



## Some Analysts Say Don't Give Up On GE

**S**BT has suggested in the past that GE would come back stronger and smarter someday. We didn't think it would take this long, but some analysts think it may be close to a decent recovery, given its depth of struggles the past almost two years.

In a recent press release, the management team at General Electric said that they will be taking their Renewable Energy segment, which consists largely of wind and hydropower operations, and add to it various operations under its grid solutions business, as well as its hybrid energy products and services

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# EDITORIAL

## Winter of 2018/2019: So Far, Not Bad

At the risk of jinxing our good fortune so far, at least for those who are no fans of severe winters, we're not doing too badly this season – considering we're now half way through February. Yes, it's been cold, but not all THAT cold and not all that often. The 60 plus degree temperatures recently gave everyone a taste of spring and to most if felt pretty nice. What few storms we have had came in the form of low accumulations of the white stuff or some heavy rain. The big snow totals have been in the North Country, where it's very much appreciated and a thrill for winter sport enthusiasts.

It's rare that we get this deep into winter without going through the traditional parking space wars, street closings and can-

celled events. Winter 2018/2019 is a far cry from the one Boston experienced a few years back with what seemed a major storm each week and requests from Mayor Walsh for folks to please stop jumping out of their 2nd and 3rd floor windows into huge snow banks, which was sometimes necessary to even get out of one's homes. And certainly nothing compared to the Blizzard of '78, as those who remember that far back can attest.

Of course, we're not out of the woods yet, there's still plenty of winter left for us to get slammed pretty well. But for those who long for mild weather, consider yourselves lucky that we've come this far without having to go grocery shopping via dogsled or slap on the snow shoes to get to work.



*"America will never be a Socialist country. Americans were born free and we will remain free" - President Donald J. Trump*

### Councilor Flynn To Hold South Boston Office Hours

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn will take his Neighborhood Office Hours program to the Cranberry Cafe (704 East Broadway) this Saturday, February 16th from 9AM-10AM. Residents are encouraged to bring constituent and neighborhood issues directly to Councilor Flynn and his staff.

"As City Councilor, it is important for me to continue this program and bring City Hall services to each of our neighborhoods. Oftentimes, people are unable to take the time from work or too busy to travel into the city



to deal with a particular issue. This is an opportunity for us to come to the neighborhood over the weekend and hear from our residents directly about their concerns regarding pedestrian and public safety, development issues, and other quality of life concerns," said Flynn. "I believe that every part of District 2 deserves to be treated with respect and

dignity, as well as having the same access to basic city services as everyone else. I will continue to bring City Hall services to each of our neighborhoods.

For more information regarding future neighborhood office hours or constituent service issues, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@boston.gov.



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## *Building a Wall will Save American Lives and That's A Fact*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

*Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at [jciccone@southbostontoday.com](mailto:jciccone@southbostontoday.com)*

**“F**entanyl causes 29% of overdoses in the United States and according to Department of Homeland Security numbers, 90% of Fentanyl is coming over the southern border from Mexico. How many more Americans have to die before politicians stop playing politics and build the wall?”

The above is a question being asked countless times by people all over our country. It's being asked by patriotic American lawmakers - thank God there are still some - who are being blocked at every turn, when they try to put forth REAL solutions to the problem. It's being asked by people who have lost beloved family members, who are going through the heartache of burying their children. It's being asked by folks, as they watch the agony of friends and relatives suffering from addiction. It's being asked by Americans who are watching their once safe communities become crime ridden, as dealers set up shop on the streets to sell their poison in their efforts to create even more addicts. And still, the drugs keep pouring across the border.

We see the captured drugs and cartel cash piled to the ceiling in Border Patrol warehouses near the Rio Grande. But it's just a fraction of what's still getting through, where the border is not guarded or protected by walls and barriers. The cartels only send a small portion through the ports of entry. This is verified by Border Patrol agents and officials themselves, who are practically begging for a wall to be finished. Oh, and let's not forget the new crop of recently elected liberal politicians, the real crazies, clamoring to eliminate ICE and cut Border Patrol funding. They are our country's first line of defense at the border.

We'd be in a lot worse shape without them and isn't that what the crazies really want?

So, when we hear those phonies in power tell us that they are serious about putting an end to the opioid crisis running rampant in so many of our nation's cities and towns and suburbs, and now even rural areas, and that they will be making it their priority and do everything possible to end it, but they are adamantly opposed to building the border wall, I can only assume they are lying. They are frauds. They know walls and barriers work. They block the drugs and human traffickers, who have to find the locations that are not protected to move their contraband into America. But they also know that walls and barriers keep out illegals as well, and this is something these phonies do NOT want. It's in their political interest to keep a steady flow of illegals flooding into the United States, because they hope that they will one day become part of their political base and vote to keep them in power. That there are hardened criminals, gang members and people coming to live off US taxpayer's money is of no concern to them, as long as they can someday get them on the voter rolls.

Here in Boston, we only need to take a ride past Andrew Square and head toward Boston Medical Center. The streets often resemble scenes from the TV series 'The Walking Dead', as addicted people can be seen stumbling around heading for their next 'dose' or for their nearest heroin street dealer for their next fix. It's not unusual to see people shooting up in the middle of the day right in plain sight. It can no longer be ignored or denied, we've all seen it. Yes, these people need treatment and care and

compassion to help them to at least try to escape from the terrible existence they're living. They don't need to be enabled to continue endlessly in this condition. And those dealers who hide in the shadows, like the predators they are, need to be locked up and have the key melted down. There have been proposals floated in other states to charge with murder, anyone who has been convicted of selling or knowingly giving dangerous illegal drugs to someone whose death was caused by that drug - an idea worth

serious consideration.

I know, this week's column is dark and I'm sorry about that. I'd rather write about the cotton tail rabbits that are in my back yard and other pleasant topics. But this is serious, our leaders know how to solve it and the fact that many of them work hard to obstruct real solutions needs to be dealt with. Confirmed by law enforcement, building the border wall will save American lives. Not building it will cause more lives to be lost. It's just that simple.

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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.

