



KEY MASSPORT BOARD MEMBER OPPOSED TO LIFTING EDISON HOUSING RESTRICTION

At a raucous, standing room only, public meeting this past Monday at the Tynan Community Center with 300 residents inside and many others outside listening to a PA system, Hilco/Redgate, the developers proposing both housing and commercial options in response

to the years-long public hearing process involving South Boston residents and others, were dealt a major blow when James O'Donovan, representing Teamster Local 25 President Sean O'Brien, announced the union's opposition to lifting the restriction on housing on the Edison Plant site. As a key member of the Massport Board,

O'Brien maintains that the Boston Seaport's maritime and commercial value to the City, State and Region, outweighs the need for luxury housing on the Edison site. The International Longshoremen, Teamster truckers and shipping interests employ thousands of their members and

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EDITORIAL

Are there Sharks Off Shore at Carson Beach?

The above question is being asked by shoppers at local markets, by walkers and lunchtime diners at Castle Island, by parishioners after Sunday Masses at local churches and by readers contacting us here at South Boston Today. The answer is we're not really sure. Rumors have been circulating that something resembling shark fins have been spotted from the shoreline near M Street Beach and also near the McCormack Bath House. But nothing has been confirmed either by life

guards or the Coast Guard as far as we know. While it's true, there have definitely been sightings of harbor seals in the area, and these seals are said to be one of the favorite items on the menu for Great Whites, there is still no proof the sharks have followed them to South Boston.

Swimmers along Cape Cod beaches are justifiably nervous about going into the water there, because those sightings are real and documented on film. Maybe that news has caused some residents here to get the jitters and

perhaps imagine things that are not really there or run with the rumors. At this point, no one can confirm or deny they are true. All we can say is that so far, at this time, we have not seen any proof whatsoever that we have sharks at Carson Beach and most residents are not ready to let a remote possibility keep them out of the cool clean water at our beaches during this beautiful summer weather. But maybe, just maybe, it would be wise to keep an eye open and not swim out too far. It's always better to be safe than to be sorry.




“If summer had a defining scent, it would definitely be the smell of barbecue” - Kathie Lee



Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn thanked the exceptional staff at the BCYF Tynan Community Center, along with other City of Boston Departments, for their programs and services on behalf of our residents at their recent block party. It was a great summer night to be with friends and neighbors, and made even better as Councilor Flynn got to cool off as the first one knocked in the dunk tank!

All Are Welcome to the Gate of Heaven Parish Coffee and Conversation Hour

All are welcome to join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month at the Gate of Heaven Parish Coffee and Conversation Hour, downstairs in the Lower Hall, following the 9AM Mass at Gate of Heaven Church on East 4th Street, Looking forward to seeing old and new friends this Sunday, August 11, 2019.



The Information Center



Razor Blades, Debates, Climate Phonies and Shootings

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

Note: talk back to John Ciccone by email at jciccone@southbostontoday.com

This week's column will touch on several of many topics in the news. A company name that rings a loud bell with many in this area is Gillette. The mega razor and shaving products company ran afoul of what surveys say were millions of American men when it put out its controversial 'woke' TV and web commercial chastising men in this country. The theme of the commercial can be summed up by implying men are too masculine and need to change their ways and act less like men and become daintier and more sensitive. In other words, Gillette will decide how American men should act and if the guys don't follow the advice of the skin care giant, they are pigs.

Understandably, this didn't set well with many men AND by the way, with their wives and girl friends either. A boycott was called, Gillette thought it was a bluff but realized it wasn't when the financial news hit the company like a rock recently confirming that it had lost \$8 in revenue.

In the 'What's racist THIS week' segment, we learned that robots are racist. Yes folks, now even robots, if they are white in color, are racist. So says a recent survey conducted at great expense. The creators of the survey stress that to rectify this problem; robots should come in a variety of colors. You just can't make this stuff up. It must be nice to have so much money, that you can spend it on learning about racist robots.

The recent second round of the Democrat debates were boring and silly and didn't attract as many viewers as was hoped for. But they did provide some surprising obser-

vation opportunities. The news media did its best to portray them as a contest between the more extreme and the more moderate candidates. What was apparent once the gang of candidates began to speak and spout their ideas, beliefs and agendas was that there really isn't anything even close to moderate about any of them. Calling them all different degrees of insane would be more accurate in the minds of many, and they are definitely way out of touch with most Americans.

One of the more controversial incidents that took place was when Congressman Tim Ryan (D. Ohio) didn't put his hand over his heart during the playing of the National Anthem. To me, that wasn't much of a surprise. The big surprise as far as I was concerned was that CNN actually allowed the National Anthem to be played at all, considering they made it a point to not have even one American flag on stage; possibly out of fear of offending a portion of the party's base.

