



Mayor Walsh Defends BPDA Reforms Under His Watch

Mayor Martin Walsh and BPDA Executive Director Brian Golden are pushing back on City Councilor Michelle Wu’s call to abolish the BPDA, insisting that the long-controversial planning agency’s cronyism and dysfunction are things of the past. Walsh, during his first mayoral run, in 2013, also targeted the then BRA. He is simultaneously attempting to address the fallout at the Boston Zoning Board, pledging a full review, while being prodded by City Councilor Lydia Edwards call for its ‘overhaul’.

Walsh told the Boston Herald, “We’ve opened the BPDA process up

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EDITORIAL

Rose Kennedy Greenway Chooses Clinical Efficiency Over Extraordinary Community

Work Inc., the current contractor hired 10 years ago when the Greenway first opened to keep up the cleanliness of the ‘naturally difficult to maintain’ swath of land that runs parallel to the roadways in Boston above the Tip O’Neill tunnel, has been ‘fired’ according to its Executive Director. It has been replaced with Kentucky-based for-profit Block by Block, which also has had a contract with Downtown Crossing. Work Inc. is a Dorchester non-profit that employs 30 workers with disabilities, as part of their workforce and is a well-known 50-year-old local organization.

In a round of finger pointing playing out in the Boston dailies, the Greenway Board of Directors decided to boil down their decision to replace

Dorchester-based Work Inc. to their concern over issues like running out of supplies, equipment being out of service, and inadequate work plans, all of which do not seem egregious enough to warrant the decision to save \$50,000 on a \$750,000 contract, a mere 6% savings. Historically, there are contract clauses that often allow for contingencies or change orders that would eventually wipe out that differential, and Block by Block likely plans for that possibility, as they bid.

The Greenway director and Work Inc.’s director dispute each other’s characterization of the bid process negotiations. It appears that Greenway ultimately wanted a new contractor, while Work Inc. expected consideration of their longevity. How the politicians and government officials whose agen-



cies oversee and fund the Conservancy let this reach this point is puzzling.

Kentucky-Based? Seems that another carpetbagger will be transforming our City, block by block.

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The Information Center

It's The Columbus Day Weekend Whether They Like It Or Not

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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

Americans for several years now have noticed a movement to slowly chip away at long held traditions. Some group here doesn't like a song; they want radio stations to stop playing it. Another group over there is offended by a statue or the name of a street so they demand it be taken down. Just last week a town in the state of Washington even went so far as to remove urinals from the men's room in all municipal buildings because some PC elected official there felt they might make gender altered people feel uncomfortable even though no issue was ever made about it. And going on for quite a while now is the movement to eliminate, change the names of or make generic some of this country's long-time holidays. Groups demand that Thanksgiving no longer be celebrated, because it might offend some American Indians. Yet a poll was done several years ago that showed the majority of Native Americans had no problem with Thanksgiving at all and looked forward to it each year like most everyone else. White liberals seemed to be pushing the issue. There have been campaigns to remove the mention of Valentine's Day because it's named after a Saint. Some, who say they are 'witches', have a problem with Halloween. And of course, the biggest target over the years has been Christmas. They tried to force feed Americans the 'Happy Holidays' greeting. Thankfully, Merry Christmas easily won out.

Next Monday, another traditional holiday that has been targeted in recent years arrives. Columbus Day, demand many liberal activists, must no longer be celebrated and Christopher Columbus should never again be mentioned in a positive way in new school textbooks. Under pressure, some cities and towns have felt the need to change the name of Columbus Day to 'Indigenous People's Day'. And this is the point of this week's column. These small groups making the demands are in many cases, getting their way because they make the loudest noise. What about everyone else who may want these holidays and other traditions to stay the way they are? Does the majority have to start screaming and stomping their feet and issuing threats and, in some instances, commit acts of violence like these groups in order to have their preferences respected? To ask three questions bluntly – Who the hell do these activists think they are? What makes them think that what THEY want carries more importance than what others want? And why do officials keep running scared and giving in to these demands and disregard the opinions of everyone else?