### Tentative deal reached to avert federal shutdown

Let's hope this stick: From the Washington Post: "Key lawmakers announced a tentative deal late Monday that would avert another government shutdown at the end of the week while denying President Trump much of the money he's sought to build new walls along the U.S.-Mexico border."

Fyi: Gov. Charlie Baker, before last night's agreement, had urged lawmakers in Washington to reach agreement to avert another shutdown that would only harm "regular people." He added that the state was "better positioned" to deal with another shutdown if it happened, reports MassLive.

### It's official: We have the worst traffic in the nation

No mention of how we're also the worst drivers in the nation. From the Globe's Adam Vaccaro: "Gridlock during the peak of the morning and evening commutes was worse in Boston in 2018 than in any other major metropolitan area, even Los Angeles with its infamous traffic, according to a report from Inrix, a transportation data firm that publishes annual rankings of congestion around the world."

Fyi: At his website, Mayor Marty Walsh reacts to the new report – and outlines all the steps the city is taking to relieve traffic congestion. Unless we're mistaken, he seems to be throwing the state under the bus on some matters. You decide.

### The Pike's coming mini-Big Digs

Speaking of transportation matters, Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine reports on how state transportation officials are planning to handle a series of coming construction projects – including the planned 1000 Boylston Street residential tower over the Pike – in order to minimize, hopefully, expected Pike traffic congestion caused by all the construction.

Fyi: Mohl has a separate report on how the T, during last week's mammoth Patriots victory celebration in Boston, had to throw open some fare gates to accommodate the crush of passengers trying to get onto trains. T officials said they were more concerned about public safety than collecting fares.

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### The state's highway tunnels and bridge repairs bill: \$1.6 billion

One last transportation-related post, from SHNS's Chris Lisinski at the Lowell Sun: "The Metropolitan Highway System, a network of major bridges and tunnels in and around Boston, will likely need \$1.6 billion in maintenance and upgrades over the next decade, according to a review presented to transportation officials Monday. 'We have a big job ahead of us,' said Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack." A big job indeed.

### More on the 'likeability' of female presidential candidates ...

The Boston Globe has been pounding into the issue of gender double-standards faced by female candidates, such as U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who are running for president. Now the NYT has its own report, which borders on an outright opinion piece at times, on the "likeability" and other gender double-standards faced by woman on the campaign trail.

Fyi: In an opinion piece at the Globe, Barbara Lee is cautiously optimistic that female candidates this year can overcome the double standards.

### At Salem State, Moulton draws a crowd as he ponders White House bid

Speaking of presidential wannabes, U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton held a student town hall at Salem State University Monday, an event transformed into a media crush by reports earlier in the day he was considering a run for president. Dustin Luca at the Salem News reports that the congressman was well-received by students and that at the behest of one student, Moulton signed a pledge promising not to take donations from the fossil fuel industry.

**Restaurants seek to prune beer gardens run by brewery rivals**

The Globe's Jon Chesto reports that state Sens. Ed Kennedy and

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### CITATION ON PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF ACCOUNT

Docket No. SU16P1221EA

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

In the matter of:

Charles W McCarthy

Date of Death: 01/23/2016

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street,

Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by

Charles W McCarthy Jr

of South Boston MA

requesting allowance of the First Annual Account account(s) as Personal Representative and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

**You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court.**

**You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 03/07/2019. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.**

**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**

February 08, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

February 14, 2019

### CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU19P0241EA

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Valerie Aukstikalnis

Date of Death: 03/12/2018

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street,

Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has

been filed by

**Rima A. Cibas of South Boston MA**

requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

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Rima A. Cibas of South Boston MA

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**WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court**

February 05, 2019

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

February 14, 2019



# Councilor Flynn Safe Streets Update

**B**oston City Councilor Ed Flynn announced that he has met in recent weeks and months with fellow South Boston elected officials, representatives from the Boston Transportation Department, Boston Police Department, transportation and pedestrian safety advocacy groups, community leaders, and members of neighborhood associations regarding Vision Zero - the goal of no serious or fatal crashes in Boston. Flynn conveyed that the safety of all on our roads - pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists - is a top priority for the city.

Flynn acknowledged there is much work to be done, but cited infrastructure improvements to areas like Farragut Road & East Broadway with stop signs placed in the middle of the road, as well as a loading

zone to be implemented at F St & West Broadway to deter delivery trucks from double parking, as positive steps the city has taken. In addition, the city is currently looking at suitable locations for Rapid Flash Beacons to assist pedestrians crossing the street.

Following serious and fatal crashes in South Boston last year, Flynn recommended a 12 point South Boston Safe Streets Plan that included a study of high-traffic areas, a 20 mph speed limit or 20 mph zones, speed humps and raised crosswalks, 4 way stop signs at relevant locations, speed feedback signs, rapid flash beacons, curb extensions, road diets, increased enforcement, delineators in the road, and loading zones for delivery trucks on Broadway.

In recent months, Flynn held a

hearing with Councilor Baker on a 20-mph speed limit, 20 mph speed limit zones and traffic calming. He also joined Councilor Flaherty in holding a hearing on the South Boston Waterfront and Seaport Strategic Plan and highlighted that public safety must be the primary focus.

"Vision Zero and the safety of all on our roads is a top priority for our city," said Flynn. "We have a lot of work to do, but Farragut Road feels safer today and I believe that a loading zone for delivery trucks- instead of double-parking on a two-way bus route- will make West Broadway safer as well. We need to continue to work together on a combination of infrastructure improvements, enforcement from Boston Police, and slower speeds to achieve Vision Zero."



For more information or to provide suggestions, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or ed.flynn@boston.gov.

## Arrest Made At King Smoke Shop

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

**A**s a result of cooperation between local residents and Boston Police, arrests were made at the recently opened King Smoke Shop located at 600 East Broadway in South Boston, which is in the vicinity of I Street and Emerson Street. Residents; some of whom are parents, had complained to police and to local elected officials that they believed illegal sales of drugs were taking place in the shop. These complaints and concerns prompted police to investigate the activities there which resulted in the arrests of 2.

