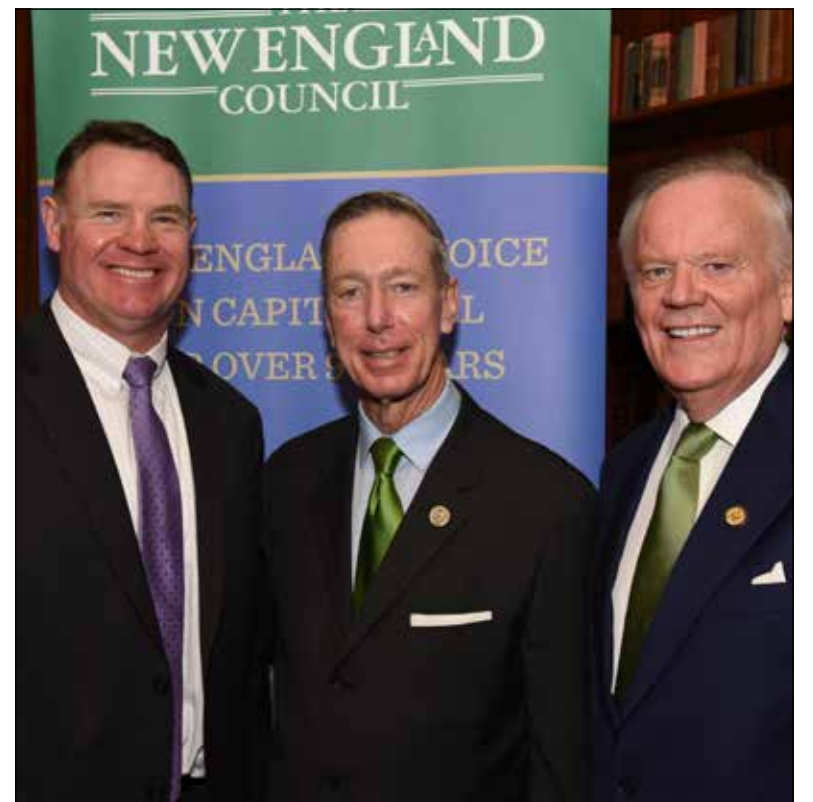
At the March 5 event held at the Hampshire House, Congressman Lynch discussed in-

frastructure, the federal budget, and policy priorities and the potential impact on the New England economy with members of the New England Council.

***Pictured here (from left to right) John Beatty of MASS-TF and resident of South Boston; U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch; and Jim Brett of the New England Council.***

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## *At Least No One Is Jumping Out Of Windows This Winter*

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**O**K, so March blizzards are a pain in the neck. Just when we think we can put the shovels and Ice melt away for the season we get 3 Northeasters in 10 days time. But while out shoveling with my neighbors on Tuesday and yes, complaining about it; all of us remembered that it was just a few years ago when we had that winter that was so bad they were calling it the 'storm of the month season'. And you knew it had to be bad when the snow was piled up so high with every new blizzard that hit in rapid fire sequence that Mayor Walsh was almost pleading with Boston residents to please stop jumping out of their 2nd and 3rd floor windows into the snow; which in some cases was the only way people could actually get OUT of their homes. So, with that in mind, we all went back to shoveling last Tuesday, realizing that hey, maybe we really don't have it all THAT bad this winter.

Touching on some topics from around the country, what do the following members of congress have in common: Rep Keith Ellison, Rep Barbara Lee, Rep Danny Davis, Rep Andre Carlson, Rep Gregory Meeks, Rep Al Green and of course the insufferable Rep Maxine Waters? The answers are they are all liberal democrats, they all hate President Trump, and they all have this habit of accusing others of being racist, associating with racists and tolerating hate speech by racists and/or using hate speech. So it was quite enlightening when the news broke last week that these seven members of congress have had for quite a while, close relationships with probably the biggest racist of all time- one Louis Farrakhan; self appointed leader of the Nation of Islam. There were even pictures that surfaced with these seven reps posing with and shaking hands with this guy. The Republican Jewish Coalition; to

its credit, has demanded that all seven resign from congress for supporting this man who over the years has many times directed hate speech and threats at white people in general and Jewish whites in particular.

In response to the calls for these members of congress to resign or at least disavow and condemn the statements by Farrakhan, there is either the sound of crickets from the Democratic party leaders and members of the news media and in some cases an actual defense of the affiliations between the reps and the Islamic racist. This is probably among the biggest examples of a double standard that there ever was.

Moving to a story happening overseas, it seems that since most Americans have pretty much had it with Hillary Clinton and her whining, and she knows it, she has taken her 'Why I lost the election to Trump tour' on the road to the Nation of India. Since it would be difficult for her to blame anything new, since she has practically faulted just about everything and everyone on the planet except of course for herself, she told the people of India on Tuesday the same old sob story. The people who voted against her were dumb, rednecks, poor, uneducated and sexist. And that was just the men. The women who voted against her were ordered to do so by their bigoted and chauvinistic husbands. This is a person who will never be capable of understanding why she lost the election. So in an effort to just be kind to her, maybe the people of India should just politely nod and smile at her ravings and pray that she seeks help some day. In any event, at least she is giving the American people a break by choosing a different country to embarrass herself in. Maybe she can run for some office over there, since she'll never be president back here.