As an American of Italian ancestry, I like Columbus Day just the way it is and so do most other Italian-Americans that I know. Some look at the attempt to eliminate it as Anti-Italian bigotry. If some want to have a holiday celebrating Indigenous People, that's ok.

They can petition the government to set a day aside and begin the process. They can just keep their hands off the traditions of others. Those who are offended by this holiday or that statue or who a street is named after need to grow up. The rest of us are not obligated to coddle them and make everything they consider scary or 'racist' go away. Don't like a certain holiday? By all means, don't celebrate. But don't try to stop the rest of us from do-

ing so. How long do you think it will be before some other group starts voicing a problem with Independence Day and demands the 'Fourth' no longer be a federal holiday? In some sectors, they already clamor for our National Anthem to stop being played.

I hope all of you out there have a great Columbus Day. Don't let the disgruntled malcontents ruin it for you. Celebrate and enjoy the long weekend.

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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.

Evicted: Suffolk sheriff's office gives the boot to ICE

From the Globe's Danny McDonald: "The Suffolk sheriff's department said Tuesday that it will end its controversial relationship with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement so it can provide rehabilitative services to more women who will soon be housed at a South End jail."

The Herald's Joe Dwinell reports the eviction is just the latest in a "clash between Massachusetts liberal pols and ICE."

Warren thrown on defensive over her 1970s teaching job

Was she fired because she was pregnant? Or did she just voluntarily

leave her public-teaching post way back in 1971? Elizabeth Warren has given varying accounts – and now the media is jumping on the discrepancies. The Globe's Jazmine Ulloa and Ryan Wangma and the Herald's Lisa Kashinsky have the details, or lack thereof, as does the New York Times. The Herald's Howie Carr, naturally, is all over the story.

Frontrunner, Part II: Warren indeed leads the pack, but for how long?

As she fends off controversy over her long-ago teaching job, MarketWatch reports that U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren is indeed now leading Joe Biden in three out of the four

latest polls, putting her firmly at the top in the average of surveys of Dem presidential candidates.

But the Globe's Scot Lehigh writes that Warren has obtained frontrunner status partially by default, i.e. Bernie's heart attack and Biden's bumbling. The question, Lehigh writes, is how long Warren can stay at the top, where she'll attract a lot of unwelcome attention (from her standpoint), such as questions about her past.

Can Romney lead what appears to be rising GOP support for impeachment?

The Globe's Laura Krantz is blunt
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REP. BIELE VOTES TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY AND FINANCIAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



Oct. 2, 2019 – (BOSTON) – Last week, **Representative David Biele** joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Represen-

tatives in passing legislation that will enable the state to closely monitor the financial health of Massachusetts private colleges and universities and provide transparency and security to students and families in the Commonwealth.

The legislation, known as an Act to Support Improved Financial Stability in Higher Education, requires colleges and universities to make financial reports public and accessible and requires any college or university facing financial risk of closure to develop contingency plans for its students and other stakeholders. The legislation also creates financial penalties on institutions for non-compliance with reporting and planning and requires ethics and fiduciary training for higher education trustees and board members.

"Last year, many students were caught off guard by the sudden closing of Mount Ida College without notification," said Rep. Biele. "This bill will increase transparency and accountability in higher education by requiring colleges and university to publicly disclose their financial health. Together with the training requirements for colleges and universities on fiduciary responsibilities, this legislation will better protect students, faculty and staff."

The legislation includes the following four major provisions:

- Financial reporting: Requires all public higher education and independent institutions to post their financial reports and a summary on their website in plain terms so the general public can understand.

- Financial screening: Enables the Board of Higher Education (BHE) to monitor the financial health of independent institutions of higher education and identify any colleges or university at risk of imminent closure. Any school deemed to be at risk of imminent closure must prepare a contingency plan, including notice to students, faculty, staff, pending applicants, and host communities as well as arrangements for students to complete their program of study.

- Enforcement: Creates penalties for failure to comply with financial screening requirements, which include fines of up to \$1,000 per day, suspension of any state funds, or the suspension or revocation of any degree granting authority.