Here is the official report issued by the Boston Police this past Tuesday, February 12th, 2019

BPD Officers Arrest Store Clerk for Unlawful Sales of Marijuana Cigarettes and Edibles in South Boston

"Acting on several complaints and concerns relative to the unlawful sale of marijuana and marijuana in-

fused edibles out of the King Smoke Shop at 600 East Broadway in South Boston, detectives assigned to District C-6 in South Boston with help from both the detectives of District C-6 (South Boston) and District A-1 (Downtown) Drug Control Units initiated an investigation to better understand the facts and circumstances fueling the concerns. As a result of the investigation, which included under cover purchases of marijuana inside the store, officers were able to accumulate sufficient evidence and cause to charge 2 employees of the establishment with unlawful sale of marijuana. On today's date, February 11th, 2019, an officer working in an undercover capacity entered the establishment and purchased several marijuana cigarettes.

In light of the illegal purchases, investigators arrested Saquib Imran, 38 of Brockton and charged

him with the possession with intent to distribute a Class D Drug (marijuana). Additionally, officers charged the owner of the store Tanveer Shah, 61 of Bellingham, RI with possession with intent to distribute a Class D substance (marijuana) and a Class C drug (THC). Soon after the arrest, a search warrant was obtained to properly quantify and catalogue the store's illegal marijuana inventory. During the search, officers were able to locate and confiscate multiple marijuana cigarettes and marijuana edibles and candies.

The following is a list of items confiscated by police from King Smoke Shop: 60 bags of edible marijuana candies, 67 vials of THC. 26 Moon rock marijuana containers, 95 marijuana cigarettes and over a thousand dollars in US Currency."

Both suspects were scheduled to appear in court on Tuesday, February



12th, but the arraignment has been rescheduled to next Tuesday, February 19th to give time for an interpreter to be present.

City Councilor Ed Flynn who had been monitoring the situation stated the following: "Great work by the residents and the parents who brought the information to the police. The King Smoke Shop has been the subject of discussion among some local residents since it opened; some of whom supported it and others who opposed it.

South Boston Today will keep our readers informed of any updates to the story.

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Nick Collins have filed a bill that would limit the number of one-day licenses that bars could have to run outdoor beer gardens. So who's behind this effort? The restaurant industry, which is none too happy about all the craft-brewery beer gar-

dens that are popping up when the sun is out. Jon has the details.

**What do you get when you combine a former prosecutor, cop and state lawmaker? A pot shop dream team!**

This is interesting. From Sean Philip Cotter at the Herald: "A for-

mer state rep, an ex-Suffolk County prosecutor and a former high-ranking Boston cop are teaming up to run a proposed pot shop in Allston. Former Suffolk County prosecutor Amy McNamee is listed as the CEO of Union Twist, a recreational and medical marijuana shop proposed

for 259 Cambridge St. Former Boston Police Superintendent-in-Chief Daniel Linskey is the security consultant and former state Rep. Marie St. Fleur (D-Boston from 1999-2011) is the chief operating officer. All three are listed as the company's 'founding team.'"

## SAVE THE HARBOR/ SAVE THE BAY ANNOUNCES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



**S**ave the Harbor/Save the Bay today announced the appointment Tani Marinovich as its new CEO. Tani succeeds long-time

President Patty Foley, who is retiring after 20 years of leading the organization. The organization will honor Foley for her service at their annual Destination Boston Harbor gala on March 28th at the Seaport Hotel in Boston.

Marinovich has a demonstrated track record of success in the environmental arena, having served as Executive Director of the Esplanade Association and more recently as Director of Philanthropy with The Charles River Watershed Association. Her deep passion for environmental stewardship, youth programming and community building make her uniquely qualified to lead Save the Harbor/Save the Bay to new heights.

“We are glad to have found a new leader who is cares so deeply about our mission,” said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Board Chair Joseph Newman, Director of Government Affairs for Massachusetts at National Grid. “Tani is an experienced non-profit leader. The Board and I are confident she will continue to ensure that our policy and programs continue to be thoughtful and strong as we work with the next generation of Harbor stewards and environmental advocates.”

“It’s an honor to have been chosen to lead an organization that aligns with my passion for clean water, public access and free youth environmental education programs,” said Marinovich. “I am thrilled to work with such a talented staff, committed board, and dedicated civic, corporate, government and community partners. I look forward to building on Patty’s legacy and expanding the depth and breadth of the critical work of this organization.”

“This is an exciting time for Save the Harbor/Save the Bay,” said Foley. “With Tani at the helm and a great board and leadership team in place, I am confident that the future is bright for Boston Harbor and the region’s waterfront neighborhoods and beachfront communities. I look forward to doing everything I can to support her and the organization I love so much during this transition.”

“Tani cares about Boston Harbor, the Harbor Islands and our region’s public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket,” said longtime Save the Harbor Director of Strategy Bruce Berman. “She also cares about our community. I look forward to working with her as Save the Harbor con-

tinues to “Share the Harbor” we have worked so hard to restore and protect with the region’s kids and families.”

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a nonprofit public interest Boston Harbor advocacy organization. The organization is made up of thousands of citizens, as well as scientists, and civic, corporate, cultural and community leaders whose shared mission is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay, and the marine environment and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is best known as the driving force for the successful transformation of Boston Harbor from a national disgrace to a source of recreational and economic opportunity and civic pride for all Bostonians and the region’s residents, with the cleanest urban beaches in the nation. In 2018, their free youth environmental education connected more than 30,000 underserved and low-income young people and their families to Boston Harbor, the harbor islands and the region’s public beaches in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull.

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like solar and energy storage.

According to management, this maneuver will enable the conglomerate to cut down on costs, in part by “eliminating its headquarters layer” and pushing up its regional teams. This is an interesting strategy, because management is basically saying that much of upper management in the segment is fat that can be trimmed. It’s difficult to say precisely how much of an impact this will have on the business, but every 1% change in margin (relative to sales) will push segment profits up by over \$100 million annually.

