



Ireland Is Wary Of Brexit

British Prime Minister Theresa May's Brexit deal rejected overwhelmingly by UK lawmakers

Brexit is a word that is used as a shorthand way of saying the United Kingdom is leaving the European Union (EU) - merg-

ing the words Britain and Exit to get Brexit. Britain is supposed to be leaving the European Union after a referendum vote was held on Thursday

June 23, 2016, to decide whether the UK should leave or remain in the EU. Leave won by 51.9% to 48.1%. The referendum turnout was 71.8%, with more than 30 million people voting. England voted for Brexit, by 53.4% to 46.6%. Wales also voted for Brexit, with 'Leave' getting 52.5% of the vote and 'Remain' 47.5%. Scotland

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EDITORIAL

Celebrate, Have A Good Time But Be Considerate Of Others

The St. Patrick's Day/ Evacuation Day festivities have been going on for the last 2 weeks. The banquets, the concerts, the sporting events, the talent contests, the military exercises and so much more are always fun. The dedicated volunteers from the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council and the South Boston Citizens Association have worked hard to provide excellent entertainment for people of every age group and should be commended

for their tireless efforts. It continues on right through the weekend with more banquets and sports and with this Sunday's finale of the big parade, which of course will coincide with more than a few open houses and even roaring parties. This is a time when South Boston gets to celebrate and enjoy so many of its long-held traditions that bring pride to its residents. A time to be enjoyed by all who live here, as well as the hundreds of

thousands of visitors who will flock to our town to celebrate with us. As always, the mandate by police states that public drinking will not be tolerated. They mean it. But we all know that there will be much of it going on just the same. So we have some reasonable requests: If for whatever reason, you find the need to ignore police regulations and drink out in public anyway, please, do not, by your actions, ruin it for the many families with

children, who come here to enjoy the day and expect to be able to do so safely. The back yards of South Boston residents are not bathrooms. Those who arrive in our town carrying 30 packs of beer in their back packs and in coolers should consider this when making their plans. Perhaps this year, the city can set up those portable structures to accommodate the anticipated massive crowds. If you think you might get the urge to be rowdy and ag-



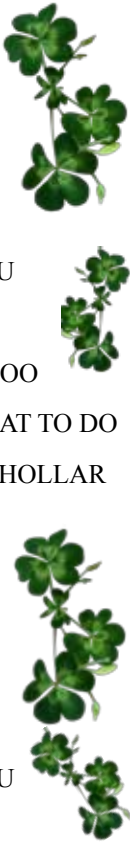
gressive, maybe you'd be better off staying at home. The suggestions made here are made so that EVERYONE gets to enjoy the big day on Sunday.

"St. Patrick's Day is an enchanted time – a day to begin transforming winter's dreams into summer's magic." - Adrienne Cook



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SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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In the opinion of millions of Americans, probably the most distrusted and disliked politician in America today is Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. She's been in the news quite a bit as of late, desperately trying to hold on to her influence in the Democrat party by veering even further to the left than ever. She does this in an effort to keep up with the newly elected members of her caucus, who many people are convinced, are Anti-American, and some suspect are certifiably insane.

Speaker Pelosi, however, is still maintaining her reputation of being a hypocrite. A social media post, which has been going viral since Ash Wednesday describes it pretty well. The post has a picture of Pelosi with ashes on her forehead, marking the first day of Lent with the following words: "When you advocate for killing babies after birth and then you have ash on your forehead for Ash Wednesday – Unbelievable" This pretty much says it all.

It appears that Madam Speaker has a dilemma. Her new members seem to be the one's calling the shots in her party now and she can't figure out how to deal with it. This was also evident last week, when the vile radical Islamic and new Congresswoman Lhan Omar made yet another anti-Semitic rant to go with all the others she has made in the past. Pelosi, thinking that condemning Omar would get support from everyone in her party, which it should have, learned quickly how wrong she was. To her surprise, many of those whom she considered allies came out in support of Omar and defended her. Pelosi quickly backed down and tried to make excuses for Omar, saying that she really isn't anti-Semitic and that she

just must not have realized what she was saying. Oh please.

Here's the thing. Omar, and those other radicals know exactly what they are saying and doing. By their past statements and actions and by those they ally themselves with, most Americans believe they don't even try to hide that they hate Jews, hate Christians and hate America; and every member of the Democrat party leadership knows it. So where does that leave Pelosi and the other party 'leaders'? They haven't got a clue but it's sure to get interesting in the coming months. Their current status is that the old guard leadership is cowering and is being held hostage to the wave of new radicals that were just elected, including of course the deep thinking and brilliant (sarcasm) Alexandria Ocasio Cortez.

Staying on liberal Democrat politics, they also just voted to support allowing illegal aliens to vote. Can there still be anyone out there who can't figure out why this party fights so hard against building a border wall and against voter ID laws? Seriously? Oh, and let's not forget the recent push by that other newly elected Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley from Massachusetts. She wants to lower the voting age to 16. She probably believes there just aren't enough people over the age of 18 still gullible enough to go along with the looney leftist ideas that she and her allies espouse.

And finally, in last week's column it was noted that county sheriffs across the country are refusing to enforce the new gun control laws being pushed in several states. These sheriffs come right out to defy the state legislatures, because, as they

say, they took an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States. The 2nd Amendment is part of the Constitution and these new laws deny law abiding Americans those rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Well, there is a new development taking place in regard to this. The sheriffs have doubled down and are declaring the counties they serve to be 'Second Amendment Sanctuary Counties', where these new laws will be ignored, and citizens will be protected from prosecution

when they refuse to obey them. This has made liberal lawmakers furious, but at a loss of what to do about it. In a way, this could be classified as 'Karma'. Because they are the same lawmakers who are big supporters of Sanctuary Cities, where illegal alien criminals are actually protected from ICE and are allowed to go free, in many cases even after they have committed the most heinous of crimes. To quote a line from the movie 'Good Will Hunting' – "How do you like THEM apples?"

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Councilors Flynn & Flaherty Hearing On South Boston Waterfront City Services

District City Councilor Ed Flynn and At-Large Michael Flaherty called for a hearing regarding city services and public facilities on the South Boston Waterfront. They called attention to equal access to basic city services for taxpaying residents and the lack of public facilities - such as a library, community center or civic space, police and fire stations - despite the unprecedented development and growth that has taken place in the neighborhood.

"To me, this is all about public safety and equal access to basic city services for all of our residents," said Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn. "I have spoken to many constituents in the South Boston Waterfront and Fort Point neighborhoods that are very concerned about



response time and what would happen if an emergency took place during rush hour traffic.

Residents also talk about civic space and a library for their families. I believe this conversation is important because we need to do all we can to make sure our residents have equal access city services."