- Board training: Requires comprehensive training programs for members of the boards of trustees of the state's public higher education institutions on the proper governance, financial metrics, open meeting law and their legal and fiduciary responsibilities, at least once every four years.

The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration.

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SENATOR COLLINS, STATE SENATE INVEST UNPRECEDENTED \$\$\$ IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

\$1.5 Billion Pledged to Commonwealth Schools over Next 7 Years



State Senator Nick Collins and the Massachusetts State Senate unanimously passed the Student Opportunity Act, an unprecedented \$1.5 billion new

investment in Massachusetts K-12 public education. This legislation ensures public schools have adequate resources to provide high-quality education to students across the state, regardless of zip code or income level. Assuming inflation, this bill could provide between \$75-\$115 million to the City of Boston, and \$2.2 billion statewide. The Student Opportunity Act significantly helps school districts that serve high concentrations of low-income students, including the Boston Public School system.

“With the passage of the Student Opportunity Act, the Senate is reaffirming its commitment to the idea that providing a quality public

education is not a luxury—it is both our greatest responsibility and our greatest opportunity as a state,” said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland).

Taking into account these new investments, policy updates, and the needs of all types of districts, the Student Opportunity Act creates new ways to monitor and measure progress, support effective approaches to closing opportunity gaps, and deliver results for all students.

“I was proud to vote for this unprecedented investment in local education,” said Senator Nick Collins. “The State has demonstrated its commitment to Boston Public Schools over the past decade, but this bill really ramps up the investments. In addition to the \$222 million in baseline education funds, and the \$202 million in unrestricted aid we allocate for City schools, it is clear that the Commonwealth is dedicated to a quality education for all students. What could possibly be more

important than investing in the future of our young people?”

The Student Opportunity Act fully implements the recommendations of the 2015 Foundation Budget Review Commission (FBRC) ensuring that the school funding formula provides adequate and equitable funding to all districts across the state. The bill modernizes the K-12 education by:

- Increasing special education cost assumptions to more accurately reflect district enrollment.
- Increasing funding for English Language Learners
- Providing additional funding based on the share of low-income students in each district
- Defining “low-income” at 185% of the Federal Poverty Level, as opposed to the current 133% level

In addition to implementing the FBRC’s recommended formula changes, the Student Opportunity Act provides additional state financial support in several categories to help public schools and communities deliver a high-quality

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Public Notice: Open discussion on the BCEC expansion proposal - October 15

On Tuesday, October 15 from 6-8pm the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, Senator Nick Collins and Representative David Biele will host a discussion at the Condon School regarding a proposed expansion of the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC). MCCA officials will be presenting and available to answer questions.

I Was Just Thinking...

By Kevin Devlin

I was perusing Facebook last week and read the comment “Oh no, don’t tell me you’re one of them” from a friend who can’t stand President Trump. I wasn’t involved in this particular so-called political discourse (trying to steer clear of such exchanges) but the words “one of them” really bothered me, irked me actually. Why can’t we just ac-

cept viewpoints from others without condescension rearing its ugly head?

The words “one of them” was so unnecessary, such a callous remark. Of course the person who wrote those words has a right to do so but it doesn’t move the needle. It doesn’t help the conversation move forward in a positive manner. It doesn’t help iron out differences in order that people can clearly see both sides without emotion and nastiness taking over to cloud issues which beg for clarification. Beg for resolution.

People have strong views on a

variety of subjects, and in a democracy, freedom of speech is a central right for every citizen, not just certain citizens. Everyone should be allowed to share and hold their own viewpoints without condemnation from those who disagree with them.

I say yellow. You say red. We both have the right to say or write these words and should be able to argue the validity or the truthfulness of this viewpoint in a mature, respectable manner. We need to disagree without being disagreeable. Disagree without disrespect-

ing those who embrace views contrary to our own.

If we want to have a healthy, functioning democracy we need to embrace civil discourse. If we can’t do that, if we can’t shed the words “one of them” from our vocabularies, this inability to find common ground, this inability to acknowledge the validity of another person’s outlook on matters will continue to divide us. And if we can’t disagree without being disagreeable then perhaps this is just the beginning of the end of civil discourse in our country.