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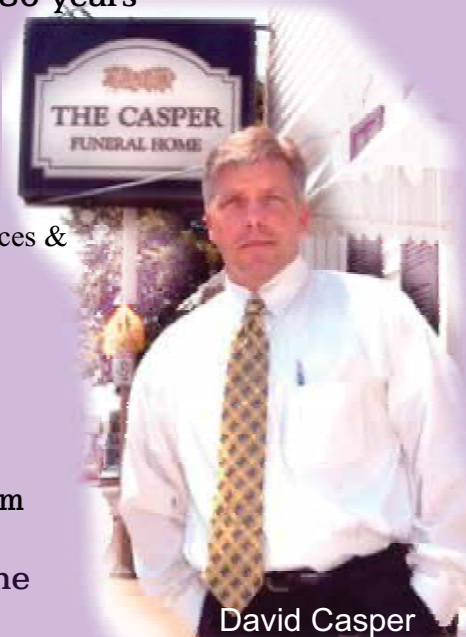
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## Governor Baker to Keynote the Energy Storage Conference and Expo

**E**nergy Storage Association, the leading national voice for companies that develop and deploy the energy storage technologies we rely on every day, announced that Governor Charlie Baker of Massachusetts will keynote the Energy Storage Association's 28th Annual Conference and Expo at the Hynes Convention Center in Boston. Governor Baker will address the importance of innovation, sustainability and clean energy legislation.

"Massachusetts has a rich history of leadership in innovation and alternative forms of energy," said Governor Baker. "I look forward to spending time at ESA's annual conference and discussing the efforts underway in Massachusetts to develop energy storage projects that will reduce costs for ratepayers and help create a clean and resilient energy future."

ESA invited Governor

Baker to share his vision for a modern energy infrastructure in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Governor Baker has been named America's most popular governor by the Morning Consult, due in part to his support of the development of offshore wind energy and advanced energy storage technologies. Most recently, Governor Baker has motioned to enact policies that will result in increased deployment of renewable technologies.

"The energy storage industry is ready for business and is honored to be welcomed to Massachusetts by Governor Baker," stated Kelly Speakes-Backman, CEO of ESA. "The Commonwealth has a long history of clean energy leadership, and programs such as the Energy Storage Initiative Advancing Commonwealth Energy Storage (ESI ACES) are examples of how his Administration values storage.



Programs and policies such as these help to advance our industry toward the goal of 35 GW by 2025."

The 28th Annual Conference will convene more than 2,000 attendees from across the energy

storage industry. The conference schedule includes more than 150 leading industry speakers, 40 insightful education sessions, site tours to advanced energy storage projects and multiple workshops led by renowned experts.

## Councilors McCarthy & Flynn Call For Hearing Over Hospital Merger



**B**oston City Councilors Tim McCarthy and Ed Flynn announced last week that they have called for a hearing regarding the proposed 13 hospital merger of Caregroup, Inc., the parent company of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Lahey Health



System. If approved, the merger would be the largest in the history of Massachusetts. Moreover, Beth Israel-Lahey Health would control 1 in 3 hospitals in eastern Massachusetts and become the biggest health provider in the region.

The Department of Public Health

has recommended approval of this merger, while the Health Policy Commission and Attorney General's office have yet to weigh in on the matter.

McCarthy said, "As City Councilors, it is our job to protect and give voice to our most vulnerable constituents. This merger may or may not have a detrimental effect on our most fragile residents. Therefore, I believe that it is necessary to hear from the experts and those impacted before any decisions are finalized."

Flynn said, "In recent years, there was significant concern from state officials, anti-trust specialists and consumer advocates related to potential hospital mergers. At that time, public discussion centered on the impact a potential merger would have in terms of increasing market power, the ability to negotiate with insurance companies and raising

health care spending. Although this decision is under the purview of the Attorney General, the Department of Public Health and the Health Policy Commission, I believe it is our obligation as elected officials to allow the public to weigh in and share their concerns as well."

"It is my hope that this hearing will allow me to learn more about how this merger would impact Tufts Medical Center and local community health centers in my district and their ability to provide access to health care for middle and low-income residents, communities of color, our seniors and the disabled."

If you would like to provide feedback or comments, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov or Councilor McCarthy's office at 617-635-4210 Timothy.McCarthy@Boston.gov.



# “St. Patrick’s Day”



*Brian R. Mahoney (In Memoriam)*



Evacuation Day is the official name and recognition of this day. St. Patrick’s celebration is a creation of the Boston Irish in general but the South Boston community in particular. Unlike these celebrations in other cities, the anti-Irish discrimination in Boston for many years prevented that.

The military event itself was 239 years ago, but this is only the 108th observance. The root of this disparity goes back to the Emerald Isle itself. The Irish, of course have never accepted the occupation or partition of their country by the English. The history of that ongoing struggle is well documented and won’t be recounted here; however, while the discrimination faced by the Irish elsewhere was of the variety that all strangers and newcomers had faced in Boston, it is a continuation of the Irish-English feud brought to America.

As such the Brahmin establishment was the political and business power, the Irish existed as servants, maids, and laborers. The wave of immigrants in the late 1840’s had two effects. The slow but steady rise of political power for the Irish and the immediate creation of the anti-Irish, anti-immigration and anti-Catholic political organization named the “Know-Nothing” party, so called because of their secret meetings and the “I know nothing” response when asked. In fact, they were more powerful here than anywhere else in the country. The influence was felt in all municipal precincts. Their advocates on the Boston alderman council introduced an ordinance designed to keep the Irish immigrants in the sprawling Fort Hill Ghetto (Purchase Street and Atlantic Ave. area) out of the

abutting Beacon Hill Brahmin enclave by creating a night patrol wagon to take into custody and remove “vagrants and undesirables” in that area after dark.