City Councilor At Large Michael Flaherty noted that, "As we continue to welcome new businesses, restaurants and developments, we need to ensure we're including public spaces, such as libraries, schools and other municipal buildings that are often anchor institutions in other neighborhoods. These spaces allow neighbors to gather and host meetings, events and celebrations that truly allow residents to form a sense of community."

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and Northern Ireland both backed staying in the EU. Scotland backed 'Remain' by 62% to 38%, while 55.8% in Northern Ireland voted 'Remain' and 44.2% 'Leave'.

A key part of the Brexit negotiations was about the border that separates Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The backstop (so-called) is a position of last resort, to maintain an open border on the island of Ireland in the event that the UK leaves the EU without securing an all-encompassing deal. At present, goods and services are traded between the two jurisdictions on the island of Ireland with few restrictions.

The UK and Ireland are currently part of the EU single market and customs union, so products do not need to be inspected for customs and standards. But, after Brexit, all that could change - the two parts of Ireland could be in different customs and regulatory regimes, which could mean products being checked at the border. The UK government does not want this to happen. The EU has also said it does not want any hardening of the border.

The Evening Standard newspaper reported that Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May has said she has secured new "legally binding" assurances on the Irish border backstop following hours of talks in Strasbourg with EU leaders. The Prime Minister held discussions with EU Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker, who warned on Monday night: "this is the deal... or Brexit may not happen at all". Speaking at a joint press conference, Mr. Juncker said "we left no stone unturned" as he and Mrs. May met for last-ditch talks in a bid to secure a compromise.

Leading up to the parliament vote, Mrs. May confirmed an agreement had been reached on legally binding changes to strengthen the Withdrawal Agreement. She urged Members of Parliament (MP) to back her "improved" deal in the meaningful vote on Tuesday. Mr. Juncker warned that if the deal was voted down there would be "no third chance".

Mrs. May said: "MPs were clear that legal changes were needed to the backstop. Today we have secured legal changes. 'Now is the time to come together to back this improved Brexit deal and deliver on the instruction of the British people.'" Cabinet Office minister David Lidington earlier said the wording of the changes provide confirmation that the EU cannot trap the UK in the backstop indefinitely. "The backstop is an insurance policy, nothing more, nothing less. The intention is for it not to be used, like in every insurance policy." Mr. Juncker said he had spoken to Irish Taoiseach Leo Varadkar, who he said had indicated he was "prepared to back this approach in the interests of an overall deal". Announcing the changes ahead of the press conference, Mr. Lidington said: "This House said it needed legally binding changes, and today that is what the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State have achieved.

But Shadow Brexit secretary Sir Keir Starmer said the change "adds nothing" from the letter Mrs. May returned from negotiations with on January 14. He said: "If all that's happening is to turn this letter into an interpretative tool for legal purposes, I remind the House what the Prime Minister said on January 14 about this letter. 'She said she had been advised this letter would have legal force in international law. 'To stand here today and say this is a significant change, when she's repeating what she said on January 14, is

not going to take anyone here far."

Responding to these developments, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn had said: "The Prime Minister's negotiations have failed. 'This evening's agreement with the European Commission does not contain anything approaching the changes Theresa May promised Parliament and whipped her MPs to vote for. 'Since her Brexit deal was so overwhelmingly rejected, the Prime Minister has recklessly run down the clock, failed to effectively negotiate with the EU and refused to find common ground for a deal Parliament could support. 'That's why MPs must reject this deal.'"

While Mrs. May was in Strasbourg, ministers in the Irish cabinet were summoned to an emergency meeting on Brexit. The Irish premier, Leo Varadkar, who was due to begin his journey to the US for St Patrick's Day, returned from Dublin airport and was brought back to government buildings for the cabinet briefing. Mr. Varadkar said, "It is far too late for the United Kingdom to tell us what they want. The Withdrawal Agreement requires a compromise and this Withdrawal Agreement is already a compromise." Mr. Varadkar also reiterated that the threat of a no-deal was not coming from the EU or Ireland, adding that the UK Parliament could take the threat of a no-deal off the table at any time as March 29 is a self-imposed deadline.

British lawmakers voted 391 to 242 against May's plan Tuesday, 17 days before Britain is to withdraw from the political and economic alliance. The vote meant Britain will have to choose: leaving the EU without a deal; delaying the March 29 departure date; or having a new Brexit vote.

“The Battle”

Our former editor and native son, the late Brian Mahoney, was all things South Boston – its history and its celebrations, especially the combined Saint Patrick's and Evacuation Day. In his memory, we are pleased to re-print his popular historical series.

Brian R. Mahoney In Memoriam



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

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

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

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

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

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

Almost immediately the British “Green” Battery (at Washington and Berkeley Streets), alerted to their location, began a deadly fire. A company of the 10th Artillery Regiment under Captain Thomas Pierce continued to work under this withering fire. This unfinished position attempted to return fire. A 17-year-old Private, Stephen Jennings of Norton, dashed

back and forth bringing powder to the cannons. It was during one of these runs he was felled by a bursting shell. Watching this was 25 yr old Sgt. Obadiah Adams from Littleton and 33 yr old Surgeon Enoch Dole from Lancaster. Along with two other soldiers, they grabbed a litter and ran to aid Jennings. Sadly, as all four gathered round his fallen form, yet another British shell exploded, killing all four of the rescue party. Ironically, the act of aiding and hovering over Jennings, by the four, shielded him and he survived with the loss of a hand and eye. The firing continued all night, ending at sunrise after over 800 cannon balls had been fired and the American abandoned the fortification attempts.

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

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

How did this action, without which, arguably, the revolution would have failed, become a footnote in history? Would

the Revolution have survived without their secure base in Boston? The British successfully moved in and occupied New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia. Over the next year, the only other American victory was the Christmas raid at Trenton, so how did the victory at Boston become so overlooked?

When the British fleet sailed away that St. Patrick’s morning they left behind their hatred of the Irish and Catholics that remains with us in some form and by some people to this day. Consider that the battle occurred 236 years ago but for the first 130 years it was never observed. This is only the 108 observance. The ruling political elite were determined to keep the Irish in their place, but the joining of St. Patrick’s and Evacuation was seen by the Irish, as divine intervention.

That and the flood tide of Irish Immigration swelled their ranks to political power. Prior to that every undesirable activity was placed in South Boston by the ruling elite. The poor house and insane asylum were placed in South Boston. Except for the “Twin Hills”, all of our “Heights” were leveled to fill in the Back Bay. A 45-acre park created for South Boston residents was first re-claimed by the Government as a military base and is now site of the Convention Center.

When the Dorchester Heights Monument was dedicated in 1902 the guest speaker referred to the longstanding discrimination toward the Irish South Boston by noting “The Mayflower and the Shamrock have finally joined”. Even then St. Patrick could only be celebrated under the umbrella of Evacuation Day.