Google held it's much heralded 'Summit on Climate Change' in Sicily last month. It attracted many of the rich and famous celebrities that scold the rest of us about how we are polluting the planet. But it didn't go unnoticed that they arrived to the summit in 114 gas guzzling private jets and a fleet of less than eco friendly giant luxury yachts. But it's ok, they are special and cannot be expected to follow the rules they would like to impose on everyone else.

Speaking of celebrities, right on cue, the Hollywood types joined in with the chorus of political opportunists, who could not wait even ten minutes for the blood to

dry after the shootings in Texas and Ohio as they blamed President Trump, the NRA and Conservative Americans for the deaths and demanded gun control and that American citizens have their Second Amendment rights taken away. But what they can't understand is that people know how hypocritical they are. Hollywood is just as much to blame as anyone for these shootings as it rakes in billions of dollars glorifying gun violence in their films and the celebs surround themselves with armed body-

guards. What's even more ghoulish is that some of the candidates for president are actually fundraising off the tragedy; among them Beto O'Rourke, Kamala Harris and of course, Elizabeth Warren. How compassionate of them.

, in response to the shootings, the recently elected president of Mexico is urging the United States to enact strict new gun control laws. Is he serious? Mexico has such laws and is the murder capital of the Western Hemisphere. So, no thank you.

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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.

Globe union plans walkout amid ‘increasingly contentious’ contract talks

Speaking of the struggling newspaper industry, from the BBJ’s Don Seiffert: “The main union representing around 300 journalists and the business side employees at the Boston Globe are planning a lunchtime walkout on Tuesday to protest slow progress on contract negotiations, according to an email obtained by the Business Journal.”

The Gatehouse and Gannett merger: More ‘run-rate cost synergies’ on the way

First, the good news: The newsroom-staff-slashing Gannett won’t be acquired by the even worse newsroom-staff-slashing Digital First Media. Now, the bad news: The newsroom-staff-slashing Gannett will be acquired instead by the newsroom-staff-slashing Gatehouse Media, although Gatehouse is a little kinder and gentler than Digital

First when it comes to newsroom staff slashing. Andy Medici at the BBJ has the details.

The Globe’s Jon Chesto reports that the merger between Gannett and Gatehouse, the largest newspaper chain in Massachusetts, will eventually be felt locally, as the combined firm, to be known as Gannett, inevitably pursues yet more “run-rate cost synergies,” i.e. newsroom staff cuts.

Cape towns may not meet federal-aid targets to qualify for disaster relief

Is it a disaster or just a big mess? Towns on Cape Cod are tallying the costs of last month’s tornadoes and it looks like it will be a close call as to whether the damage is enough to qualify for federal disaster relief, Ethan Genter reports at the Cape Cod Times. Communities have until Friday to report their costs to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, which says the nearly \$10

million public outlay threshold may be hard to meet, especially since no public buildings were damaged.

The economy: The good news and the bad news

The latest evidence that the economy, at least as of five weeks ago, is humming along, via SHNS’s Michael Norton (pay wall): “Wages and salaries in the Boston area grew at a 3 percent pace for the year ending in June, the federal government reported. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, total compensation costs for private sector workers in the Boston area rose by 2.7 percent over the same period, compared to a 1.7 percent increase for the year ending in June 2018.”

But how much longer can it last? The Globe’s Larry Edelman has a good column this morning on the ominous market signs that the Trump administration’s trade war with China

isn’t going as planned (from an American perspective).

‘Red Flag’: Could Washington end up actually adopting a gun-control law similar to one passed in Mass.?

The heated political debate over gun control and President Trump’s anti-immigration rhetoric showed no sign of abating yesterday in the wake of this past weekend’s horrific mass shootings in Texas and Ohio. U.S. Sen. Ed Markey, for instance, said Trump is ‘morally responsible’ for inciting racial violence across the country, reports Shira Schoenberg at MassLive. Meanwhile, from Tori Bedford at WGBH: “Walsh, Rollins Criticize Mitch McConnell After Mass Shootings: ‘Do Your Job.’” And from the Globe’s Joan Vennoch: “When Trump condemns racism and bigotry, no one takes him seriously.”

Still, the Washington Post’s Amber Phillips writes that, despite the nation’s political divisions, lawmakers in Washington may actually agree on a least one thing: passing a new so-called ‘red flag’ gun control law, a measure that Trump called for yesterday and that Massachusetts lawmakers passed only last year, as Ally Jarmanning at WBUR reports.

REP. BIELE VOTES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN’S HEALTH & WELLNESS BILL

Legislation expands access to and supports health services for children and adolescents



Last week, State Representative David Biele voted with his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives to unanimously pass legislation supporting the health and wellness of children across the Commonwealth. The bill, An Act Relative to Children’s Health

and Wellness, is part of the comprehensive **House Children’s Wellness Initiative** which aims to better address the complex health and wellness needs specific to the Commonwealth’s 1.4 million children.