Everyone knew its true purpose and it soon was called the “Paddy Wagon”, an insult if directed at any other community that would have the “politically-correct civilian police” up in arms. When challenged, we were told, “don’t be so sensitive”. That insult is still in common usage. As the Irish began to assert themselves in business and politics, a middle and upper class, eager to build their social and religious culture, began to emerge.

St. Patrick’s Day had been observed intermittently as far back as 1736 by Protestant Irish British soldiers. St. Patrick’s Day is a shared day ever since King Henry VIII created the Church of England. In 1847, a group of Irish business men had a small procession to a religious service and then to a banquet at one’s home. They were reluctantly tolerated and the gatherings on St. Patrick’s Day were small and scattered.

The Civil War and the large Irish contribution, particularly from Boston, created a greater sense of the Irish accepted as citizens. Also, the first generation of the great immigration of the 40’s was coming of age. One of the great Irish benefactors, Andrew Carney, made an investment that would prove crucial. The Purchase St. Unitarian Church of Fort Hill had been built in 1821 on the spot where British troops had huddled in 1776 against a March “hurricane” preparing to assault Dorchester Heights. With the influx of Catholic Irish they moved out and abandoned their church. In 1848, using a third party straw, Carney purchased the church and it was reconstructed as St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. This Church christened, married and buried more Irish Catholic immigrants than any church in existence today. It became virtually the only church for the teeming waterfront immigrants.

In 1871 Fort Hill residents learned of a plan to demolish the neighborhood called “America’s first ghetto”.

The parishioners of strong faith disassembled the church, put it on barges and floated it across to what is now the area of “E” and Third St. where it stands today. Its dedication in 1872 joined Saints Peter and Paul, St. Augustine and Gate of Heaven in placing an Irish Catholic Church on South Boston’s four points and were virtually all Irish Catholic.

St. Patrick’s Day celebrations again began occurring in greater numbers throughout Boston which the Brahmin continued to squelch. Finally, the Catholic and business community began a concentrated but fruitless campaign to circumvent resistance by celebrating Evacuation Day coincidentally with the day of St. Patrick’s Death.

Authorities were always fearful of large numbers of congregating Irish and always resisted the remembrance of the Evacuation for just that reason. However, prompted by the lobbying effort of the South Boston Citizen’s Association, Commonwealth and private funds were allocated for constructing Dorchester Heights Monument and in 1902 the first real Evacuation Day was

held after the monument’s dedication.

Except for stoppages at points in WW I and II, and the protest cancellation of the 1994 Evacuation Day officially and St. Patrick’s Day unofficially has been held ever since. “Irish Need Not Apply” signs were still being displayed publicly through at least 1920 and are still alive and well, it seems based on yet another attack this year.

Critics maintain that we in South Boston don’t understand and appreciate the religious struggle in Ireland. On the contrary, we understand all too well. It is the critics who are ignorant. The Irish were never denied the right to practice the Christian religion, as long as it was the government approved religion. Practice the Catholic Christian Religion and they were hung.

Those same critics tell us we have the First Amendment and Freedom of Speech in South Boston, except that it’s the politically correct and government kind. If not, then we can’t use our parade to speak or express our message.

Believe me we know what’s going on and Happy St. Patrick’s Day.

*Take care till next week.*



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PERMIT ME TO SHOUT IT, WE'RE THE TOPS FROM MILES AROUND

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# SBCA Announces Shamrock Awards

South Boston Citizens' Association president Tom McGrath has announced the Association's 2018 recipients of the James M. "Jimmy" Kelly/Margaret "Peggy" Flaherty Shamrock Award for Community Service. The 2018 Shamrock Awards will be presented to Dyan LaRosa and Edward 'Eddie' O'Brien.

Dyan Larosa is honored for her selfless efforts in aiding those in need, and pitching in at the drop of a hat, for any benefit or worthy cause in and around the town. Having lived in South Boston for most of her life, most recently with her daughter Mari and her partner Mike McGough, Dyan was born and raised in SB, starting in the Old Colony housing development. She now resides on East Fifth Street.

Dyan graduated from Cardinal Cushing High School in 1981 and went directly to hairdressing school. She perfected her craft for a few years at other salons and then, with the help of her mother, Mary LaRosa, who passed in 1988, she opened Dyan & Company in March of 1987.

As a business owner Dyan became active in various community affairs and got involved in fundraising in the South Boston community.

"She goes above and beyond in her work in the Community and all other worthy causes in this town. Dyan is all about South Boston and its survival as a community, and her positive attitude and actions reflect her commitment and dedication to this great neighborhood," McGrath said.

Eddie O'Brien has followed in his family's footsteps. Eddie is a 4th generation funeral director, owner of the JF O'Brien & Sons Funeral Home. Established in 1910.

Eddie has 5 children. Grace O'Brien 22, Jack and David O'Brien 7, Dylan and Deliah Malcolm 18.

Eddie's grandfather was one of the four original sponsors of the South Boston Little League. Like his great grandfather John F. O'Brien, grandfather Edward F. O'Brien, and his father John "Jack" O'Brien, they felt it was their duty and obligation to continue to donate and assist in youth sports and organizations that help make South Boston the town it is. Granted things have changed, but the one constant is children and people in need of assistance.

"Like Dyan, Eddie is there for any community event or personal matter one may have.

I have known Eddie and his family along time and I can't remember the family name not being involved in the community one way or another" Said McGrath.

The programs that have been near and dear to Eddie and the family for decades would be the South Boston Pop Warner, South Boston Little League, South Boston Youth Hockey, South Boston Youth Soccer, Gatey CYO Basketball, SB Girls Softball, South Boston Neighborhood House, Harry McDonough Sailing Program, Julies Family Learning Program, Gavin Foundation, Laboure Center, Health Center, Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund, and the Boys and Girls Club.