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education to every student. Those fiscal supports include:

- Increasing foundation rates for guidance and psychological services in recognition of the growing need for expanded social-emotional

support and mental health services.

- A commitment to fully funding charter school tuition reimbursement, which provide transitional aid to help districts when students leave to attend charter schools, within a three-year timetable.

- Expanding over four years the special education circuit breaker, which reimburses districts for extraordinary special education costs, to include transportation costs in addition to instructional cost.

- Raising the annual cap on

Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) spending, for construction and renovation by \$200 million.

The bill passed 39-0 and now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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about the matter: “Over his long career, Mitt Romney has been a political chameleon.” So one has to question whether the Utah senator and former Massachusetts governor has

the staying power to lead any future Republican impeachment drive against President Trump.

Weld: Case to impeach Trump ‘ten times’ the one that took down Nixon

Speaking of Republicans in favor of impeachment, Bill Weld should know. The GOP presidential candidate and former Massachusetts governor -- who served as a staff lawyer during impeachment proceedings

against President Richard Nixon -- says the arguments in favor of impeaching President Trump are “ten times” as strong as the case against Tricky Dick in 1974, according a report at New Hampshire Public Radio.

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more than any other process that we’ve had. All those meetings are based on community meetings, all those based in community input. Planners spend hours and hours and hours in the neighborhood on any proposal that’s out there. I think we’ve opened the process up more than it’s ever been opened up before.”

Wu launched her assertions of corruption and a lack of transparency at the Boston Planning & Development Agency in a report calling for the agency to be abolished. And Walsh responded saying, “I don’t agree with that at all,” Walsh said.

Golden, in an interview with the Herald, said the agency shouldn’t continue to be judged by its past sins, like the bulldozing of the old West End neighborhood in the 1960s. “I understand the history that is informing the negative opinion of this agency,” Golden said, adding that it had been a

“pretty dysfunctional” organization that for many years ran operations “top-down” rather than based in community input. But he stressed that operational reforms like the BPDA’s much improved website and more reporting to the council have made the organization more transparent, and the citywide planning initiatives he and Walsh have worked on, like Imagine Boston 2030, are the first such exercises in decades. “I feel good about where the agency is at operationally,” Golden said. “I argue that the Boston of 2019 is a wonderful city, and our role in that was significant.”

Conspicuous by their silence, City Councilors and their election challengers have yet to comment on Wu’s report. Residents across the City regularly oppose certain development projects over traffic impacts, the cost of living and density of housing. The plan calls for a city government takeover of the BPDA, which currently oper-

ates as a private entity that reports to the mayor. It calls for all of the BPDA’s assets and its 252 full-time employees to be transferred to city offices, planning authority to be put under the control of a Planning Department, and a master planning process to be undertaken by a Planning Board. It also calls for abolishing “urban renewal areas,” the roughly 3,000 acres of city land in which the BPDA is given special powers and exemptions to rules in order to spur development.

Walsh has made it a high priority of his administration to build more housing, especially along public transportation corridors, contending that more housing both brings the cost down over time and creates more affordable housing. There is agreement that, whether it is an agency like the BPDA or some other entity, neighborhood input is important, but decisions have to ultimately be made. As Mayor, Walsh is ul-

timately responsible for the decisions made by the agency because he appoints the board members. So, accountability is at his desk.

Walsh defended the way his office has handled the agency since he took office in 2014, including a master planning process that produced the city’s Imagine Boston 2030 plan in 2017. Under Walsh, the BPDA has sought to change the public’s perception of its role in development by rolling out new community engagement processes and making documents more easily accessible on the BPDA’s website, among other measures. It has also seen construction of some 30,000 units of housing, a fifth of which is “income-restricted.”

One local resident, who frequently complains that the BPDA “doesn’t listen to our concerns and seems to ignore the concerns of our elected officials”, it will be interesting to see where the other City Councilors stand as this debate rages on.