The initiative seeks to make access to healthcare easier for vulnerable populations, eliminate barriers to care and formulate data-driven recommendations to improve service delivery and system coordination. The initiative supports a holistic approach that provides services early and often – ensuring that children grow to be healthier, happier and more productive adults. The legislation creates a foundation for better access to services and more data to inform future policy, including a provision that requires the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families to report on its efforts to improve the Commonwealth’s foster care system.

“Our youth need the proper support systems in order to grow up and become healthy, happy and productive adults” said Rep. Biele. “I was proud to vote in favor of this legislation which will create important health and wellness services for our most vulnerable children and adolescents, while collecting important data to inform future conversations around children’s health.”

The legislation seeks to address child wellness in the following areas:

- Requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to **report on efforts to improve the foster care system in the Commonwealth**, including steps it is taking to provide increased coverage, share relevant medical history with foster parents, and provide access to mental health supports and timely information on children in DCF custody who have died from abuse or neglect.

- Requires insurance companies to maintain **accurate and accessible provider directories** for health plans. The provision directs companies to make the directories available

without requiring users to create a new online account or profile. The directory must be updated frequently to ensure the information is correct.

- Requires the Heath Policy Commission to conduct analysis of **children with medical complexity** to analyze costs and population characteristics in order to develop recommendations about how to serve this unique population.

- Establishes a task force to study **pediatric behavioral health screening tools**.

- Creates a special commission to examine the **pediatric workforce** to address pediatric provider availability and adequacy. The Commission would recommend strategies for increasing the pipeline of pediatric providers and expanding access to practicing providers.

- Charges a 17-member special commission to **review the Department of Public Health’s School-Based Health Center Program** for the purpose of strengthening, improving, and considering ways to replicate best practices across the state.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR HOUSING AT EDISON BAD FOR BUSINESS



Dear South Boston Neighbors:

It was great seeing so many of you at this week's public meeting on the future of 776 Summer Street, the former Boston Edison Power Plant, where two different developments were proposed to the community. One proposal included commercial

only uses at the site, while the other proposal included seven hundred fifty units of residential housing.

Located next to the former Edison Plant, the Port of Boston is an economic engine fueling the Massachusetts and New England regional economies. The Port generates \$8.2 billion in economic impact annually with over 9,000 direct jobs. The Port's economic impact has doubled since 2012 and over 2,500 businesses throughout New England utilize Conley Container Terminal – a 56% increase in 5 years. The Port has had 5 consecutive years of record-breaking growth.

The men and women of the International Longshoremen's Association have been a major factor in the recent success at Conley Terminal. We work hard every day to receive and deliver cargo in an efficient and dependable manner, in all types of weather.

The Port has been nationally recognized for its productivity in recent years. Because of these successes, the state and federal government

have invested almost one billion dollars in the Port. These investments will expand Port operations Conley Terminal by dredging the harbor and adding new cranes which will allow us to remain competitive in the international shipping market. These investments also built the recently completed new Tommy Butler Freight Corridor, which removed trucks off of the residential streets of South Boston.

However, our Port, its productivity, and those investments are being threatened by the proposal to build residential housing at the former Edison Plant. We have experienced the consequences of residential units in close proximity to an active port at Moran Terminal in Charlestown which resulted in job losses and decreased productivity. Many of our counterparts throughout the country have experienced the same fate when housing is built in close proximity to an active port. Working ports and luxury condominiums simply do not mix.

These lessons have shown us that proposal to building housing threatens Conley's short term and long term viability. It will undermine the Port's productivity and drive business elsewhere, endangering hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer investments at Conley Terminal as well as thousands of workers and businesses that rely on the Port to support themselves and their families.

We do not oppose the clean-up of the former Edison Power Plant. However we are opposed to housing at the location so that Conley Terminal and those who rely on its operations for their livelihood do not suffer.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Bernard O'Donnell
International Longshoremen's Association
Vice President

George McEvoy
ILA Atlantic Coast District
Vice President

Massachusetts Convention Center Authority Announces the Hiring of Diane DiAntonio as General Manager

MASSACHUSETTS CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY



BOSTON - The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority ("MCCA") is pleased to announce that Diane DiAntonio has been promoted to the posi-

tion of General Manager. She will be replacing Joyce Leveston who is leaving the MCCA to join Spectra as the company's new Senior Vice President of Convention Centers.

Diane had been serving as Assistant General Manager for the past year with a primary focus on operations at the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center in Boston's Back Bay. She has been with the MCCA for nearly twenty years working in multiple leadership positions in Event Services, where she started her career as an Event Services Coordinator.

As General Manager, she will oversee the MCCA's business operations teams and contract partners. She will be responsible for also providing key leadership, management and direction to further enhance the customer's experience across the overall operations of the Boston Convention & Exhibi-

tion Center, Hynes Convention Center and Lawn On D.