The awards will be presented at the Association's 138th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet, to be held on Friday evening, March 16th, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center which starts at 5PM. I urge those that are planning to attend to act fast. For information on tickets call Tom McGrath at 1-857-204-5825.





## History Making Navy Destroyer USS Cole Visits South Boston

A highlight of this year's Evacuation and Saint Patrick's Day festivities will be the attendance of the Captain and crew of the USS Cole at the SBCA annual banquet and participation in Parade Day activities. The Cole is the Navy destroyer that became a famous after it was damaged in a 2000 terror attack in Yemen that left 17 sailors dead and 39 others wounded. It is scheduled to arrive at Black Falcon Pier in Southie at 8:00 AM, March 16 and will stay in port through St. Patrick's Day weekend, organizers said. The destroyer was damaged Oct. 12, 2000, when two al-Qaeda suicide bombers used a small boat to detonate explosives next to the warship while it was refueling in the port of Aden.

"Our parade on the 18th isn't just a parade to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but to celebrate Evacuation Day. It's meant to honor the service of the men and women of the U.S. military," South Boston Allied War Veterans Council Commander David Falvey said to the Boston Herald. "When you think about the sacrifice that the U.S. military has made in the war on terror, the USS Cole comes right to mind in terms of the loss of men and women of this country and

their mission to continue to serve the United States."

Falvey said the council is coordinating with local schools, the U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and other community groups to make sure the symbolic destroyer arrives to the warm welcome it deserves. Visitors are asked to bring a small American flag along to welcome them.

The ship is named in honor of Marine Sgt. Darrell S. Cole, a machine-gunner killed while serving in Iwo Jima during World War II. The ship's motto is "Glory is the Reward of Valor." Despite being seriously damaged in the 2000 attack, the USS Cole returned to service in 2003 and is still protecting the United States today. "The fact that the ship is coming, and it is still in service is something we're proud of," Falvey said. "Just to have them in the city and for them to be honored by the city of Boston — that's what we're looking for. Boston is a proud American city. This gives this city an opportunity to honor the sailors of the USS Cole."

The council's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade is scheduled to begin on West Broadway at 1 p.m. March 18.

## First St. Patrick's Day Parade Held In 1737



The first meeting of Irishmen on American soil to honor St. Patrick took place in Boston on March 17th, 1737. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York in 1762. Curiously enough, before marching caught on, St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with huge breakfasts, held around 2pm in local taverns.

Some of these breakfasts were private affairs, others were hosted by the newly formed Irish Friendly Societies. Often, forty or fifty toasts were made in one sitting!

A report in the American newspaper, 'The Gazette' in 1766 states: "St. Patrick's Day was ushered in with fife and drum. This produced a very agreeable harmony before the doors of many gentlemen of the Irish nation."

The general tradition of organizing St. Patrick's Day parades originated in the nineteenth century. After New York, Boston had its first parade in 1812. By the late 1860's, over a dozen American cities had large St. Patrick's Day parades. Just 10 years later, the Irish were the majority in population in New York. Not surprisingly, it was largely due to the American example that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated throughout the world — even in places where the Irish connection is slight, like New Orleans and Puerto Rico.

## St. Patrick's Day Facts

What do you know about St. Patrick's Day? Here are some interesting facts:

St. Patrick's Day was set aside to honor St. Patrick but was not on his birthday. It was on the day of his death.

Besides being a Religious holiday, it has also come to be thought of as the first day of spring to some. Cattle were led to pastures and Irish farmers planted grain.

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day often features the old Gaelic sport of hurling. It is something like our field hockey.

The day's symbol is of course a green shamrock. It looks like a clover with 3 small leaves and is often called a 'trefoil'.

There is a town in Florida named Shamrock. Every year people send letters and cards there to be postmarked.

What is a "Shillelagh"? It is an Irish symbol and word for a short, fat oak club.

Why picture an Irishman wear-



ing a top hat and swinging a cane? Irish countrymen used to wear a jaunty hat with a high crown, and white socks below tight knee britches.

Below are some Irish American traditional dishes:

1. Corned Beef and Cabbage
2. Irish Stew
3. Irish Soda Bread
4. Mulligatawny Soup
5. Mashed Potatoes with shredded Cabbage (Colcannon).

The Leprechaun legends are fascinating. Most leprechauns are said to be rich and have bad tempers. They don't want to live near humans but if you happen to capture one — don't let him out of your sight. Why not? As a ransom, he might tell you where his pot of gold is buried. Of course, it's all in fun so make a fun day of it! Happy Saint Patrick's Day!



## GOH Coffee And Conversation Revived And Welcomed

A couple of years ago, Gate of Heaven parishioners Mary McCarthy Collins, Mary Maiullari and Karen O'Connor Evans approached Father Bob Casey and asked about reviving a 'coffee and conversation' collation that had been a family-welcoming parish activity. During the period of parish consolidation by the Archdiocese, this activity ended. Father Casey was happy to oblige.

This past Sunday, the rejuvenated monthly social was expanded from its usual muffin, pastry, donut and coffee fare, as the second annual Saint Patrick's Irish Breakfast featured Irish bread, Irish bangers, baked beans, scrambled eggs and more. The annual breakfast is sponsored by Rep. Nick Collins. Fr. Casey regaled the 100

or so attendees with "The Fields Of Athenry", as only he and Ronan Tynan can sing it.

As the churches of South Boston have been and are a safe haven for all, coffee and conversation has enhanced the spirituality of the Sunday Mass. Be sure to check out the Gate of Heaven and Saint Brigid bulletins for the next collation.