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

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

**Happy Evacuation and
St. Patrick’s Day.
Take care until next week.**



20-MPH Zones Enforcement Traffic Calming Will Make Streets Safer For All

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn announced his support for Mayor Walsh's initiative to implement a 20-mph speed limit within the neighborhoods of Boston. Last year, Councilor Flynn and

Councilor Frank Baker held a hearing to examine the merits of lowering the speed limit in the City of Boston to 20 mph, unless otherwise posted, as well as a discussion on other traffic calming measures to improve road safety for all. The speed limit in the city was most recently lowered from 30 mph to 25 mph on January 9, 2017 as part of the city's Vision Zero initiative, no serious or fatal crashes in Boston by 2030.

"I'd like to thank Mayor Walsh for his progressive leadership on this issue. Councilor Baker and I wanted to open up a dialogue with public safety advocates to ensure we're doing all we can to try to

save lives and realize Vision Zero. We know that infrastructure changes, like speed humps and raised crosswalks, are necessary for traffic calming; however, a combination of these physical changes to our built environment, enforcement, and a lower speed limit within our neighborhoods will improve safety for pedestrians, motorists, and cyclists," said Flynn.

"Data from the city's website and the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety indicated that the chances of a serious or fatal crash at 30 MPH are 50%, while at 20 MPH the chances significantly drop to 18%. We thank Mayor Walsh and



his staff for their strong leadership on Vision Zero and efforts to make Boston safer for all."

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 & Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov.



Admiral Farragut Statue Rededication

*Not Even The Pouring Rain
Could Dampen The Spirit*

SB Staff Report

In South Boston, bad weather seldom interferes with what's important. Last weekend proved

that once again, as even a heavy downpour rainstorm couldn't stop the rededication of the Admiral Farragut Statue across from Pleasure Bay. It went off right on schedule. The viewing public, our local elected officials – State Rep David Biele, and City Councilors Mike Flaherty and Edward Flynn along with Tommy McGrath, Bernie O'Donnell, Sr., Bernie O'Donnell Jr., Bob and Phyllis Allison, Bob and Kelly O'Shea, the Lee children accompanied by their mother Erin turned out to be part of remembering this historic figure from America's proud past.

Sponsored by the South Boston Citizens Association, after some resistance from the Department of Conservation and Recreation over whether to even issue a permit for ceremony, the rededication was very impressive.

This year's St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Chief Parade Marshal, Lt. Colonel John Beatty, US Army (Retired), lead the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance and Brian Bishop did a fantastic job of singing our National Anthem. The Farragut Statue had been rededicated back in 1993 to commemorate its 100th year and last weekend, as the

wreath was laid, was year 125.

Admiral Daniel Glasgow Farragut is a standout figure in our nation's history for his impressive heroism, military genius and many accomplishments. He made his mark during the American Civil War and won accolades from military leaders not only in this country, but from those in many other nations around the world. He was admired and even envied internationally. One could say that Farragut's naval career began when he was just 9 year's old, when he came aboard his first ship as a young midshipman. As he grew in years and experience, once he became an adult, he worked his way up through the naval ranks to become the US Navy's first official admiral.

In the opinion of many, the placement of the Farragut Statue in South Boston, a town famous for its unwavering support of America's armed forces, is a fitting place indeed for it to call home. It adds to the great pride of this unique community.



Former President of Ireland, Mary McAleese, spoke at the Irish American Partnership Breakfast in Boston. The discussion was focused on the Irish and U.S. relationship.

In the photo: Harry Brett; President Mary McAleese; and Jim Brett, President of the New England Council.



SEN. COLLINS HOSTING ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREAKFAST

*2019 Event to Take Place
at Flynn Cruiseport in
South Boston*

This Sunday, March 17th, State Senator Nick Collins will be hosting the Annual St. Patrick's Day Breakfast in South Boston. Having taken many forms since it became a Boston tradition in the 1930's, this year's breakfast will be held at the Flynn Cruiseport. Previous venues have included the Boston Convention and

Exhibition Center, the Ironworkers Local 7 Union Hall, the old Dorgan's, and the German Club.

Senator Collins plans to make this year's festivities focus on the history and struggles of Irish-Americans in the city of Boston. The location of the event pays homage to the many streams of immigrants, who worked blue collar jobs in the Port of Boston and will feature an exhibit curated by the City of Boston Archives.

"I am honored to host this historic tradition and celebration in honor of our ancestors, who laid the foundations for our great City," said Senator Collins. "Through their hard work and perseverance, they gave us a better life, full of opportunity. This will be a special celebration of Irish traditions, through which we honor



our shared history. After all, we are all Irish on St. Patrick's Day!"

The Breakfast begins at 10am

Sunday and will be aired live on NECN. The St. Patrick's Day Parade will kick-off at 1pm.

USS Jason Dunham Port of Call in Boston for Parade Weekend



The South Boston Allied War Veterans Council (SBAWVC) is honored to announce that the USS Jason Dunham (DDG 109), a US Navy destroyer, will be visiting Boston during St. Patrick's Day weekend for a port call. The arrival is expected on Thursday, March 14th at 2pm at Flynn Cruiseport in South Boston. The SBAWVC would like to ensure the USS Jason Dunham receives a warm welcome for their arrival into Boston Harbor, and we invite the community to its arrival at the Flynn Cruiseport for the event. We kindly request that those attending bring with them a small American flag to ensure our service-members receive a special welcome.

The USS Jason Dunham was built

by the Bath Iron Works in Bath, ME and was commissioned in 2010. The US Navy Destroyer is named in honor of Corporal Jason Dunham of the United States Marine Corps, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism during combat operations in Karabilah, Iraq on April 14th, 2004. During a struggle with an insurgent, Corporal Dunham covered a grenade that the insurgent had released, and absorbed the blast with his Kevlar helmet and body, saving the lives of his two fellow Marines. As a result of his injuries, Corporal Dunham died eight days later, having paid the ultimate sacrifice in order to save the lives of his fellow Marines.