"Diane has proven herself as an experienced and valuable resource for the MCCA," said David Gibbons, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority. "Her work with our employees, customers and vendors is renowned, and this promotion is both well-earned and popular throughout the organization."

Diane brings with her tremendous institutional knowledge of the MCCA's operations, in addition to valuable long term relationships with MCCA staff, customers and the industry. Diane holds CMP and CEM designations and she is currently affiliated with leading industry organizations, including PCMA and IAVM.

"I'm looking forward to this opportunity and appreciate the confidence and support from my colleagues during this exciting time at the MCCA," said

DiAntonio. "Boston is one of the world's premier destinations for meetings and events and my focus will be to build on our long track record of success."

About the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA)

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority owns and oversees the operations of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, the John B. Hynes Veterans Memorial Convention Center, the MassMutual Center in Springfield, MA, the Boston Common Parking Garage, The Lawn On D Powered by Citizens Bank, and The Lot On D. The MCCA's mission is to generate significant regional economic activity by attracting conventions, tradeshow, and other events to its world-class facilities while maximizing the investment return for the residents and businesses in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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the vitality of the Port is the key economic engine that supports their employment.

The developers made two presentations, one as a commercial only development and the other a modified version of its initial proposal, this one showing a mixed-use project with 750 housing units. Both proposals include multiple buildings over 200 feet.

Congressman Stephen Lynch reminded the audience that he had brought millions of federal dollars, along with matching state funds brought in by Senator Nick Collins, to the dredging of the Boston Harbor, so as to accommodate larger ships. Conley Terminal was expanded and the Butler Truck Corridor was constructed, both costing tens of millions of dollars invested by the federal and state governments. Councilors Mike Flaherty and Ed Flynn and Representative David Biele weighed in on their concerns over vehicular traffic impacts, public transportation, health safety, environmental contamination clean-up and public access.

Unlike many other parts of Boston,

South Boston residents are at the nexus of Boston's urban growth, neighborhood life and its historically commercial and industrial infrastructure.

Other ongoing issues raised included insufficient green and open space, as well as precedent setting decisions affecting the rest of First Street from L/Summer Street west to A Street. Some issues were addressed in the DPIR only as a summary of responses related to a topic and were largely generalizations.

Transportation suggestions from the community included trolley and monorail, as well as diverting as much South Shore rush hour traffic away from local streets as possible. Eminent domain taking as an option garnered large applause. Another hot button topic, which was noted three times in proposal, was a pilot bus lane program on East Broadway. Residents said this topic was addressed and resolved years ago. The question was asked why it has come back within this proposal? As a commercial use, research and development was referenced and residents were concerned about the type and level of biotech and life science activity that might take place.

A majority of residents appeared supportive of efforts to clean up and build something at the Edison. However, residents remained concerned with height and density of the project, regardless of the use at the site, which has been a consistent comment over the course of these proposals. Another common refrain was that the proposed heights and density belonged down the South Boston Waterfront rather than in a residential neighborhood, and several residents spoke about their fear that a project of this size and scope would set a negative precedent for the rest of First Street.

In a show of solidarity, both longtime residents and young residents just setting down roots in South Boston, had questions and criticisms of the project. One young woman pointed to concerns on traffic and public transportation, asking how an already overburdened public transit system could handle the scale of development proposed. In answering the question as to the best use of the site, a significant number of residents spoke against the residential component, citing years of frustration from overdevelopment with residential housing. Numerous attorneys also spoke publicly on the proposal. One indicated that he was retained to represent a group of neighbors who were against the proposal. Another questioned why the development team had not filed a statement of beneficial interests as to the ownership of the project.

Those who commented on the housing portion also did not appear to be satisfied with the proposal. Touchie McDonough pointed out 750 units of housing is equal to half the size of the Mary Ellen McCormack public housing development. Donna Brown of the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation commented that the project was not doing enough to create affordable housing for residents. Joe Cappuccio, as a member of the Open Space Committee, who helped collect over 1100 signatures in opposition to last year's proposal, brought a licensed site professional to speak about the contamination at the Edison and the environmental and public health impacts from decades of operation.

The comment period remains open until September 5 2019. Here is the link:

http://www.bostonplans.org/projects/development-projects/776-summer-street#comment_Form or email Stephen Harvey at - stephen.j.harvey@boston.gov

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
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Paul J Gannon of South Boston MA