One analyst reported that “It’s important to note that there is a lot of ambiguity regarding what the new Renewable Energy segment will ultimately look like. This is because financials have not been provided for things like its grid operations or for solar. We do know, for instance, that the grid solutions operations, which sell high-voltage equipment, power electronics, and automation

and protection equipment (as well as provide software solutions), is part of a larger sub-segment that, on the whole, generated \$10.08 billion in revenue in 2017, but breaking things down further than this is, at this time, impossible.”

Another added that, “Investors should expect for the segment to become more relevant to the enterprise and to shareholders, especially as Transportation and Healthcare get divested and as management somehow unwinds the rest of the firm’s Lighting segment. This increased size over what exists today will, hopefully, entice management to place a greater emphasis on Renewable Energy.”

GE sales and segment profit results show that back in 2013, the segment made up just \$4.82 billion of General Electric’s revenue (barely enough to really be considered a separate segment), and it generated \$485 million in segment profits. By 2017, sales grew to \$10.28 billion, while segment profits had hit an all-time high of \$727 million. In the

conglomerate’s recent financial results for its 2018 fiscal year, changes to the company resulted in 2017’s revenue for the segment being revised down to \$9.21 billion, while 2018’s figures came in at \$9.53 billion. Profits under these two years were \$583 million and \$287 million, respectively, indicating some underperformance for 2018 on the bottom line, but continued growth on the top line on an adjusted basis.

Seeking Alpha’s Daniel Jones adds that “GE’s Renewable Energy is a fairly diversified set of operations. 53% of its revenue, for instance, came from outside of the US back in 2017. Of its total sales, 86% were attributable to onshore wind operations. Only 3% came from offshore wind, which is a space with little-perceived upside in the years to come, and the remaining 11% of the business’s revenue came from hydropower. While wind has been and will remain a meaningful part of the renewable energy strategy across parts of the world, my hope is

that management’s move to restructure the firm will open the door for something even greater.”

Change can be a great thing, especially when that change involves a struggling conglomerate very much in need of a way to do things differently than it had in the past. The bottom line for some analysts is the fact that management mentioning solar as one of the sets of operations being moved into Renewable Energy is encouraging, as is the fact that management is placing greater focus on the segment in general. By capitalizing on an undeniable trend and adding to it the firm’s digital services and grid solutions that can make any sort of large offering even more appealing, the right steps are being taken for the business to see Renewable Energy’s share of revenue expand. If cost-cutting measures are also effective, this low-margin growth machine, by establishing itself as an early leader in the space, could be setting investors up for years of attractive value creation.





## State Rep. David Biele Named 2019 SBCA General Chairman

State Representative David Biele will serve as General Chairman of this year's activities, which will begin with the Jimmy Flaherty Kick-Off Breakfast on Saturday March 2nd at the Sea Point Restaurant, where the presentation of the Henry Knox Unsung Hero awards will be presented. The Breakfast will be followed by a host of community events which include The Senior Salute on March 9th, the 139th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet at the South Boston Convention Center, on Friday, March 15th. Please note that with the St. Patrick's/ Evacuation Day Parade being held on the 17th, the Memorial Mass will be at (9AM) followed by the Historical Exercises at Dorchester Heights Monument on Saturday, March 16th.

Representative David Biele is currently serving his first term in the Massachusetts House

Of Representatives. A lifelong resident of South Boston, David grew up playing organized sports and attended St. Peter School and Boston Latin School. David graduated from Boston College, completing his degree in three years, and was the first person in his family to receive a college degree. He then attended Boston College Law School, where he represented tenants in housing law cases.

"The executive board and I look forward to working with Representative Biele, to ensure once again the success of this unique community celebration, the commemoration of the British evacuation of Boston in 1776," said McGrath. "Everyone is aware of his commitment and genuine devotion to the community of South Boston. While a Legislative Aid with then Rep. Collins, Dave was assisting the Executive Board with all the behind the scene work that helps put on these events. Dave is a life-

long resident and has been active member of the SBCA. His dedication to the South Boston Citizens' Association and the neighborhood of South Boston will make him stronger throughout his life and political career. We are honored to list him as a member, and even prouder to name him this year's General Chairman."

McGrath also stated "I have known Dave since his Little League and Youth Hockey days and now I will continue to work with him on many community issues that will try to improve the quality of life in South Boston. While the citizens of South Boston see the three weeks of celebration with each year's Evacuation Day celebration, there are another 12-15 weeks of preparation to put it all together. Dave works side by side with other dedicated SBCA members in those hectic weeks, licking stamps, making phone calls and doing whatever it takes."

David has been deeply engaged with local community-based programs and volunteer programs here in South Boston for many years. He currently mentors local youth through the TEAM Mentoring Program at South Boston's Labouré Center, and has also served on the advisory board for the South Boston Boys and Girls Club. David also served as

President of the Harry McDonough Sailing Program and volunteers with South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults.

Prior to entering public office, Biele spent four years working in the Massachusetts State House on policy, legislation, and constituent services. He also worked as a hearing officer for the Department of Public Utilities, developing evidentiary records and crafting legal decisions.



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# The Wine Guy

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So, if you've gone to the greeting card section of the drug store and all that's left are valentines to your great-Aunt or your cat, it means you need a better gift than you were going to get, so read along and don't skimp!

**Ruinart Brut Blanc de Blancs, Champagne, France, (\$90.00).** Ruinart is a Chardonnay house, so this wine can be considered one of its signature cuvées. With some bottle age, it can be crisp while also toasty, with

secondary flavors balancing the apple and citrus fruits. The wine is really well-balanced, with a soft aftertaste that really complements its crisper, textured flavors.

Louis Roederer Brut Premier, NV, Champagne, France, (\$59.99). Louis Roederer has been synonymous with the world's great Champagnes since 1776. Brut Premier is the House's flagship multi-vintage Champagne and its most popular and best-selling wine. It's the Champagne that sets the house style for this esteemed producer. Brut Premier characterizes the timeless Louis Roederer style with the combination of fresh, youthful fruitiness and the vinous qualities of a fully matured wine. It is a structured wine with a lively attack and a smooth palate.