# Senior Salute Was A Big Hit

For as long as it's been going on, the Annual Senior Salute has never failed to be a big hit and in 2018, the Thomas and Edward Butler St. Patrick's Senior Salute was no exception. Last weekend, hundreds of senior citizens, many of them decked out in their finest party clothes, turned out to yet another great event that was fun from start to finish. Thomas Butler Jr. and SBCA president Tom McGrath were co-emcees. Also, in the tradition the luncheon's the Honorary Chairwomen were Cllr. Ed Flynn's mother Cathy Flynn and Rep. Nick Collins mother Mary McCarthy Collins.

The crowd was treated to a sumptuous traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage meal fit for royalty, followed by fine desserts and beverages that topped off the meal portion of the gathering perfectly. There was live music by the Mike Reynolds Duo and singing and laughter and smiles all around. Irish Step Dancers thrilled all in attendance and their energy had everyone applauding each dance they performed.

In attendance were local elected officials including Mayor Marty Walsh, State Rep Nick Collins, City Councilor Ed Flynn, Rep. Dan Hunt and Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy. The Mayor's Office of Elder Affairs was also well represented at the event, led by Mary Beth Kelly and her dedicated team. Local volunteers included Cheryl Joyce, Ellie Flaherty Kasper, Andrea Flaherty, Joyce Tinline Higgins, Cheryl O'Brien, Ann Marie Adducci, Bubba Cahill and Rich Devoe.

There were many giveaways presented to the party goers, such as shamrock plants, goodie bags and gift certificates and more. This year's Senior Salute had a tradition to uphold and that was to be 100% upbeat and festive and it certainly was. Well done to all involved in putting on such a fine banquet for so many of our most cherished citizens.





# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!






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# Legend of the Celtic Cross



Standing stones have long been the main points of solar cults throughout Europe before the advent of Celtic Christianity. Their shape meant to suggest that they were meant to represent trees which were held in great esteem by the early Celts.

The Christianization of the stones by carving crosses on them, a custom said to be introduced by St. Patrick was the start of the Christian presence in Ireland.

It has been said that the most important achievement in the history of Irish sculpture is the Celtic High Cross. These crosses can be identified by a large stone circle intersecting the arms and the upright shaft. From the early days of Irish Christianity, crosses had been set in slabs as symbols of the faith and put up in monastic settlements.

The predecessors of the Irish crosses were possibly the stone crosses erected in North Umbria in the late 7th Century. Figured sculpture became a major element of the crosses. In the early pieces, hunting scenes, with a moral message appeared only on the substantial bases as at Ahenny. In the style of transitional, shafts became covered with relief panels as in the South Cross, Clonmacnois. The use of human figures on the Irish crosses may have been influenced by English ivories. The Columban monastery of Kells, Co Meath, has a transitional cross that being of St. Patrick

and St. Columba early 9th century which indeed carries a number of Biblical scenes. The area around Kells appears to have been vital in the development of later high crosses in eastern and northern Ireland.

The group of central figures of scriptural high crosses has a set religious subject which is based on the themes of Gog's grace to man's and the links between events in the Old and New Testaments. There, ideas relate to the Reformist Celi D movement, with it's new great interest in the Scriptures. There crosses look forward to the Irish Romanesque Art Movement and the Celtic culture in general. The best example is the Cross of Muiredach and the West Cross of the Scriptures of Monasterboice in Co Louth. The figures are in this instance cut in sandstone. Figured panels are on the base of the shaft and ornamental panels the narrow face. There is generally a Crucifix on one side with the New Testament scenes in panels beneath; on the other face are the Last Judgment and Old Testament scenes.

The terrible Viking attacks appeared to have stopped the carving of high crosses in the South of Ireland, and later some crosses were erected in the North.

This great development of the Irish Cross indicates the deep and solid Christian faith which the Irish people had and continue to have to the present day.

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# The Annual Boxing Show Attracted a Massive Crowd

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

It's back. After a year off, the Annual St. Patrick's Day Boxing Show has returned and was as big and as great as it has ever been. This year it was held at Peter Welch's Gym at 371 Dorchester Avenue in South Boston and it's accurate to say that the crowd of enthusiastic spectators literally packed the place to the rafters. In South Boston our sporting events always start off with the singing of the National Anthem and this event was no exception as the crowd proudly stood, hands over their hearts in respectful silence until the last note was sung. And then the bouts began. More than 22 in all.

The local boxing talent that was on display this night was not just excellent, it was dazzling as the young athletes as light as 40 pounds all the way up to 145 pound class; young men as well as young ladies gave their bouts every bit of ability, heart and soul they had. All had proper safety equipment and it was very apparent that they all benefit-

ted from the excellent training they received from the professional trainers at Peter Welch's Gym. There were even special guests from the boxing world that came in from Las Vegas. And well deserved tributes were given to professional boxers on hand that night as well as those who have passed away.

This event was co-sponsored by the South Boston Citizens Association and Pete Welch himself. The Honorary Chairman was Register of Deeds Stephen Murphy. The elected officials in attendance were State Rep and candidate for state senator Nick Collins, City Councilors and Ed Flynn and Mike Flaherty. Dan Lynch, representing Congressman Stephen Lynch was also on hand to present a plaque from the congressman.