SBAWVC is proud to organize the South Boston St. Patrick's Day / Evacuation Day Parade, an event intended to celebrate, not just the St. Patrick's Day holiday, but also Evacuation Day and to honor the service of our armed forces. With that in mind, the SBAWVC places a strong emphasis on facilitating such occasions, in partnership with the Navy League. Please help us honor and celebrate the USS Jason Dunham by joining us for the following events:

- Arrival Ceremony: Flynn Cruiseport on Thursday, March 14th at 2pm
- Ship Tours: Flynn Cruiseport on Friday 9am to 4pm and Saturday 9am to 3pm
- Catholic Mass: Our Lady of Good Voyage Church on Saturday,

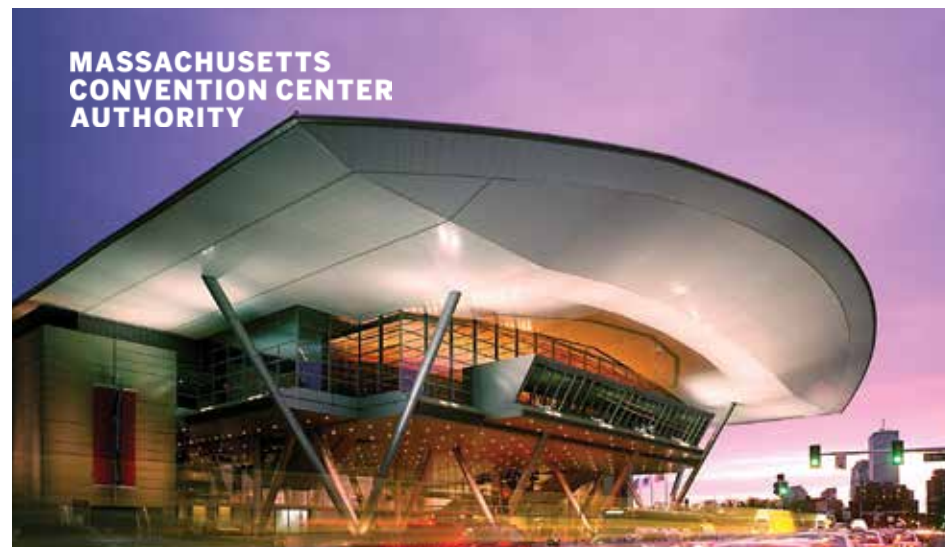
March 16th at 3pm

- Wreath Laying: Mass Fallen Heroes memorial in Seaport on Saturday, March 16th at 4:30pm

- South Boston St. Patrick's Day / Evacuation Day Parade: Sunday,

March 17th at 1pm

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Large Venue Public Safety and Security Training Exercise at the BCEC – March 22

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA) and local, city, and state public safety agencies will be participating in a **large venue public safety and security training exercise** at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) on **Friday, March 22, 2019 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.** During this time there will be significant law enforcement and first responder activity in and around the BCEC campus.



The Wine Guy

Make Mine An Irish...Meal

As St. Patrick's Day is here once again, there'll be gatherings of all types and sizes to celebrate the day. I thought it would be a little bit of a departure to focus on Irish food first, then the wines that would complement them.

Try starting off with some Irish Egg Rolls -here's what you'll need to make eight of these beauties:

4 ounces chopped corned beef; 1 cup shredded steamed cabbage; 1 cup diced cooked potato; 1 cup shredded carrot; 1/2 cup thinly sliced onion; salt and pepper, to taste; 8 egg roll wraps; 1 1/2 quarts oil (for deep frying, or less if you want to just pan fry)

In bowl, mix together corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrot and onions. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Lay the egg roll wrappers on clean dry surface a few at a time. Place about 1/2 cup of filling into center of each wrap. Roll up into logs accord-

ing to the directions on the package. Wet the edge with water to seal. Fry rolls a few at a time, turning as necessary, for about 5 minutes, or until golden. Remove from hot oil and drain on paper towels.

Try some Riesling with this dish; I suggest *Dr. Hermann Dr. H. Riesling, 2017, Mosel, Germany, (\$17.99)*. This wine is a light yellow-green color. On the nose, it offers notes of herbs and stone fruits. Sweet, fresh and fruity on the palate with a lively acidity. This wine is ideal for spicy food, especially spicy Asian cuisine, but but especially for Irish spicy food!

Another great wine for this dish is *Gradis 'Ciutta Pinot Grigio, 2017, Colli, Italy (\$22.99)*. The Wine Buying Guide says, "The Gradis' Ciutta Pinot Grigio 2017 is a lively and sophisticated white wine. This wine is perfect for enjoying on a relaxing evening at home or for taking to a friend's party. It is excellent on its own, as an aperitif, or with a variety of light foods. A jewel-bright pale yellow in the glass, this white wine shows aromas of peach and ripe apples, with hints of more savory tones (think vegetables or tomato leaf). These savory notes continue onto the palate, which is plummy and nicely balanced." I agree and so will you and your guests.

Whether people are coming and going during the day or staying through the Parade, another great dish to have on hand is Beef & Guinness Stew. This stew is a perfect dish for the

colder weather we're expecting. The other great thing about this dish is that you can serve it as a stew or take it one step further and use it as the filling for an impressive pie.

Serves 6/

120 minutes cook time

INGREDIENTS

1-2 tbsp of rapeseed oil

1kg shoulder of beef, cut into one inch chunks

1 onion, chopped

2 carrots, roughly chopped

2 celery sticks, roughly chopped

2 cloves garlic, finely sliced

150ml beef stock

500ml of Guinness

Sea salt and ground black pepper

1 bay leaf

30g of plain flour

YOU'LL NEED a large pot or casserole dish

Heat the oil in a large pot and brown the meat in two batches, be careful not to overcrowd the pan. Remove and set aside on a plate. Add another drop of oil if you need it and then fry off the onion, carrots and celery. Add the meat back into the pot along with the garlic.

Pour in the stock, Guinness, one bay leaf and season to taste. Simmer gently for about 1 1/2 hours until the liquid has reduced. If the sauce isn't thick enough strain the juices into a bowl and then transfer to a small saucepan.

Mix a little of the sauce with the flour over heat until you have a smooth paste, then whisk through the rest of the liquid. Simmer gently until you have a thickened sauce, then



tip back over the meat. Serve with mashed potatoes or crusty bread.

Have some Seghesio Sonoma Zinfandel, 2016, Sonoma County, California, (\$21.99) on hand for this one, whether you serve it as a stew or a pie. It's got big, earthy tones with smoky notes of vanilla and mocha, as well as a long satisfying finish.

Another nice addition would be a Rhone wine, like Guigal Cotes du Rhone Rouge 2018, (\$19.99). Etienne Guigal says, "this is a deep and dark red, with fresh fruits, red berries and spices on the nose. The rounded and smooth tannins make it a full-bodied, rich and intensely aromatic wine, with a long finish and plenty of finesse due to the well-balanced tannins and fruit."

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Impatient for the coming fight,
And as we wait the morning's light,
Here in the silence of the night,
We'll chant a soldier's song.

Chorus
Soldiers are we
whose lives are pledged to Ireland;
Some have come
from a land beyond the wave.
Sworn to be free,
No more our ancient sire land
Shall shelter the despot or the slave.
Tonight we man the gap of danger
In Erin's cause, come woe or weal
'Mid cannons' roar and rifles peal,
We'll chant a soldier's song.

In valley green, on towering crag,
Our fathers fought before us,
And conquered 'neath the same old flag
That's proudly floating o'er us.
We're children of a fighting race,
That never yet has known disgrace,
And as we march, the foe to face,
We'll chant a soldier's song.