**Dom Perignon, 2009, Champagne, France, (\$159.99).** The thing that makes Dom Perignon unique is that it only creates vintage wines; it is an absolute commitment. Only the best grapes of the most exceptional years are used,

making each vintage distinct. It is the perfect embodiment of the Power of Creation – an act of creation that elevates the mind and enlightens the world.

The icon of the house, it showcases perfect balance, revealing the harmony that is so characteristic of Dom Perignon. The wine is complete, rhythmic and tactile. Dom Perignon Vintage 2009 is exotic: its tactile thickness, its roundness, and the utterly unique depth of flavor, combine to make it one of a kind.

**Champagne Delamotte, Blanc de Blancs, NV, Champagne, France, (\$59.99).** First and foremost a mineral wine, Delamotte Blanc de Blancs NV has textbook chalkiness; with time in the glass showing its complexity from the lees and white flesh fruit.

On its own, with fresh oysters, elegant saltwater fish or simply with fresh radishes with a touch of fleur de sel, Delamotte Blanc de Blancs is a versatile wine as an aperitif or at the table.

Pol Roger Brut Rose, 2008, Champagne, France, (\$125.99), comes from the favorite Champagne house of my favorite person of the twentieth century,



Sir Winston Churchill. He started off many days with a glass and while I don't recommend that, I do recommend more than a glass tonight!

Wine Enthusiast describes it this way: "This ripe wine with its red fruits and well-balanced texture is beautifully ready to drink, with just the right crisp acidity to balance the soft richness. There is no sign yet of maturity, the fruit from this great vintage showing at its perfumed best."

Happy Valentine's Day!

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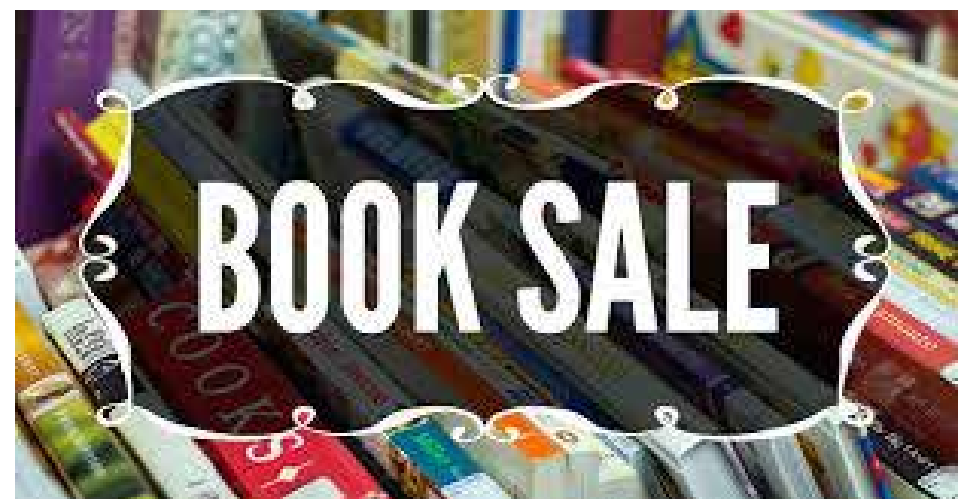
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621 East First St UNIT D5 Condo	\$1,749,000	8/14/18	6	2	1939
39 A St UNIT 14 Condo	\$1,025,000	8/9/18	5	2	1083
45 West Third St UNIT 212 Condo	\$899,000	8/8/18	4	1	958
45 West Third St UNIT 314 Condo	\$899,000	8/8/18	4	1	960
199 West Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$890,000	8/9/18	5	2	1040
210-212 West Ninth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$830,000	8/15/18	6	2.5	2006
199 West Eighth St UNIT 5 Condo	\$799,000	8/9/18	4	2	1100
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436 West Fourth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$795,000	8/15/18	4	2	1310
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5 Norcross Place UNIT2 Condo	\$670,000	8/15/18	4	1	915
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If you're looking for the perfect place to stay, South Boston Catholic Academy's 6th grade Utopia planners have a few ideas for you! Utopia is an imagined place where everything is perfect. Students were asked to consider: If you had to design your "perfect world", what would it look like? What would life be like for the people who live there? Would all the buildings be painted

your favorite color? What would the schools be like and what type of jobs would people have?

Students designed 3-D models of their societies based on their own written plans for "a perfect place". Their Utopian proposals included a form of government, laws, housing, education, employment, climate, technology, and housing. Many communities are ecologically forward – solar

panels for all! If you like treehouses, there are several to choose from. Are you looking for a single place where you could choose to live in your favorite season? These are just a few of the perfect places designed by SB-CA's grade 6 students. Others include societies for sports fans and athletes as well as places for those seeking peace and calm. Fantasy-minded places included a society based on features of

Greek mythology.

We are now accepting applications online for the 2019-2020 School Year. To learn more about what makes South Boston Catholic Academy so special join us for a tour on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9am. For more information, please email Mr. Jamie Brown, Assistant Principal at [j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org](mailto:j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org) or phone 617-268-2326.



## 243RD EVACUATION DAY ESSAY AND POSTER CONTEST TOPICS ANNOUNCED

South Boston Citizens' Association President Tom McGrath announced today that because of the tremendous success of the past several years' contest, the Association, along with Mass Bay Credit Union and Comcast will once again sponsor the 2019 Annual Essay and Poster Contests.

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

Bernie further expressed "One of the missions of the SBCA is to reach out to the young children of this historically rich community, joining the SBCA in promoting, organizing, and judging the

Evacuation Day Poster and Essay Competitions is a most fitting way to improve on that mission."

Subject matter has been specifically chosen

### Poster Competition

The poster competition is open to all students in grades 3,4, and 5 who are either South Boston residents or any student that attends a school in South Boston. This year's theme is the significance of South Boston landmarks. The students must choose Between Augustine's chapel or Farragut statue. Posters should be original compositions, in any Medium at least 8 1/2 "x11", but preferably larger. Prizes are as follows: first prize \$ 100, second prize \$75, and Third Prize is \$25.

### Essay Competition

#### Students grade 6 through 8.

What is the significance of St. Augustine's chapel and cemetery at 200 years old? Please focus on the history and Importance of the South Boston community. Essays should be at least 500 words, prizes are as follows: first prize \$100, second prize \$75, third prize \$25.