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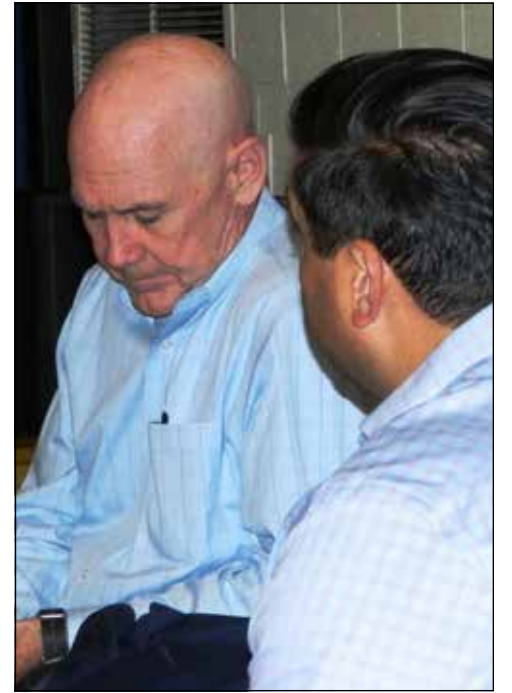
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The Wine Guy

The Other Great Whites

This is the time of year in Northern Italy, when the early evenings start to get noticeably cooler, the winds from the Dolomites become more pronounced and the sea breezes, especially from the Adriatic, bring a cool mist to the valleys and vineyards—all signs that the harvest will be coming soon - good news for white wine lovers everywhere. From the Alto Adige in the North to Campania in the South, Italy's great white wines are getting ready; here are some to consider.

Feudi di San Gregorio Falanghina 2017, Campania, Italy, (\$19.99), is a great wine to start with. The Falanghina grape offers hints of spice, light almond and a slightly bitter orange peel charac-

ter that are perfect with a late afternoon Caprese salad or some freshly grilled Mediterranean Minnows. Falanghina produces attractive and unoaked wines with an alluring piney resin and citrus blossom fragrance, which are juicy and refreshing on the palate. Since this Winery was established in 1986, their wines have met with consistent and well-deserved acclaim; the Ercilino family take only the best grapes every year for this and their other wines. If you haven't had this one, look for it; it's definitely worth the effort.

Grown in various parts of northern Italy and a specialty of Piedmont's Gavi zone, **Cortese** makes crisp, light-bodied wines with citrus and apple flavors; the best have mineral character and even notes of honey. One of the best is **Pio Cesare Cortese di Gavi 2017, Gavi, Piedmont, Italy, (\$24.99)**. Pio Cesare has been producing wine for more than 100 years and through generations. The tradition began in 1881, when Pio Cesare started gathering grapes in his vineyards and purchasing those of some selected and reliable farmers in the hills of Barolo and Barbaresco districts. Because of its freshness and chalky minerality, this white wine commonly populates the fish restaurants' wine lists of the Ligurian coast, so try it with any seafood;

you won't be sorry!

Known as **Pinot Blanc** in France, Pino Bianco has grown in Northeastern Italy for more than a century. In Alto Adige, its wines attain a character and richness unknown from this variety elsewhere in the world. **Tiefenbrunner Pinot Bianco 2016, Trentino-Alto Adige, Italy, (\$21.99)** is an elegant Pinot Bianco with a light medium-lemon color. The wine offers aromas of white flowers, lemon-lime citrus, and hints of green apples and pears. On the palate, the wine's subtle, creamy texture is countered by refreshing acidity and minerality. This wine is wonderful on its own as an aperitif or paired with light salads and vegetable antipasti, light appetizers, fish dishes and asparagus.

My friend and fellow wine writer, **Tom Hyland**, says that one of his favorite whites from Italy is **Vermentino**. Vermentino is found primarily in three regions of Italy: Liguria, Sardinia and Tuscany, and in each of those territories, the plantings are very close to the sea. One to definitely try would be **Sella & Mosca La Cala Vermentino 2018, Sardinia, Italy, (\$14.99)**. A fantastic, aromatic white grape whose best wines come from a northeastern corner of Sardinia in a region called Gallura. Vermentino di Gallura



DOCG, despite its light body, can be decidedly complex. Vermentino also enjoys success in Tuscany and in lesser proportions, grows on the island of Corsica. This one has flavors of pear, white peach, grapefruit, lime zest, fresh almond and crushed rocks; it's dry but fruity with a bright finish. Tuscan Chicken, Wild Boar and any pasta in Pesto sauce would be a great finish for this and the other "Great Whites" in this column...Enjoy

Talk to The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

Old Colony Yacht Club's 39th year for Veterans Harbor Tour August 18th

Let's Show them Support

SBT Staff Report

On Sunday, August 18th, the good folks from the Old Colony Yacht Club will be hosting their 39th Annual Boston Harbor Tour for Veterans afflicted with PTSD and they would really appreciate it if the public would turn out at Castle Island to show support.

The veterans; both men and women, are in-patients at the Brockton VA Hospital and this is something they look forward to each year. As always, this will be a combined effort with the Old Colony Yacht Club, the Boston Police Department, the Quincy Police Department, the Massachusetts Environmental Police and the Boston Fire Department. The veterans; numbering more than 50, will be shuttled by bus from the VA hospi-

tal in Brockton to the Old Colony Yacht Club and escorted by Boston Police Motorcycle Officers. They will arrive at the club and be served coffee and donuts before boarding boats belonging to yacht club members and begin their Boston Harbor Tour. The boats will be escorted by Boston, Quincy and Environmental Police boats and are expected to pass by the Fishing Pier at Castle Island at around noon time where they will be given a water cannon salute from the Boston Fire Department boat. And this is where the public show of support is requested.