Letter from Michael F. Flaherty, Incumbent and Candidate for Boston City Council At-Large

Dear South Boston neighbors, I thank you for voting in the Municipal Preliminary election in September and remind you that I need your support again in the general election on Tuesday, November 5th. If you are not already registered to vote or need to update your registration, the voter registration dead-

line is Wednesday, October 16th. For members of our military, our seniors, Southie kids who are away at college, and others who are unable to make it to the polls on Election Day, you are eligible to request an absentee ballot. Absentee ballot requests must be submitted before Monday, November 4th.

My campaign office can help you with voter registration and absentee ballot requests. The office is located at 707 East Broadway in South Boston. We can be reached by phone at 617-752-4243, or email us at FlahertyforBoston@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support - I look forward to earning your vote on Tuesday, November 5th.

All the Best,
Michael



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*Incumbent and Candidate
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In the much-anticipated ballot drawing for November 5th's final election for Boston City Council candidates, Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty's name was drawn for the coveted first spot in a public ballot drawing held by the City of Boston's Elections Department. The ballot drawing, which was held on Thursday, October 3rd, 2019 at 11:00a.m. at City Hall, set the stage for the citywide general election scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

Councilor Flaherty, who is seeking another term as a Boston City Councilor At-Large, had a strong showing of results in field of 15

At-Large candidates leading into the preliminary election and thus securing a spot on the ballot for the general election. "Having your name printed first or in the upper tier can help in a citywide election," stated Councilor Flaherty. "You just don't want to be last on the ballot in a competitive field like this one."

With approximately 4 weeks remaining until the general election, Councilor Flaherty continues to reach out to voters across Boston. "Residents in Boston want to build on the work we've accomplished -- increased access to affordable housing, closing the opportunity gaps, and stabilizing our neighborhoods through community preservation efforts," stated Flaherty. "In order to continue these efforts and more, I look forward to reaching out to more voters to earn their support as my team and I campaign until polls close on election day on November 5th."

As a husband, father, neighbor and proud lifelong Bostonian, Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty is committed to ensuring that Boston is an accessible, equitable, and inclusive city for our residents. For more information on his campaign and his work on the Boston City Council, visit www.MichaelFlaherty.com.

Councilor Flynn Pedestrian Safety Update

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn announced this week that the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) has recently installed blinking pedestrian crossing signs, or rapid flash beacons, to improve pedestrian safety on East and West Broadway. They are located on East Broadway near Stop & Shop and Walgreen's, and at F St & West Broadway by the South Boston Community Health Center. Speed feedback boards have also been placed by the courthouse on East Broadway, and on Dorchester St by Casper Funeral Home as well.

These installations follow meetings held in recent weeks and months by the South Boston elected officials with

representatives from BTD, the Boston Police Department, pedestrian safety advocacy groups, and community leaders regarding Vision Zero - the goal of no serious or fatal crashes in Boston. Flynn conveyed that the safety of all on our roads is a top priority for the city.

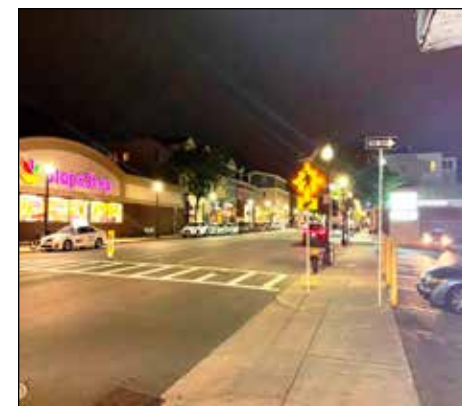
Flynn acknowledged there is much work to be done, but cited other infrastructure improvements over the past year to areas like Farragut Road & East Broadway with stop signs placed in the middle of the road, as well as a loading zone at F St & West Broadway to deter delivery trucks from double parking, as positive steps the city has taken. In addition, the list of recent installations includes:

-Rapid Flash Beacon at F & Broadway

- Rapid Flash Beacon at Stop & Shop
- LED crossing at St. Peter's and senior housing on West 4th
- Stop sign at G & 6th
- Speed Feedback Board on East Broadway at the Courthouse
- Speed feedback Board on Dorchester St at Casper's Funeral Home

"I'd like to thank our neighbors in South Boston for their feedback, and BTD for their work to improve pedestrian safety on Broadway, Dorchester St, and elsewhere with these recent installations," said Flynn. "We have a lot of work to do, and the South Boston elected officials will continue to work closely with the city on a combination of traffic calming, enforcement, and slower speeds to achieve Vision Zero."