#### The topics for students in grades 9 -12

Who was Admiral David Farragut (1801-1870)? What did he do? What happened on June 28, 1893? Why is he considered a great American hero? In addition, why is he studied today in regards with WWII?

Essays should be at least 1000 words. Prizes are as follows: first prize \$150, second is \$100, third is \$50.

As in years past, the SBCA, Mass Bay CU and Comcast are generously sponsoring the competitions. All prizes will be presented during the Historical Exercises on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at Dorchester Heights, following the 9:00A.M. Mass at St. Augustine's Chapel, weather permitting.

All entries should bear, in an attached envelope, the contestant's name, school and a means of contacting the entrant, and should be submitted no later than Friday, March 8th, 2019 At 5 PM. All entries may be mailed to South Boston Citizens' Association, P.O. Box 74, South Boston, MA 02127, or can be picked up at schools by a representative of the Citizens' Association. Entries can also be dropped off at 170 M Street.



# One Hundred is the Biggest Number

By Lisa Gilbert, Principal of St. Peter Academy

Remember when the number 100 meant something; that first \$100 bill you held, or the first 100 miles on a long trip? For some reason, that first triple digit number seems to carry a lot of weight. So it is in elementary and preschools. For young children, the number 100 seems like 1,000,000 does to adults. It's a lot! They're still learning to count by ones, so getting all the way up to 100 is a monumental feat. For teachers, the 100th day of school is a built-in lesson. Students in the early grades begin counting the days of

school from the very first day. One by one, they add a day to their number line each morning until they reach that magical number. Then the fun begins. Objects come into classes in droves, enough to count-up to 100. Bundles of 10 multiply 10 times to make 100. It's a mathematical firestorm. In first and second grade, teachers even begin expanding the place value chart! It's a virtual teacher's dream. And it all unfolds organically.

At St. Peter Academy we made it to this enchanting day on February 6th. A transformation occurred over night. Normally bursting with life and energy; running, skipping, and jumping to and fro, our first-grade students are by all accounts, active and eager children. Led by the incredible Mrs. Laura Heseck, they sprint through their days like track stars. But on Wednesday, the 100th

day of school, they were entirely different. Instead of their khaki colored bottoms and green polo shirts, many of the students donned sweaters, spectacles, and silver colored hair. Even Mrs. Heseck appeared older- albeit wiser- in her bathrobe and gray hair. When questioned about this obvious metamorphosis, the six-year-olds reminded me that it was the 100th day of school. To commemorate the occasion, Mrs. Heseck and her students dressed up as 100-year-olds! Keeping the theme of the 100th day, the first-graders surveyed students throughout the school asking them if they would rather have 100 teddy bears or 100 cookies, etc. They then depicted their results in a bar graph and shared them with the student body at morning assembly.

Centenarians aside, other grades celebrated the big day with just as much

fan-fare. Mrs. Miller's Kindergarten Two students created a structure using 100 Oreos, and they decorated aprons with groups of 10's to add up to 100. Ms. Shannon's Kindergarten One class counted out 100 goldfish crackers to fill a fish bowl. One four-year student said, "One hundred is the biggest number in the world!"

St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Join us!

Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Main Office at 617-268-0750 or by emailing SPA@StPeterAcademy.com.





## 2nd Annual 'Battle of the Badges' at Murphy Rink Was A Blast

SBT By Staff PHOTO: John Wilcox City of Boston

Last weekend, South Boston's Murphy Skating Rink was the site of some of the best hockey action since last year's Stanley Cup finals. It was the Second Annual City Classic NHL 'Battle of the Badges' (Based on the National Hockey League Classic). The lineup consisted of excellent and very talented teams ready to lock horns and go at each other and it was all for a good cause. The teams in the tourna-

ment were Boston Police Department, Boston Fire Department, Massachusetts State Police, Cambridge Fire Department, New York City Fire Department, Toronto Police Department and the Detroit Police Department.

On hand to drop the ceremonial first puck in the game between the Boston Police Team (BPD) and the York City Fire Department (FDNY) were Boston Mayor Marty Walsh and Boston Police Commissioner William Gross.

This game was a fast-moving contest highlighting speed and amazing team work by both clubs. They both wanted it bad and they were giving no quarter. Great defense and offense by both teams was clearly on display. And though the playing was aggressive and hard hitting, everyone on the ice was enjoying themselves. And even though the home team came up short in this game - New York took it 5-2 - Boston

gave a great effort and made the Boston fans in the crowded rink proud.

The great Teddy Cunniff was on site making sure that everyone from every team had everything they needed. Local elected Officials State Representative David Biele, and Boston City Councilors Michael Flaherty and Ed Flynn were among the enthusiastic crowd of spectators enjoying the action-packed event. Each team player received a gift bag containing a tournament jacket, a grill spatula in the shape of a hockey stick with a bottle opener on the end.

This tournament was a huge success and participants as well as spectators look forward to next year for the 'Third Annual Battle of the Badges'. This event is sure to be a tradition that will be carried on for many years to come.



Charlie Tapalian age 3 has the best seat in the house with Mayor Walsh



Eamon O'Toole age 4 with his grandmother Ellen, cheering on his Dad, John O'Toole (BPD)





Go Gatey  
Girls Go!

By Kevin Devlin

On Saturday, February 9, the Gate of Heaven CYO girls’ instructional basketball league held their end of the season All-Star game. The youngsters had fun and afterwards were treated with cake and drinks. The Gate of Heaven hoop program is a tremen-

dous way for local youngsters to have fun while learning the complexities of this great sport. And they did have fun.

The Gatey John “Injun” Horan girl’s house league teams played afterwards in their regular season time slots and will be starting play-

offs soon. The teams in the “Injun” league are the Barbara Caputo Club coached by Allison Baker, the Sister Pat Club coached by Emily Harris, the Kelly Collins Club coached by Jacqueline Beggan, and the O’Brien and Sons Funeral Home Club coached by Christina McDonagh.



Gatey instructional league All-Stars proudly displaying their medals.