Chorus
Sons of the Gael! Men of the Pale!
The long watched day is breaking;
The serried ranks of Inisfail
Shall set the Tyrant quaking.
Our camp fires now are burning low;
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Patrick's Senior Salute was held on Saturday, March 9th to a gathering of 300 seniors in Saint Monica's Lower Church Hall. Also being remembered were the late Anne Lynch (Cong. Stephen Lynch's Mom) and the late Peggy Flaherty (Cllr. Mike Flaherty's Mom).

Chairpersons for the event were Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Councilor Michael Flaherty and Thomas Butler Jr. Catered by Spinellis, the City of Boston Elderly Services Commission team, led by Mary Beth Kelly, were on hand to see to it that the Southie and Boston Seniors were well attended to. Transportation was provided by Old Town Trolley. Among the dignitaries was City Councilor at Large Althea Garrison,

who happily joined in the festivities, as she met and greeted all on hand. With a full house, extra tables were needed to be set up to accommodate guests. The tables cheerily decorated with balloons and shamrocks. Guests were served a traditional corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots dinner. Irish bread, dessert and Italian cookies were on each table. Seniors enjoyed many give-away items, raffle prizes and gift cards.




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St. Peter Academy Launches New Program Promoting Peace

By Lisa Gilbert, Principal St. Peter Academy

What do a fifth-grade boy, a fifth-grade girl, and a fourth-grade girl have in common? They each of the distinction of being the first three students to be recognized at St. Peter's Academy as being Peacemakers. Last week, St. Peter's Academy introduced a new program to get a jumpstart on Lent. St. Peter's Peacemakers is designed to catch kids engaging in random acts of kindness. For example, Dimitri Markos, (grade 5), was nominated to be a Peacemaker by one of his classmates who when he chose her to be the first one on his team. When asked why she nominated Dimitri, the student stated that it was the first time she was ever picked first! She said that she is usually picked last.

Callan Deane (grade 4) and Mairin Condon (grade 5) were both recognized for their Peacemaking efforts beautifying the school library. They took me on a tour of the student library where students are allowed to take books home for pleasure reading. Once in the room, the girls seemed to arrive at the same question simultaneously, "Can we fix up the library, Mrs. Gilbert?" I said, "Sure that would be great!"

The girls labored tirelessly over the next three months- during recess and after school. Every chance they got, they were in the library. Between them they dusted, swept, and decorated. To be fair, they did have a little help from their friends. But, the bulk of the refurbishing work was done by Callan

and Mairin. They sorted through each and every book in the library. They catalogued the books according to genre. They made an inventory list. These girls owned it.

Finally, after three long months, the pair announced to the student body last week that their work was complete, and the St. Peter Academy school library was having a grand re-opening. When asked why they were so intent on making the library a welcome place in our school, Mairin stated, "Books can take you places that you may not be able to go in real life. Everyone deserves to read."

What does fixing up an old library and making it inviting have to do with Peacemaking? What can be more peaceful than creating a safe place for children to explore the world of books? Books open children's minds to all the possibilities that life has to offer. These young girls used their time wisely to give back something to their school community. In my book, that's being a peacemaker.

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.



History of the Claddagh Ring

The Claddagh Ring has special meaning to many people. It is perhaps even more popular today than at any time throughout its long and distinguished history.

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.

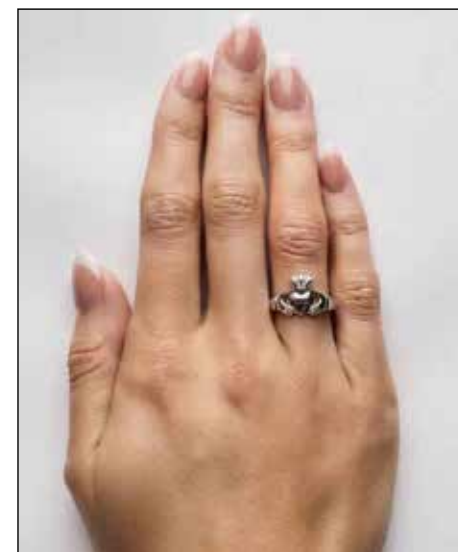
It is believed that Mr. Joyce, a Galway goldsmith made the first

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.



What Caused The American Revolution?

By Robert J. Allison

Levi Preston was twenty-four years old when he left Danvers on the morning of April 19, 1775 for the “Concord fight.” Nearly seventy years later, in 1841, a young historian interviewed him. What made him go to Concord?

The old man sat up straight and turned to the young man.

“What did I go for?”

“Yes. My histories all tell me you men of the Revolution took up arms against intolerable oppression. What was it?”

“Oppression, I didn’t feel any that I know of.”

“Were you not oppressed by the Stamp Act?”

“I never saw any stamps and always understood that Governor Bernard put them all in Castle William. I am certain I never paid a penny for them.”

“Well, what about the Tea Act?”

“Tea tax. I never drank a drop of the stuff; the boys threw it all overboard.”

“But I suppose you have been reading Harrington, Sidney and Locke about the eternal principles of liberty?”

“I never heard of these men. The only books we had were the Bible, the Catechism, Watts’ psalms and hymns, and the almanacs.”

“Well, then, what was the matter?”

“Young man, what we meant in going for those redcoats was this: we had always governed ourselves, and we always meant to. That didn’t mean that we should.”

It is too easy in explaining the Revolution to use abstract ideas like “liberty” and “freedom,” which have different meanings for different people. They might be eternal principles, but what do they mean? We all like liberty and freedom. Preston, and the men manning Dorchester Heights, were not thinking of these eternal principles, but of specific powers. The New England towns had the power to govern themselves—more power over their own affairs, in fact, than any other communities in the British Empire.



This meant that people in the towns would disagree, they would argue with their neighbors, but ultimately they, not a distant force, would have to run their town.

The army occupying Boston had come to put a stop to this local control. The forces of progress in the British Empire would now govern the colonies more efficiently and effectively, bringing the towns of Massachusetts, where people relied on “the Bible, the Catechism, Watts’ psalms and hymns, and the almanacs” for their world view, into step with the enlightened metropolis of London.

The people of South Boston have inherited the responsibility of telling this story, every year with our commemorations of Evacuation Day. Other communities in the country have single observances of Revolutionary events—Lexington and Concord, Charlestown, Washington’s crossing on the Delaware. Only South Boston makes a month of it.

What if the British army had not left Boston? Men like Preston, who had marched to the war in April 1775, were already going home. Washington had to recruit a new army in December 1775, as the first rush of troops decamped. He had to do this without tipping off the British that his men were leaving and he was desperately enlisting new ones. Could he replace these new recruits and maintain a longer siege? Or would this army, encamped in an arc from Prospect Hill (in what is now Somerville) to the shore of the South

Bay in Roxbury and Dorchester, simply go home? What then?