Every bout was outstanding in its own right. The boxers received beautiful trophies and there were even special awards given out. The St. Patrick's Day Boxing Show/Jr. Golden Gloves Special Awards went to the following boxers: Bobby Rehm – Outstanding Boxer Under 100lbs, Isaiah Tavares –

Outstanding Boxer Over 100lbs, Most Courageous – Dempsey Murphy, Bout of the Night – Aiden White vs Andre LeClerc. Famous South Boston

And of course a special award and tribute was presented to one of South Boston's most famous professional boxers Danny Long. Dan, along with another South Boston boxing great, Tommy Connors also did a great job as one of the referees in the ring that night. Legendary Irish Boxing great Sean Mannion was also on hand to add his professional touch to the evening.

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Boxing Show wouldn't be the same without some of the familiar faces who have been part of making these shows successful and working with local youths in the sport of boxing for many years such as Ed Kelley, Joe Curran and Mike Larkin who returned again this year to help make it all go off so well. And as was stated above, tribute and special mention was given to those boxers who passed away during the past year: Joe DeNucci, David Attardo and Eddie Macaloney as well as

people who played a major role over the years promoting the sport such as Billy Pender, former Mass Boxing Commissioner and Barbara Roache, mother of famous trainer and boxing judge Freddie Roache.

To say that this year's boxing show was an event that impressed everyone in attendance would be an understatement. From start to finish it had all the makings of some of the best organized shows that could be found anywhere. One of the main driving forces behind it all was of course Peter Welch who worked hard and oversaw every detail to make it so. And it was also a thrill to the young boxers who took part. They trained hard and all of them seemed to be proud to have been part of it. South Boston Today asked one boxer; young Aidan Colton who was proudly clutching his trophy if he was enjoying himself this night. With a big smile on his face he shook his head yes. And that pretty much summed up the opinion of all who turned out Saturday night; boxers and spectators alike.





# They Got Game

## Gatey Girls Win Second Consecutive CYO State Championship

By Kevin Devlin

On Sunday, March 11, at Ursuline Academy in Dedham, the Gate of Heaven CYO girls' high school basketball travel team defeated Saint Agatha of Milton, 51-24, to capture the 2018 CYO state championship; successfully defending their 2017 state title.

For Gatey, Jackie Czar was sensational, netting 17 points. Allison McGough had nine points. Lauren Woods and Jacqueline Beggan (two three-pointers) scored eight points apiece. Grace Tinlin had four points while Emily Harris had a three-pointer. Catherine Woods grabbed five rebounds and Rebecca Donovan had four steals.

Members of the championship team are: Julia Casper, Lauren Woods, Allison McGough, Grace Tinlin, Jacqueline Beggan, Rebecca Donovan, Jackie Czar, Catherine Woods, and Emily Harris. The squad is coached by Alli-

son Baker and Brianna Esposito.

Coach Baker was so happy for her players who worked hard throughout the season to achieve their goal. To her it was an overall team performance. They saved their best for the championship tilt.

"I am so proud of this team," Coach Baker said. "We have come a long way, together. It was an awesome feeling to win the CYO state championship. All of these girls worked so hard during the game. It was the best game they had all season. I am also proud to say that we are back-to-back CYO state champions! As I have said in the past, this is my favorite team to coach.

"I am extremely sad to see the seniors leave," she added. "...but they are moving on to bigger and better things. We've been selected to play in the New England CYO tournament which begins in early April. I am hoping for the best, but



either way, we will have another championship banner hanging at the Walsh Center!"

Coach Esposito was also happy for her hoop heroes.

"These girls earned every bit of

that championship win," Coach Esposito said. "They put a lot of time and effort into this season and the outcome was exactly what they deserved. It was a great season and the seniors will be greatly missed."



## The Claddagh Ring

The Claddagh ring is named after an old fishing settlement on Galway Bay. Here in The Claddagh, the people elected their own king refusing allegiance to any other.

It is believed that Mr. Joyce, a Galway goldsmith, made the first Claddagh rings around 1730. Later, Queen Victoria had a Claddagh ring specially made for her. King Edward the 7th wore one when he visited Ireland. In days gone by, Galway forged strong trading links with Spain, so it is thought that the original Claddagh design is Spanish.

Claddagh rings are also popular outside of Ireland. Highly prized in Brittany, they are used as wedding rings. The joined hands on the Claddagh ring denote friendship; the human heart, charity. And when lovers exchange Claddagh rings it means: "With these hands I give you my heart and crown it with all my love."

Not surprisingly, during the Famine, many people sold their Claddagh rings for cash. But as the Claddagh ring wasn't as fashionable then as it is today, many were sold for scrap. Sadly, hundreds of these beautiful old Irish Claddagh rings simply ended up in the melting pot.

### Parade Route Shortened... continued from front page

at 5 PM and officials had already issued more than 700 tickets and towed more than 100 cars.

Schools were closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. "We want to make sure the bus stops are clear, so kids can wait for their buses" said Mayor Marty Walsh.

City officials stated that it's very difficult to have the route that winds through South Boston with all the snow we have. "It would cost millions and millions of dollars to clear out every corner of every street for a parade in South Boston" said the mayor. This is the reason that the route has been shortened to what has been labeled as 'The Snow Route'.

The Snow Route has been used in recent years for the same reason. Late winter snow storms hit the area hard in March and in an effort to make sure the parade is not cancelled but that safety

concerns are also addressed, the shortened route is deemed to be the wise decision. The mayor's office has been in contact with parade organizers which is the South Boston Allied War Council before the final decision was made. But for those residents, and there were many, who were confused as to whether there would even be a parade this year at all, the answer is yes, but with the shortened route. Again, the route will be — beginning at Broadway Station, down West Broadway to the End of East Broadway and ending at the Admiral Farragut Statue.