Gatey instructional league volunteer, Cara DiMaggio, is pictured with her all-star niece, Mia.



Pictured (from left) is Gatey girl's instructional league commissioner, Marie Laundry, league volunteer, Emily Harris, assistant commissioner, Allison Baker, and league volunteers, MaryKate Hart and Cara DiMaggio.



Pictured (on left) is Marie Laundry and Allison Baker with the Barbara Caputo Club.



Pictured (on left) is Emily Harris and Marie Laundry with the Sister Pat Club.



Pictured (on left) is Jacqueline Beggan and Marie Laundry with the Kelly Collins Club.



Pictured (on left) is Christina McDonagh and Marie Laundry with the O'Brien and Sons Funeral Home Club.



# Ryan Club Captures Title

By Kevin Devlin

On Sunday, February 10, at the McDonough gym located inside the Walsh Community Center, the Ryan Club, coached by hoop guru, Paul Hogan, captured the 2019 Gate of Heaven CYO boys' midget basketball house league cham-

pionship, by defeating the Joey Evans Club, 24-13. Evan Pierce was South Boston Today's MVP.

The Ryan Club took an early lead and led at the break 14-4. Trailing in the second half, the Joey Evans Club battled back but fell short when the final buzzer sounded. For the Ryan Club,

Evan Pierce had eighteen points, eight rebounds and one steal. Alex Beaulieu had four points and Donovan Lombard contributed a deuce. For the Joey Evans Club, Aiden Colton had six points, Liam Colton had five, and Derek Austin finished with a deuce.

"These kids were great all season," said Coach Hogan. "The best kids during my past seven years of coach-

ing CYO basketball. And Evan Pierce is by far the best player in this league as well as a really tremendous kid."

SBT would also like to wish James Schallmo smooth sailing as he soon becomes a new member of the United States Navy. God speed and thanks for being one of our heroes who will be defending our great country, our democracy, and our way of life.



Pictured is the Ryan Club championship team coached by Paul Hogan.

The players are; Ryan Alexander, Ronan Manning, Alex Beaulieu, Sam Flood, Evan Pierce, Sean Bianchi, Kieren McGarry, Cormac Ryan, Andrew Wisniewski, and Donovan Lombard. Also pictured is league commissioner, Sean Monahan.



Pictured is the Joey Evans Club league finalists coached by James Schallmo. The players are; Ja-kobe Tatum, Andrew Donovan, Aiden Colton, Bobby Rehm, Ryan Collins, Derek Austin, Liam Colton, Mike Hughes, Thomas Brooks, and Brendan Picard. Also pictured is league commissioner, Sean Monahan.



Pictured is SBT's MVP, Evan Pierce.



Pictured (from left) are game officials, Kevin Lally and Paul DiManno.

# Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships

By Kevin Devlin

On Sunday, February 10, the local Knight of Columbus post held their annual District Free Throw Championships at the Walsh Community Center.

And the winners were: Noelle Haddad and Brigid Fitzgerald finished first and second respectively in the

ten year old bracket. Phoebe Alto and Morgan White finished first and second respectively in the eleven year old bracket. Ella Welch was the twelve year old winner. Teagan Fitzgerald and Megan Harrison finished first and second respectively in the thirteen year old bracket. And Sara Galvin was

the fourteen year old bracket winner.

For the boys division, the winners were: Max Donovan and Sean Costello finished first and second respectively in the nine year old bracket. Evan Pierce and Ian White finished first and second respectively in the ten year old bracket. And Ronan Manning finished

first in the eleven year old bracket.

These district champs will compete in the Knights of Columbus Regional Championships on March 23 at Catholic Memorial High School in West Roxbury. The starting time is 8:30 a.m. The state finals will be held at Boston College in April.



Knights of Columbus free throw championship winners along with Ray Flynn and Representative David Biele.



Free throw championship event volunteers Jacqueline Beggan and MaryKate Hart.



Members of the local Knights of Columbus post along with other free throw event volunteers; Brendan Price, Representative David Biele, Ray Flynn, Sean Monahan, Bob Olson, Steve Grieg, Steve Grieg, Jr., Allison Baker, MaryKate Hart, little Fred Haddad, Paul Lyons, and Danny Manning.





## This week, Danny reacted to the proposed rule changes for the 2019 MLB season:

**W**e may soon see an announcement regarding a few rule changes in Major League Baseball. Talks between MLB and the Players Union are ongoing, and with the regular season still over a month away, there's time for both sides to come to an agreement on something.

Whether some of those changes begin in 2019, 2020, or beyond, here are my thoughts on the most important proposals:

### Three-batter minimum for pitchers

The league proposed this in order to help speed up the game. It would be for all pitchers, not just relievers. That's relevant because we've seen several teams use a relief pitcher to start a game in recent years. This rule would not carry over from inning to inning. For example, if a reliever comes into a game with one out in the inning and ends that inning after facing just two batters, he would not be required to start the following inning to face a third batter. I don't like this rule because it minimizes the usage of a manager's late-inning matchups. Baseball can be like a chess match. There's a

reason we have no clock in the game, yet (I'll get to that). If you're the Players Union, you certainly can't let the league add both a pitch clock and this three-batter minimum rule for pitchers. And if it has to be one or the other, then I guess I'd prefer to see this than the pitch clock. I'd rather see neither, but I don't think that's going to be possible.

### Twenty second pitch clock

-Like I said, I don't like this idea at all. It sounds like the Players Union doesn't like it either. If implemented, there have reportedly been discussions about the pitch clock being turned off when a runner is on base. That would make a little more sense. But the whole idea of adding a clock to the game of baseball just seems wrong. I get it, people want to improve the pace of play. But a clock? That seems a little too drastic. The same people calling for a pitch clock right now are the same people who still won't be watching a baseball game on a Tuesday night in July even if a pitch clock was added. It's a stupid idea, if you ask me. And it only pleases the cowardly anonymous aliens on Twitter. Leave

a clock out of baseball.