The war would be over. People would not be happy with conceding to the British Parliament the power to govern them, but would concede that Parliament had more power than they did to enforce its will. There would be grumbling, but what choice would these deluded people have? Preston, and Washington, and the other men in the army, recognized that this was their only chance to preserve their power to decide for themselves how they would live. For Washington, getting artillery to Dorchester Heights was not just a tactical move to force the British out of Boston; it was an essential step to preserving independence, not of the country, but of the individual citizens of Massachusetts.

John Adams, in Congress at Philadelphia, received Washington’s report of the British evacuation on March 24. The next morning, while British warships still anchored in Boston’s harbor awaiting a favorable tide, Adams proposed that Congress present a gold medal to Washington commemorating this signal victory. Adams, John Jay of New York, and Stephen Hopkins of Rhode Island were the committee to oversee the medal. Adams conferred with a Swiss-born artist, Pierre Eugene du Simitiere, who was also designing a great seal for the United States. In the design, Liberty leans on Washington as the British fleet sails away. Neither the artist nor the design was

used for the medal. Congress paid du Simitiere \$32 for his trouble.

By the time Adams and Thomas Jefferson arranged for the medal to be struck, the war was over. This one, done in France, shows Washington and his officers on Dorchester Heights. He points to the evacuating British fleet, or to Castle Island. At their feet are four cannon (the artist, Pierre Simon Benjamin Duvivier, inscribed his name on one), representing the artillery Henry Knox brought from Ticonderoga. Above their heads is the Latin motto, *Hostibus Primo Fugatis*, or, “For the first time the enemy flees.”

Perhaps it was best that Washington receive the medal after the war, as there was no certainty in March 1776 that the enemy would flee again. The British would occupy New York until 1783 (New York has an Evacuation Day on November 25), and during the war would hold at different times Philadelphia, Newport, Charleston, and Savannah. But Washington, and the men who served in the Boston campaign, understood that their military task was not to hold cities or fight armies. Instead, their task was to maintain the support of the American people, and to ensure that those men and women continued to have the power to govern themselves.

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What Does South Boston Have That Everyone Wants? A Sense Of Place

When you think of South Boston, what comes to mind is an innate sense of security in all of its synonymous forms – refuge, sanctuary, protection, defense, safe harbor, shelter, retreat, fortification, well-being, safe-keeping. This sense of security comes from an even stronger ‘sense of place’. This strong sense of place comes from a feeling of belonging to a neighborhood and a way of life. The sense of neighborhood comes from a belief that there is a social structure rooted in a blend of traditions, values, struggles, triumphs, tolerance, acceptance, ecumenism, loyalty, charity, principle, and patriotism.

Could this be why so many people, from so many ethnic cultures, from different generations, from different economic backgrounds, from different sexual orientation, from so many religions, and with varying talents, opinion and capabilities, flock here? If so, then why do we need selfish, dogmatic, intolerant, divisive and exploitative organizations to tell us there is something wrong with us?

Moving on to the real point of this commentary, the attraction

of South Boston is as puzzling, as it is obvious. It has long been a place where blue collar Irish, Italians, Lithuanians, Albanians and others worked the Commercial Waterfront, the Fish Pier, the Edison Plant, the Transit Authority, Construction Trades, the Police and Fire Departments. All that time, its proximity to downtown Boston, its accessible beach front, and the oases known as the Harbor Islands were taken for granted. Its reputation as depicted in Hollywood movies is as mythical, as it is deserved. Legendary characters and their stories are embellished, as much by ill-informed newcomers, as by those who actually knew them.

As a necessary backdrop to the point of this, the impact of forced busing in the 70s is as real, as it is ancient history. Its storyline and imagery continue to be referenced, whenever the daily press is looking to sell newspapers.

You see, South Boston is a victim of its own strong sense of place. Its success as a community has become a double-edged dilemma for the families who fought hard to preserve the neighborhood



and its way of life. Back then, they fought the law, not because they were bigots, but because they wanted to send their children to a school near their home, where they knew they'd be safe. This adage is as poignant as it is complex – the more things change, the more they remain the same.

Fast forward 40 years and the people who are now moving into South Boston and other neighborhoods around the City want the very same thing, a school close to home where their child is safe, and they have an opportunity to be involved – the essence of quality education. It is in some way a vindication, but those insatiable critics, who maligned the good people here for defending themselves back then, and who are the very ones who are cashing in on what was preserved, will never admit it. It would make for classic

satire, if it weren't true.

Interestingly, the disingenuous and opportunistic assaults on South Boston appear to have toned down a bit. The traditions, values, charity and patriotism, among other attributes are being embraced for their fundamental meanings. Social activism is calling attention to human frailty in all aspects of life and urban living, here, around the country and indeed, the world.

To be charitable, those, who had joined or continue to join the chorus of demagogues in portraying the defenders of this community as unenlightened, may actually have believed they were promoting a moral cause. However, they mistake a passionate defense of principle for narrow-minded intolerance, disrespect, and in some cases, bigotry.

What those, who may continue to challenge this community, must acknowledge, above all else, is that a strong ‘sense of place’ is the foundation of a neighborhood upon which values and traditions flourish and cause growth and change to happen at a pace that is agreeable to everyone, who make up the fabric of this community.

The test of a neighborhood is measured by how it treats its own. Visitors are always welcome, especially on Saint Patrick's Day.

First St. Patrick's Day Parade Held In 1737

The first meeting of Irishmen on American soil to honor St. Pat-

rick 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 held 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 orga-

nizing St. Patrick's Day parades originated in the nineteenth century. After New York, Boston had its first parade in 1812. And 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's 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.

Still today, in 2019, St. Patrick's Day parades; no matter what the city, bring out massive crowds to take part in this wonderful celebration.



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 its new great interest in the Scriptures. These 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 Cru-

cifix 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.

St. Pat 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. The memory of St. Patrick is celebrated as much in 2019 as it ever was and it looked forward to by millions of people The United States, in Canada and of course in Ireland itself.
- 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 wearing



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.

Here are some Irish American traditional dishes: Corned Beef and Cabbage; Irish Stew; Irish

Soda Bread; Mulligatawny Soup; 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!

Beef and Guinness Stew

Guinness Stout adds lots of flavor to this hearty beef stew. Use round or lean chuck in this recipe. It's a great stew to serve when celebrating the Parade! Enjoy with crusty rolls or biscuits and a salad.

Yield: Serves 6 to 8

Ingredients:

- 3 thick slices bacon, diced
- 2 pounds lean stew beef, round or lean chuck, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 large onions, chopped, about 2 to 3 cups
- 1 clove garlic, minced

- 2 to 3 cups diced or sliced carrots
- 1 1/2 cups Guinness stout
- 1 cup beef broth
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon dried leaf thyme
- 2 to 3 cups diced potatoes
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
- salt and pepper, to taste

Preparation:

In a large saucepan or Dutch oven over medium heat, cook the bacon, turning, until lightly browned.