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



The Wine Guy

The A List

Since it's beginning to get more pleasant in the Southern Hemisphere just about now, I'd like to continue to stay in that area for this week's column. Beautiful weather and wines are both beginning to take shape once again in a country that

boasts some of the world's most varied climates—from the Northern Pampas with its warm, sunny and breezy farmlands and vineyards— to the wild, but tremendous growing areas of Patagonia in the far south. The country is Argentina and today I'd like to visit several of the its top growing areas and show you the tremendous variety and quality of its wines.

Torrontes is an aromatic white wine that originated in Argentina and one which is an ideal match for spicy Asian and Indian cuisine due to its sweet floral aromas of rose petals and flavors of white peach and lemon zest. While the wine smells sweet, it's usually made in a dry style and the best Torrontés wines come from the high elevation vineyards in **Salta, Argentina. Finca El Origen, 2017 Reserva Estate Torrontés, Salta,**

(\$13.99), is a refreshing example.

This wine is fresh and clean on the nose, but not effusive. A tight palate has a grape-skin feel to it, while offering citrus flavors mixed with salad-like bitter notes, typical for this wine's style. The finish is medium; bodied and a bit chalky, but very pleasant. This one really sets off curry and basil chicken!

Bodega Atamisque wines are grown from vines that are up to 90 years old, which lay up to 1,500 feet above sea level in the

Northwest corner of Mendoza, giving them nightly mist from the Pacific. **Their Bodegas Atamisque Malbec, 2017, Tupungato, Valle de Uco, Mendoza, (\$29.99),** is outstanding. It's the first property you will see upon entering the Uco Valley from the north. Run by Loire Valley native, Jean Edward, who was instrumental in establishing

Chandon's Argentine operations in the 1970's, Atamisque is making an extraordinary range of wines from their own vineyards. This Malbec comes from 80-year-old vines growing on two separate vineyards in the Uco Valley. A nose of rich, crushed black cherries is intense, even pungent, and leads to a palate of big juicy fruit, but with surprising freshness as well; subtle, savory tones and a hint of graphite round things out. Given the wine's heft and ageing in 60% new French oak, it's no surprise that Argentinians love this one at a big "barbacoa" or BBQ.

Finca Decero, The Owl and The Dust Devil, 2015, Uco Valley, Mendoza, (\$33.99), is a single vineyard blend of 39% Cabernet Sauvignon, 32% Malbec, 19% Petit Verdot, and 10% Tanat aged 18 months in French oak (40% new). The name refers to the dust devils that keep the vineyard dry and the predatory owls that protect the vines. Aromas of iron, grilled meat, and cherry cola lead to a plush, pretty palate of fennel and red flowers with tones of raspberry and plum. Lamb, duck and Quail dishes are all substantially better with this one.

If you have a glass of Patagonian Pinot Noir and close your eyes, you'll swear you're in Burgundy. The grape flourishes in this region of Argentina and one of the most consistent producers of world-class Pinot is the Chacra winery. When Italian Piero Incisa acquired the land and founded the winery in 2004, he gained ownership of vines ranging between 50 and 80 years old. The application of biodynamic farming techniques has since produced what is widely recognized as the area's best Pinot Noir, certainly its most expensive. Bottles of the Cincuenta y Cinco (55) and Treinta y Dos (32) offerings fetch upwards of \$100 in the US market. However, **Bodega Chacra Barda Pinot Noir 2018, Patagonia, (\$24.99),** is young, but the promise shows! This wine is helped by the area's arid climate and sandy soil, both of which make strong vines and concentrated juice; strawberry, raspberry and cherry with some showing black plum and even some citrus qualities. It's relatively pale in color with soft tannins and a distinctive acidity. Salmon, Veal and even Beef Wellington for the holidays are naturals for this one.