And once again, Mayor Walsh and elected officials are asking residents and businesses to clear their sidewalks. City law requires property owners to shovel their walks three hours after a snowstorm ends or face fines of \$50 for homeowners and \$200 for businesses. Walsh said officials will be out and about daily.

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# The Wine Guy

## Whiskey With An “E”



By The Wine Guy

I know that this is a Wine Column, however, we’re at that time of year again where the usual is dispensed with. This weekend, everyone and everything is Irish and why not? As any minimally-informed person knows, the Irish saved Western Civilization. Along with preserving many texts, both secular and sacred, from being

destroyed during the Dark Ages, Irish monks preserved the making and consuming of what we know today as Stout and Irish Whiskey. Stout was consumed by all, both young and old. It was healthful and nutritious and a viable alternative to water, which wasn’t clean most of the time in large towns and even most villages.

Whiskey, originally known as “Aqua Vitae”, or, “Water of Life”, was used as a medication - more than as what it’s used for today - to ward off diseases and warm up during the cold and raw winters. Even today, though, with everything available at our local pharmacy, the cure of choice for many is still a Hot Toddy-sugar, lemon, boiling hot water and a dose -widely varied- of Irish whiskey. Of course, some people get sick more often than others. Thank God this cure is available without a prescription!

*Here are a few suggestions for a toast this weekend, or any weekend, for that matter:*

**Prizefight Irish Whiskey Rye Barrel**

**Finish, 750 mL (\$44.99)**, aged for 4 years and made with 10-year malt and 4-year grain. The finish is long and dry, with a clove spice that rests in the back of the throat and pepper that sits on the tongue; if you see this one, buy it and if not, ask for it- you won’t be sorry.

**Locke’s 8-Year-Old Irish Single Malt, (\$52.99)**, is an 8- year old single malt whiskey from the Cooley distillery; the nose is full and rich with notes of fruit and barley malt, plenty of oak and a little floral character. The palate is full-bodied with a minerality, notes of barley and cereal sweetness with mixed peels. The finish is full and based mainly on malt notes.

As far as Stouts are concerned, Guinness needs no introduction, as it’s the “World Standard”. In today’s craft brew culture, however, there are many variations on the theme:

**Hill Farmstead Earl Stout**, from Greensboro, VT ABV: 7.2% Website: hillfarmstead.com , named after brewer Shaun Hill’s grandfather’s brother, this oatmeal stout uses flaked oats, English roasted malts, American hops, and organic Guatemalan coffee. Near black in color, it goes down silky smooth, and the coffee flavors mix well with the malt character, which is low on the sweetness.

**Goose Island Bourbon County Stout**, from Chicago, IL., ABV: 15% Website: gooseisland.com. Ale Sharpton says: “You know when a song is so damn good, they remix it?”

Well Goose Island has done the same with virtually countless versions of their legendary Bourbon County Brand Stout”.

Before getting into editions aged on cherry bark, Buffalo Trace barrels, Intelligentsia coffee beans from Honduras, and other inventive enhancers, Goose Island just keeps it simple and indulges in the original Brand Stout for starters. It embraces all the coffee, dark chocolate, oak, smokiness, and vanilla notes you’d expect, all balanced to perfection—but with a 15%-ABV kick. Popularly known as the original gangster of bourbon-aged stouts, this is an absolute must.

**Big Sky Brewing Co., Ivan The Terrible Imperial Stout**, From Missoula, MT ABV: 10% Website: bigskybrew.com. Despite the name, there’s nothing terrible about this very, very good beer. Ivan starts life as a massive imperial stout dosed with heaps of English hops, before taking a detour into bourbon barrels for a minimum of three months. Upon emerging, the flavors of dark fruit and cocoa are seamlessly integrated with oak and whiskey. It’s a creamy, complex winner.

Last, here’s a non-Brisket recipe that the aforementioned will all go very nicely with - Roasted Lamb Loin with Mint Chimichurri – (<https://cooking.nytimes.com/recipes/1015754-lamb-with-mint-chimichurri>)

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# 2018 CYO Vicariate Championship

**G**ate of Heaven of South Boston played Saint Anne's of Dorchester for the 2018 CYO Vicariate Championship in the Junior Division, game was played at St. Agatha's in Milton.

The game was a battle throughout St Anne's jumped out to a very early lead until Gatey settled in with some solid TEAM defense, still finding it very difficult to shut down W. O'Malley #4 and C. McCusker #10 of Saint Anne's.

Constant pressure of Gatey's defense from Matiru Mwangi and big rebounds from Xavier Nunez and some 50/50 loose balls from Eric Panche along with the timely shooting from Logan Crowley 20 points and Linden Cox with 13 points, Zach Mitchell driving to hoop with 19 points (5/6 the line) Joey Brink's monster rebounding also ended with 12 points and Bobby Delaney's 7 points became too much for Saint Ann's to overcome, 72-52. Although it was a 20-point game it felt like a four-point game the entire time you couldn't let up at all great competition and plenty of team spirit on both sides.