In a food storage bag, combine the flour, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, and pepper. Add beef cubes and toss until well coated.

Add the beef and onions to the bacon and continue cooking, turning frequently, until beef and onions are browned. Add the garlic and cook, stirring, for 1 minute longer. Add the carrots, stout, and broth. Stir in the tomato paste and Worcestershire sauce. Add the bay leaf and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover, and cook at a low simmer for 1 1/2 to 2 hours, or until beef is very tender.

Add the thyme and potatoes to the beef mixture and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat, and simmer for about 30 minutes longer, until potatoes are tender.

Stir in the parsley and add salt and pepper, to taste. Cook for 5 minutes longer.

Serve with crusty rolls, biscuits, or slices of freshly baked Irish soda bread. Serves 6.



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Dedham Savings Promotes Amanda Justice To SVP and Treasurer

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of Dedham Savings, Amanda Justice was appointed to Senior Vice President and Treasurer. Prior to joining Dedham Savings, Justice worked for Wolf & Company, P.C., a regional public accounting firm in Boston, for six years. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Bryant University and a Master of Science degree in Accounting from Northeastern University. She also holds a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation. Justice lives in Sudbury with her husband and their two daughters.



PARKS DEPT. FREE INDOOR GOLF CLINICS BEGIN MARCH 25

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is offering free indoor golf clinics at local Community Centers for both beginners and experienced players who want to brush up on their skills before they hit the links.

The clinic series is six weeks long with registration on a first-come, first-served basis. The first hour of each clinic is the Junior Session (ages 7 to 17), the second hour is the Adult Session (18 and up). There is a maximum of 25 people per session; all others will be placed on a waiting list.

Equipment is provided, but you may bring your own clubs. Clinicians are highly qualified golf instructors. To register, please contact the sites directly. The clinic schedule is as follows:

Mondays starting March 25

BCYF Leahy Holloran
1 Worrell Street, Dorchester
(617) 635-5150

Junior Session: 5 p.m.

Adult Session: 6 p.m.

Wednesdays starting March 27

BCYF Tynan
650 East Fourth Street, South Boston
(617) 635-5110

Junior Session: 6 p.m.

Adult Session: 7 p.m.

Colonel Daniel Marr Boys & Girls Clubhouse
35 Deer Street, Dorchester

(617) 288-7120

Junior Session: 6 p.m.

Adult Session: 7 p.m.

Adult Session: 7 p.m.

For more info, please contact Larelle Bryson at (617) 961-3092 or larelle.bryson@boston.gov.



South Boston Students Advance in Robotics Competition

Daniel Murtagh and Chase Thomas of South Boston, seniors at Boston College High School, and two of the 39 members of BC High's Robotics team, Schrödinger's Cat, had an excellent season-opening competition at the Granite State District Event in New Hampshire on March 1-2.

Under the leadership of Team Captain Chase Thomas '19 and Drive Coach Jack Duggan '19, their robot was driven (literally) to huge success by the drive team of Praveen

Kalva '21 and Avery Jennings '21, and "human players" Colman Gillis '19, Jason Murray '19, Rohan Joshi '20, Charlie Jacobson '21.

After 12 qualifying matches, Schrödinger's Cat ranked #9 out of the 36 competing teams and advanced to afternoon playoffs as the Captain of the #6 Alliance team. The team is currently ranked 16th overall in the New England District. The team will compete next at the North Shore District Event held at Reading High School on March 16-17.



This week, Danny reacted to Stephen A. Smith's latest comments about Boston sports:

Are we doing the whole “Boston sports fans are racist” thing again? Apparently so.

On Monday afternoon, NBC Sports’ lead NBA writer and managing editor Kurt Helin (@basketballtalk) tweeted out the following:

“Report: With Gordon Hayward, Celtics players sensitive to Boston fans preferring white star.”

The tweet was connected to a link on NBCsports.com, and a story written by someone named Dan Feldman. Never heard of Feldman until I clicked on that link, which is notable, seeing that it was most likely one of the highest-viewed pages their site has seen in a while.

We live in a world where it’s no longer popular to be correct. Rather, it’s all about clicks, and downloads, and retweets. Feldman (@DanFeldmanNBA) has less Twitter followers than me. He could certainly use some type of controversial story to get him on the radar.

So he posted a story that revolved around a comment that ESPN’s Stephen A. Smith made recently, which, suddenly makes this story more about Smith than it does Feldman. Kind of. Stay with me. We’ll get back to Feldman.

But his story shared a quote from Smith, which read:

“And then there’s the element of Boston, Massachusetts. They don’t just want a star. Of course, they’ll take any star that they can get, because their priority is winning. But everybody and their mother knows that particularly when it comes to Boston, if we can have a white superstar, that would be even better. And they view Gordon Hayward as having that kind of potential.

So, all of those things considered, the players recognize this, were aware of this. And ultimately those who were compromised by having to be on a court with Gordon Hayward were sensitive to it.”

There’s more to this quote, but I honestly can’t even be bothered to relay it to you. It’s that stupid.

Look, you don’t need a history lesson from me on racism in the city of Boston. But if this comment from Smith makes you angry — and it should — it doesn’t mean you’re running and hiding from that history.

When I saw this story, I was furious. And upon seeing the initial tweet, I responded with a tweet of my own:

“I’ll drive Gordon Hayward to Logan Airport right [expletive] now.”

It’s true. I will. And not because my purpose is to stand atop the Dorchester Heights with a pitchfork and defend the city of Boston by exiling all white pro athletes out of town in a “see, we aren’t racist” tone. I’d drive Hayward to Logan right now because I simply wouldn’t take him over Kyrie Irving, or Jayson Tatum, or Jaylen Brown, and the list goes on. That’s a basketball opinion, nothing more, nothing less.

So, if we’re trying to get the facts straight here — which we should be — then I don’t think there is a single person in New England who would take Hayward on his best day over Irving, if they had to choose. And we certainly don’t ever sit there in awe of Irving and think, “Wow, I wish he was white.”

Get out of here with that nonsense.

If the Celtics didn’t sign Hayward to a max contract, then somebody else was going to. Would Smith be on ESPN Radio spewing this “racist” garbage if Hayward was making max money somewhere else? Of course not. Because it wouldn’t fit the narrative.

And the narrative is that current Boston sports fans are still linked to the city’s history of

racism. So much so, that in this case, according to Smith, we here in Boston would feel “it would be even better” if our team’s superstar is white.

That comment should make you angry. But here’s the problem. We’re damned if we do, and damned if we don’t.