The public is asked to line the pier and the shore in front of Fort Independence with American Flags and signs showing support for the passing vets to let them know that their service to our country is very much appreciated.

From there, the flotilla of boats



will head to Charlestown and turn around at the docking site of the USS Constitution for the return trip back to the Old Colony Yacht Club where the vets will be treated to a delicious dinner.

This annual event is one of the high lights of the summer for these deserving veterans and all those who participate in making this happen for

them are proud to do it. Bill Moran; who along with all the other great members at OCYC work hard each year to organize it and make this happen said - "We are so happy to be helping those who served. It is our honor and pleasure to do it".

Look for an update and more information about this event in next week's edition of South Boston Today.

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300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 2 B Condo	\$2,976,411	5/15/19	4	2.5	1328
22 Liberty UNIT PH1G Condo	\$2,800,000	5/15/19	4	2	1697
437 West Fourth Street Single Family	\$2,100,000	5/17/19	12	3.1	3126
35 Channel Center St UNIT 410 Condo	\$1,250,000	5/15/19	2	2	1607
512 East Sixth Street Condo	\$850,000	5/10/19	7	1.5	1189
788 East Fourth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$819,000	5/13/19	5	2	1207
14 West Broadway UNIT5D Condo	\$780,000	5/15/19	4	1	1055
789 East Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$700,000	5/13/19	4	1.5	1290
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Project Description:
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Rep. Lynch Requests Meeting With New FAA Administrator Regarding Airplane Noise

Representative Stephen F. Lynch (MA-08), Co-Chair of the Quiet Skies Caucus and Member of the Aviation Subcommittee, sent a letter with his fellow caucus members to the new FAA Administrator Stephen Dickson requesting his appearance before the Quiet Skies Caucus this fall to discuss the consistent and debilitating airplane noise over communities. The Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Quiet Skies Caucus demanded an update from Administrator Dickson on all ongoing FAA projects related to aircraft noise and cited the urgency of the meeting so that Congress may move forward and enact possible solutions to relieve residents from the relentless disturbance of flight patterns.

“Noise from airplanes and helicopters passing overhead is more than a mere annoyance, it can dramatically impact that standard of living and even the health of residents frequently and repeatedly exposed,” wrote the Members. “It is important to the well-being of our constituents that substantive progress is made in the short, medium and long terms to reduce and ultimately eliminate airplane and helicopter noise impacts on communities across the country.”

The letter requested an update on the status of several ongoing FAA projects related to aircraft noise, specifically the delayed study reevaluating the 65 DNL threshold for residents to qualify for noise abatement assistance. The Quiet Skies Caucus wrote to former Acting Administrator Elwell requesting an update and have yet to be given a reason for the delay or an indication when it might be released.



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 5, 2019

Dear Administrator Dickson,

We, the undersigned Chairs and Vice Chairs of the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus, write to congratulate you on your confirmation and request your presence in front of our caucus to discuss airplane and helicopter noise and to help Congress chart a path forward on possible solutions. In addition, we request an update on a number of ongoing FAA projects related to aircraft noise, including a now long and continuously delayed FAA study reevaluating the 65 DNL threshold for noise mitigation activities.

As you well know, noise from airplanes and helicopters passing overhead is more than a mere annoyance, it can dramatically impact the standard of living and even the health of residents frequently and repeatedly exposed, like those that live near major airports like Chicago's O'Hare, Boston's Logan, Washington DC's Reagan National and New York's LaGuardia and John F. Kennedy. It is important to the well-being of our constituents that substantive progress is made in the short, medium, and long terms to reduce and ultimately eliminate airplane and helicopter noise impacts on communities across the country.

We are concerned about a number of actions that FAA has taken, or not taken, in recent months. In 2015, FAA began a study to reevaluate the current 65 DNL threshold for determining eligibility for residents impacted by airport noise to qualify for noise abatement assistance- this study predates and is different from a study authorized in the 2018 law that reauthorized the FAA. FAA had reported in May of 2018 that the study was nearly final but to this date has still not been released. In August of 2018, the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Quiet Skies Caucus wrote to Acting Administrator Elwell requesting an update on the status of the study, which was then already four months delayed. The study is now nearly 15 months delayed and FAA has still not given any indication about a reason for the delay or when it might be released.

We respectfully but urgently request a detailed update on the status of this study, including a date of expected release in the near future. Twice in the last few months, Acting Administrator Elwell had been scheduled to meet with the Quiet Skies Caucus and, through no fault of his own, the meetings needed to be postponed. We understand the challenge of congressional and agency scheduling but we believe it is necessary for the FAA Administrator, accompanied by other agency personnel with a detailed knowledge of the issues at hand, to sit with our caucus and discuss these issues of serious concern to our constituents. Please get in touch with the office of Co-Chair Norton or Co-Chair Lynch to schedule a meeting with the caucus members in September 2019.