Our kids play a lot of other

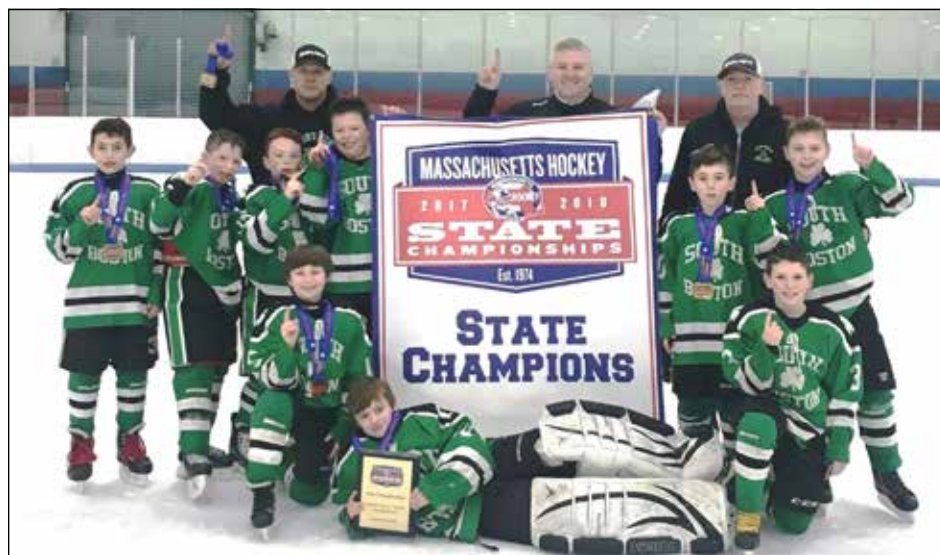


sports from high school, hockey, football, LAX etc. but every one of them will tell you that Gate of Heaven CYO is the most fun, whether it's house league or travel.

I've been coaching most of these kids since the third and fourth grades, they love it and hardly anybody ever misses a game.

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Coaches Dave Ivaska, Bobby McGarrell and Dennis Lynch.



**Gate of Heaven Archdiocese CYO State Champions**  
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Standing L to R: Aiden Kineavy, Tristin Pecevech, Robert Wisniewski, Aiden Colton, Ryan McDonald, Jonathan McCarthy and Ryan McGarrell.  
Director Kevin Lally, Coaches Bobby McGarrell and Greg Lally





*This week, Danny reacted to the New England Patriots missing out on Richard Sherman:*

**N**FL free agency has begun, and it's likely that some major moves will have been made in between the time that I write this and when it's released in print. And for the most part, I'm focused on what the New England Patriots will be doing. The Pats have already lost Malcolm Butler, Danny Amendola, and Dion Lewis to free agency. But the biggest loss came from a player they never even had in the first place: Richard Sherman.

Sherman signed a three-year deal with the San Francisco 49ers last weekend. It could be worth up to \$39 million, which would end up being an average annual salary of \$13 million. But as you know with most NFL contracts — even for stars — it's not all guaranteed money. In fact, in Sherman's case, his contract with San Francisco is incentive-based. He negotiated it himself. Sherman is his own agent. Seeing his comments after the deal was signed, he makes it sound like he's gambling on himself. He knows he's coming off an achilles injury that ended his season last year in Seattle. And he doesn't believe — or knows — he won't get the multi-year, guaranteed contract he probably deserves, even with the injury.

Sherman will be 30 years old

when the 2018 NFL season begins. He's without a doubt one of the best cornerbacks in football. And he was released by the Seahawks. Before Sherman was released, there were rumors that he would be traded. But he wasn't the only big-name cornerback that was available as of last weekend.

Also, being rumored was Broncos cornerback Aqib Talib. Talib was also said to be on his way out the door, even though he had two years left on his current contracts. Sherman had one year left on his deal with Seattle. But that didn't matter. Both players were in the headlines, and reportedly on the move. The question wasn't, "Who would want them?" It was more like, "How much will it cost?" San Francisco had originally agreed to a trade with Denver for Talib, but Talib made it clear that he only wanted to go to one of two places: New England or Los Angeles.

Long story short, he ended up getting traded to the Rams. It wasn't something I was upset about. A reunion with the Patriots wouldn't have been a bad move for either side, but if you're telling me you could have either Talib at 32 years old, or Sherman at 30, it's a no-brainer. I'll take Sherman any day of the week there.

And it was being reported that

Sherman wanted to play for the Patriots. So, I had made up my mind when both cornerbacks were initially made available. Forget about Talib and go get Sherman. Sherman was released on Friday morning and signed with San Francisco on Saturday night. According to reports, he never had a single conversation with the Patriots.

On Saturday afternoon, Sherman tweeted out something interesting: "Thank you to everyone for the kind words. This is just another chapter in the journey. This will be an ongoing process and I am excited to take on this challenge. To the fans urging me to join your team, I am humbled, but I can only look at the teams that have reached out." If this isn't Sherman letting the world know that Bill Belichick hadn't reached out to him, then I don't know what is.

When we found out that, in fact, the Patriots never contacted Sherman before he signed with the 49ers, the easy thing to do is blame the Patriots. We all know about Belichick's ego. And we understand what the Patriot Way is. So, while Sherman is sitting there waiting for a call from the Patriots on Friday night or Saturday morning, Belichick is in his office waiting for Sherman's agent to call him.

Which brings me to the biggest problem here. Sherman doesn't have an agent. He worked out his own contract with the 49ers. And in the process, he let his ego get in the way of actually being a good agent. The only explanation for the Patriots and Sherman not even having a discussion is that both were playing the "how bad do you want me" game. Belichick can get away with it. Sherman can't, because the reality of it is, if he had an agent, whether Sherman wanted to play in New England or not, his agent would've at least put in a phone call to the Patriots, especially knowing that they weren't bringing Butler back. Instead, both sides let their ego get in the way of what would've been a perfect match. And while I understand it's easy to blame Belichick for not picking up the phone, Sherman obviously took it personal that the Patriots never came calling.

So, yeah, Belichick's ego played a role. But Sherman's ego is the thing that never gave him a chance to do what he actually wanted. And that was to play for the Patriots.

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