If we don’t argue what Smith said, then we’re accepting it as gospel, which it isn’t, obviously. And if we get mad about it, then you have people like Feldman from NBC Sports who tweeted out 15 minutes after he wrote the story:

“People in Boston really hate racism. Wait, sorry. I misread my notes. People in Boston really hate discussion of racism.”

Nah. That’s not true either. Nobody is running from the past. But if we’re all trying to make progress on this issue — and we should be — then what we here in Boston really hate is the discussion of racism in cases where it truly doesn’t exist.

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PATRIOTS TRADE FOR BENNETT

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots have reportedly acquired defensive end Michael Bennett and a 2020 seventh-round pick in a trade with the Philadelphia Eagles, in exchange for a 2020 fifth-round pick.

Bennett, 33, recorded nine sacks in 16 games with Philadelphia last season. He is set to earn a base salary of \$6.2 million in 2019.

News of the Bennett trade has sparked rumors of his brother, tight end Martellus Bennett, coming out of retirement and rejoining the Patriots. Martellus Bennett played a full season with New England in 2016, and then returned to the team in 2017 after he was released by the Green Bay Packers.

This will be Michael Bennett's 11th NFL season. He began his NFL career playing four seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, followed by five seasons with the Seattle Seahawks, before being traded to the Eagles last offseason.

FLOWERS, BROWN TAKE OFF IN FREE AGENCY

SBT Staff

NFL free agency has begun, and teams are dying to add some of the Patriots' championship flavor, in the hopes that it will rub off for their own organizations in 2019.

Add the Detroit Lions and Oakland Raiders to that list. Both teams have swiped away key pieces from the New England Patriots in the early stages of free agency.

Defensive end Trey Flowers signed a five-year, \$90 million deal with the Lions, reuniting him with former Patriots defensive coordinator Matt Patricia, who enters his second season as Lions head coach. Flowers will also reunite with former Patriots wide receiver Danny Amendola, who also signed with the Lions this week on a one-year, \$4.5 million deal that could be worth up to \$5.75 million.

Flowers' deal with Detroit includes \$56 million guaranteed, according to reports, with \$40 million fully guaranteed at signing.

Flowers, 25, was an integral part of New England's defense over the last three seasons, totaling 21 sacks in 45 regular-season games.

Offensive lineman Trent Brown was another integral part of the Patriots' 2018 championship team who signed elsewhere during the early stages of free agency this past week. Brown signed a four-year, \$66 million deal with the Raiders, with \$36.75 million guaranteed, making him the highest paid offensive lineman in NFL history.

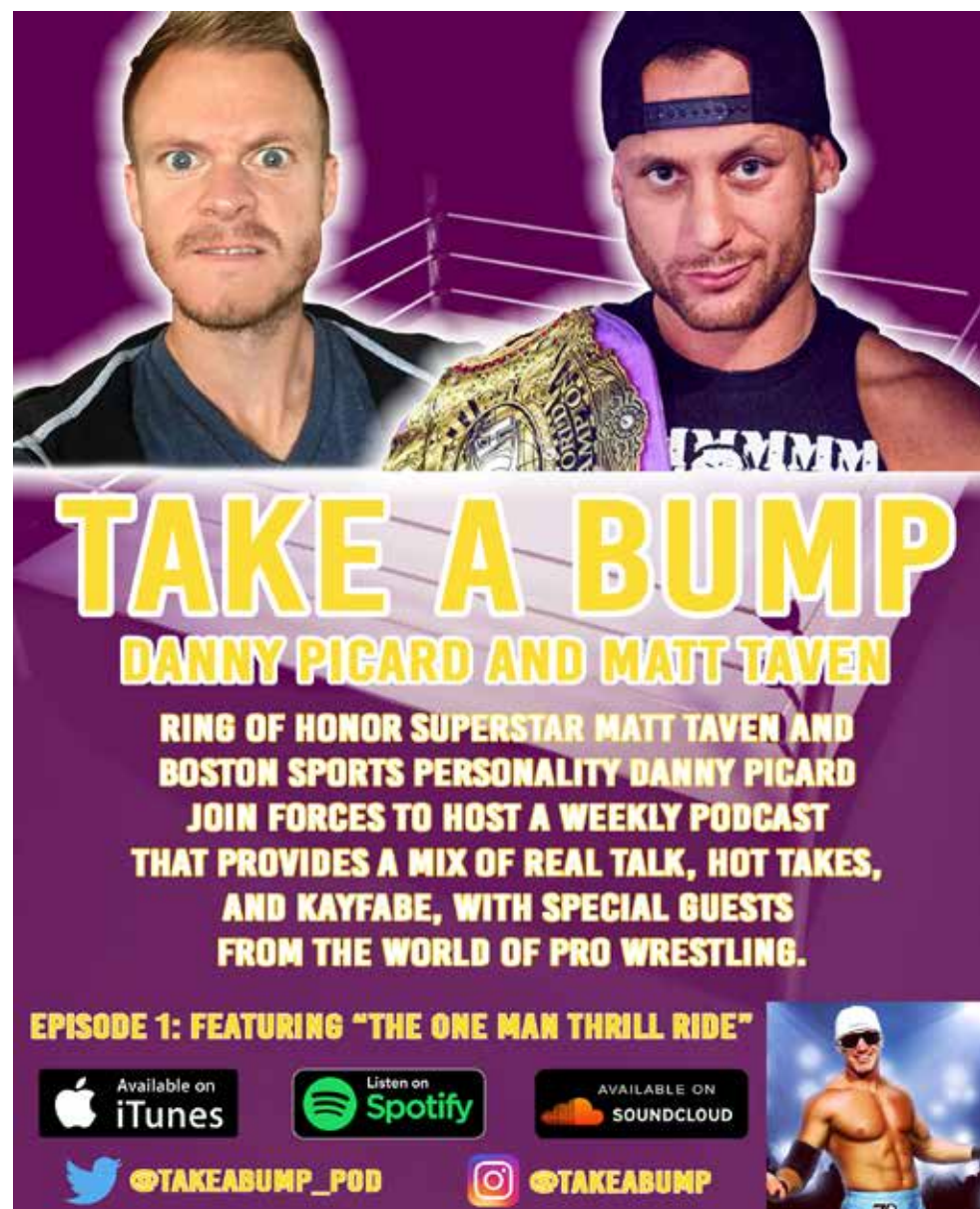
Brown, 25, was acquired by the Patriots last offseason to replace Nate Solder at left tackle after Solder signed a four-year, \$62 million deal with the New York Giants. Now, after just one season in New England, Brown is being rewarded by the Raiders for his work protecting Tom Brady's back side in a Super Bowl winning season.

Prior to last offseason's trade, Brown spent three years with San Francisco after being drafted by the 49ers in the seventh round of the 2015 NFL Draft.

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