We enthusiastically look forward to meeting with you, receiving clarity on some of the outstanding FAA noise work and discussing how Congress and the FAA can work together moving forward to improve the lives of our constituents affected by aircraft noise.

Thank you,

Eleanor Holmes Norton
Member of Congress

Stephen F. Lynch
Member of Congress

Mike Quigley
Member of Congress

Thomas R. Suozzi
Member of Congress



This week, Danny gave an official farewell to the 2019 Boston Red Sox:

So much for defending the crown. I don't think anybody expected the 2019 Boston Red Sox to roll through the league like the 2018 team did, winning 108 games in the regular season and then losing only three games in the postseason. But it would've been nice of them to at least show up this year.

Entering Wednesday night's game against the Kansas City Royals, the Red Sox found themselves in third place in the AL East, 15.5 games behind the first-place New York Yankees, and 6.5 games out of the second AL Wild Card spot, which is currently held by the Tampa Bay Rays.

Forget about the division, that race has been over for months now. But as of last week, a Wild Card spot was still very realistic. And then came the July 31 Trade Deadline, where Red Sox president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski chose to stand pat. He didn't buy. He didn't sell. He did absolutely nothing. And the players responded as if the organization had given up on them.

While I disagree with Dombrowski's strategy of standing pat, I have a hard time feeling bad for Red Sox players who might've felt disrespected by Dombrowski not adding

a piece to help them make a postseason push. Because let's be honest, this Red Sox roster — while it has some holes in the bullpen — is one of the more talented rosters in Major League Baseball. And it's not like Dombrowski traded away key pieces of that roster to add prospects for a rebuild. Now that would've been giving up on the team.

This season was officially lost during a crucial 14-game stretch that began back on July 22. Three games against Tampa Bay, four games against the Yankees, three more against Tampa, and four more against the Yankees.

After winning five of the first six, the Red Sox went on to lose the final eight games of that stretch, finishing 5-9, and in the process, calling it a season.

If the postseason began today, the Cleveland Indians would host the Rays in the AL Wild Card game. Oakland is a half game behind Tampa, and Texas is right there with the Red Sox, 6.5 games back. There's still a month-and-a-half left in the regular season, but it's just too big a hill to climb for the defending World Series champs. Especially if their best pitchers aren't going to be their best pitchers.

And that's really the story here. It's not that Dombrowski didn't make any trade deadline moves. It's that Chris Sale and David Price have been major disappointments this season, especially during the extremely disappointing 14-game stretch.

Sale and Price will both pitch against the Los Angeles Angels at Fenway this weekend. And they might even dominate an under-.500 Angels club. But it won't matter. It's too late.

Sale went 2-3 with a 5.86 ERA in five starts in the month of July. And then his only start in August, to this point, was an absolute stinker in the Bronx this past Saturday, as he allowed eight earned runs on nine hits and two home runs in 3.2 innings. He blamed the home-plate umpire as he was taken out of the game in the fourth inning, and he blamed that umpire again after the game when talking to the media.

The umpire was brutal. But it's not like Sale was walking in runs with the bases loaded. He was giving up hits. And home runs. Sale is supposed to be a guy who can get you a swing and miss in a big spot, even after being on the receiving end of a bad call. Well, not this Sale. Not in 2019. And that's the difference.

Also the difference is Price, who

probably should've been named World Series MVP last October. He went 2-2 with an ERA of 5.04 in six starts in July. And then, a day after Sale gave up eight runs in New York, Price returned from a quick paternity-leave stint to put up a stinker of his own on Sunday Night Baseball, allowing seven earned runs on nine hits and two home runs in 2.2 innings.

That's how the most important 14-game stretch of the season ended for the Red Sox, with their two best pitchers getting slapped around in the Bronx. No bullpen additions at the trade deadline were going to save the Red Sox from that. There's nothing Dombrowski could've done on July 31 that would've forced his two \$30-million-per-year starters to be who they're paid to be.

Now, there's no saving the 2019 Boston Red Sox. The season is over. And it'll be a long September at Fenway this year.

But don't worry. We're only 27 weeks away from spring training.

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SPORTS TODAY

BRADY AGREES TO NEW CONTRACT, GETS RAISE IN 2019

SBT Staff

Patriots quarterback Tom Brady agreed to a two-year contract extension earlier this week. As part of the deal, Brady's 2019 salary increases from \$15 million to \$23 million.

The two years of the extension — worth \$30 million and \$32 million on paper — will automatically void on the final day of the 2019 league year in March of 2020. It makes the extension nothing more than a raise for this year, and a way for the Patriots to creatively free up some cap space right now.