### Universal designated hitter

-This is one of the Players Unions counterproposals to the league attempting to speed up the game. I don't mind this. I don't need to see it happen, but I don't mind it. Adding the DH to the National League would certainly create some more hitting jobs. And it would also probably make the pitchers happy, as it's one less thing they have to worry about in a National League park. I don't think this will change the game all that much. But like I said, if it didn't happen, I wouldn't even blink.

### Allow two-sport amateur athletes to sign major league contracts

-If this goes through for the Players Union, they should just call it "The Kyler Murray Rule." As of now, Murray says he's committed to being an NFL quarterback. But you never know. If the A's can up the ante and offer Murray a major league contract, then perhaps the Heisman Trophy winner would reconsider. Under this new proposed rule, the A's would've been able to offer Murray a major league deal right after he was drafted.

As the rule currently stands, teams cannot give major league contracts to recently drafted players. Therefore, Murray had to sign a minor league deal with Oakland out of the gate. And with no guarantee of a major league contract, it leaves the door open for a two-sport star like Murray to choose the sport where he knows he won't be starting his professional career in the minor leagues. In this case, that's the NFL. Sign me up for this rule change, because I wouldn't mind seeing Murray in Major League Baseball.

### Lowering of the pitcher's mound

-Right now, this is just a study that the league is looking to perform. If the mound was ever lowered, it wouldn't happen until the 2020 season. But something tells me the Players Union will never go for this, I don't care what the studies say. Changing the height of the mound would be way too drastic of a change. Leave the mound where it is.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## PASTRNAK OUT INDEFINITELY AFTER THUMB SURGERY

SBT Staff

The Boston Bruins were dealt a crushing and unexpected blow over the weekend, as All Star David Pastrnak suffered a torn tendon in his left thumb that required surgery on Monday.

Pastrnak will be re-evaluated in two weeks. As of now, there is no definitive timetable for his return, but Bruins general manager Don

Sweeney said on Tuesday that he does expect Pastrnak to play again this season.

Sweeney held an impromptu media session on Tuesday at the team's practice facility in Brighton, and told reporters that Pastrnak injured his thumb after falling late Sunday night.

Following the Bruins' 2-1 overtime win over the Colorado Avalanche at the TD Garden on Sunday, Pastrnak attended a sponsor dinner with teammates. Sweeney said he got a call from Pastrnak "at about 11:30 p.m." explaining what happened. According to Sweeney, Pastrnak said he fell and injured his thumb "as they were walking to their transportation location."

The NHL trade deadline is Monday, Feb. 25.

## PATRIOTS HAVE OPTIONS AT WIDEOUT

SBT Staff

As the NFL offseason kicks into high gear, several big names at the wide receiver position became available this week.

The Houston Texans released Demaryius Thomas on Tuesday, the same day that Antonio Brown officially requested a trade from the Pittsburgh Steelers.

The New England Patriots could be an option for either player. Bill Belichick will have some decisions to make on his offense, as he waits to get a 2019 commitment from Rob Gronkowski, and as the organization contemplates the future of Josh Gordon.

It was reported on Monday that Gordon will be receiving a Super Bowl ring for his contributions to the Patriots during the regular sea-



son, which included 68 catches for 720 yards and three touchdowns in 11 games. Gordon was suspended indefinitely by the NFL in December for once again violating the league's substance abuse policy.

Reports suggest that Gordon — who's currently rehabbing in Florida — could be reinstated by training camp.

If Belichick wanted to look elsewhere for wide receiver help, he could sign Thomas to a low-risk high-reward deal or attempt to trade for Brown, with the former being the more likely option, given the Patriots' reported interest in Thomas last season.

## Tweet of the Week



## RED SOX PITCHERS AND CATCHERS REPORT TO SPRING TRAINING

SBT Staff

Time flies when you're winning championships.

Not even two weeks after the Patriots won Super Bowl LIII, the other champs in town — the Boston Red Sox — have already started spring training workouts in Fort Myers.

Red Sox pitchers and catchers reported to spring training on Wednesday of this week. Their first full-squad workout is scheduled for Monday.

The first spring training game in Major League Baseball will take place between the Oakland Athletics and Seattle Mariners in Cactus League action next Thursday, Feb. 21. The Red Sox play their first exhibition game a day later — next Friday, Feb. 22 — against Northeastern, before their first Grapefruit League game next Saturday, Feb. 23 against the New York Yankees.

Boston will open its regular season with an 11-game West Coast road trip, beginning Thursday, March 28 in Seattle. The home opener at Fenway Park is Tuesday, April 9 against the Toronto Blue Jays.

It remains to be seen what rule changes will be finalized before the 2019 season officially begins, but reports indicate that

## WHAT TO WATCH

**NBA SUNDAY, FEB. 17**  
All Star Game 8 P.M. TNT

**NHL FRIDAY, FEB. 15**  
Boston at Anaheim  
10 P.M. NESN

**SATURDAY, FEB. 16**  
Boston at Los Angeles  
10:30 P.M. NESN

**PGA THURSDAY, FEB. 14 - SUNDAY, FEB. 17**  
Genesis Open 2 P.M.  
Golf Channel/CBS

**WWE SUNDAY, FEB. 17**  
Elimination Chamber 7 P.M. WWE Network

MLB and the Players Union have been discussing proposals to modify different aspects of the game, as recently as last week.

Some of those proposals and counter-proposals include a three-batter minimum for pitchers, a universal designated hitter, a 20-second pitch clock, the lowering of the pitcher's mound, a single trade deadline before the All-Star break, the expansion of rosters to 26 players with a 12-pitcher maximum, draft advantages for winning teams and penalties for losing teams, and a rule that would allow two-sport amateur athletes to sign major league contracts.

News of any single rule change would create a much-needed spark after what was one of the more boring MLB offseasons to date. This offseason was supposed to be anything but, given the free-agent status of young stars like Bryce Harper and Manny Machado.

As pitchers and catchers report, both Harper and Machado remain unsigned. It echoes last year's late signing of J.D. Martinez, who didn't put his ink on a contract with the Red Sox until Feb. 26, 2018.

They better make a decision soon though, because the first MLB regular season game of the 2019 season takes place in Tokyo on March 20 between Oakland and Seattle.



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