By adding a two-year "extension" to Brady's contract, the Patriots were able to spread out the cap hit and open up an additional \$5.5 million under this year's salary cap, giving them a total of \$13 million in cap space this season.

For Brady, he also receives a provision in the contract that prevents the Patriots from slapping him with the Franchise Tag in 2020.

So, ultimately, Brady — who was entering the final year of his contract — is still highly underpaid and is still set to become a free agent after this season. But

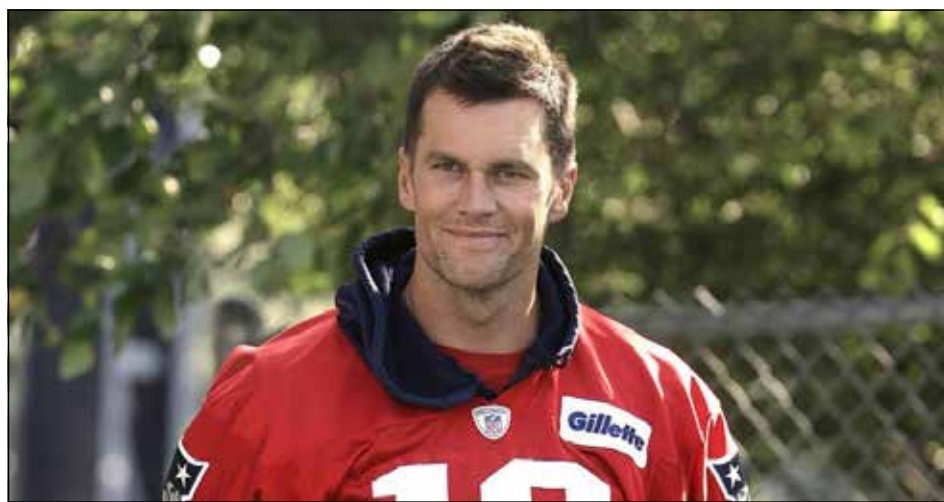
in order to give him some kind of raise right now, the Patriots needed to manipulate the cap. It's a loophole of sorts, and the Patriots found a way to not just give Brady an \$8 million raise, but to also free up \$5.5 million in cap space.

Much will now be made of Brady's feelings about the contract, or the Patriots' feelings towards giving Brady a multi-year deal at his age, but it will be interesting to see what Bill Belichick does with the \$13 million in cap space for this season.

Could it somehow be used, at some point, to lure Rob Gronkowski back to football? That's very possible.

Either way, nobody forced Brady to sign this extension. Also, nobody forced the Patriots to agree to remove the option of a Franchise Tag on Brady before the 2020 season.

So it would seem that, despite plenty of wild and unnecessary speculation, Brady and the Patriots are still on the same page. And it's likely that Brady and the Patriots will discuss another similar contract before the 2020 League Year begins.



Tweet of the Week

Tom Brady @TomBrady · Aug 4
I got a chance to hold my draft card a few hours ago. Never forget where you came from.



GORDON FILES FOR REINSTATEMENT

SBT Staff

Suspended wide receiver Josh Gordon has applied to the NFL for reinstatement.

Gordon, 28, was suspended indefinitely last December for violating the terms of his previous reinstatement under the league's substance-abuse policy. He played 11 games with the Patriots, making 40 catches for 720 yards and three touchdowns.

In April, the Patriots signed Gordon to a restricted free-agent tender. If he is reinstated by the league, Gordon will earn a base salary of \$2 million. But that could be a big "if."

Gordon was forced to miss all of 2015 and 2016 because of substance-abuse issues. And it's been reported that the Patriots are moving forward as if Gordon will not be available to them, at least to begin the season.

Gordons was traded to the Patriots after Week 2 of last season, in exchange for a fifth-round draft pick.

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL Preseason Week 1
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
New England at Detroit
7:30 P.M. WBZ-TV

LA Chargers at Arizona
10 P.M. NFL Network

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh
7:30 P.M. NFL Network

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
Dallas at San Francisco
9 P.M. NFL Network

WWE SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
SummerSlam
7 P.M. WWE Network/PPV

PATRIOTS SIGN MEREDITH, PLACE HIM ON PUP LIST

SBT Staff

The Patriots signed wide receiver Cameron Meredith last weekend, just days after the New Orleans Saints released him.

Meredith, 26, was immediately placed on New England's preseason physically-unable-to-perform list, as he's not yet cleared to practice after being placed on injured reserve last November with a knee injury. It's the same knee in which he tore his ACL in 2017 while with the Chicago Bears, before signing with New Orleans for the 2018 season.

With the Saints last year, Meredith made nine catches in six games for 114 yards and a touchdown. His best NFL season came in 2016 with Chicago, when he made 66 catches in 14 games for 888 yards and four touchdowns.

The Patriots can activate Meredith at any time during the preseason.



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