Talk to The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com



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300 Pier 4 Blvd UNIT 3N Condo	\$2,123,750	7/2/19	4	2	2,500
1764 Columbia Rd UNIT 2 Condo	\$2,050,000	7/1/19	5	3	2,500
141 Dorchester Ave UNIT809 Condo	\$1,360,000	7/1/19	5	2.5	1,775
14 West Broadway UNIT 1002 Condo	\$1,170,000	7/3/19	5	2	1,080
45 West Third St UNIT 517 Condo	\$1,037,500	7/3/19	5	2	1,017
213 West Second St UNIT 2 Condo	\$930,000	7/1/19	5	2	1,130
1794 Columbia Rd UNIT 3 Condo	\$928,000	7/1/19	6	1.5	1,267
45 West Third St UNIT 414 Condo	\$915,000	7/1/19	4	1	959
21 Wormwood St UNIT 521 Condo	\$885,000	7/1/19	3	1	1,026
14 West Broadway UNIT 10 D Condo	\$870,000	7/5/19	4	1	1,055
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11 Linden St UNIT 2 Condo	\$750,000	7/1/19	4	2	1,133
61 Bolton St UNIT 61 Condo	\$730,000	7/1/19	6	1.5	1,015
4 City Point Court UNIT 4 Condo	\$665,000	7/3/19	4	1	1,635
12 Ticknor St UNIT 2 Condo	\$620,000	7/2/19	5	1	1,050
149 G St UNIT 3 Condo	\$575,000	7/1/19	4	1	759
358 Dorchester St UNIT 2 Condo	\$575,000	7/2/19	4	1	812
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BPDA-hosted Article 80 Public Meeting for the revised Proposed Project at 99 A Street.

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Highlights from the Annual Blessing of the Animals

In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi

On Sunday, October 6, 2019 all were welcome and many came to have their dear and lovable family pets blessed at the I Street Courtyard, near the Celtic Cross, outside Gate of Heaven Church following the 12 Noon Mass at 1PM by Father Casey, our Pastor.

This was done to Honor of St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis loved and cared for all God's people, animals and the environment. St. Francis is one of the most famous saints in Church history. St. Francis designed the Nativity Scene that we find in many churches and homes at Christmas-time today. He's so significant that the current pope—Pope Francis—chose to take his name.



South Boston Catholic Academy News

The Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis

On Friday morning, October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the children, families and friends of South Boston Catholic Academy had a chance to bring their lovable family pets to be blessed in honor of St. Francis, who had a great love and care for all God's people, animals and the environment. Father Casey, our Pastor at Gate of Heaven, St. Brigid Parishes and St. Augustine Chapel along with Father Peter DeFazio, the Pastor of St. Peter, St. Monica and St. Vincent DePaul Parishes blessed all the dog, cats, bunnies, etc... that came to be blessed.

This was followed by our school Mass at St. Brigid Church honoring St. Francis's Feast Day at which Father Peter DeFazio was the celebrated, our sixth graders and our children's choir did wonderful job participating at this Mass.

South Boston Catholic Academy (www.SBCatholicAcademy.org) is currently accepting applications

for all classes PreSchool-Grade 6. We have Before School and After School Programs available and high acceptance rate to Parochial, Private and Boston Exam Schools. Please contact: Mrs. Jamie Brown, our Vice Principal, with any questions or for a tour of the School at j.brown@sbcatholicacademy.org or phone 617-268-2326 for more information.



St. Peter Academy Blessing of the Animals and Library Visit

By: Maria Blasi

On Friday October 4th Father Peter DeFazio from the South Boston Catholic Collaborative visited the St. Peter Academy playground along with our families, friends and community members for the Blessing of the Animals. Thank you, Father Peter!

On Monday October 7th St. Peter Academy Grades, 1, 2 & 3 commenced their bimonthly visits to our local branch library. Some students received their library cards for the first time ever. Every child chose a book to borrow, it was a great learning experience. What a wonderful resource right in the heart of South Boston.

St. Peter Academy is located at 371 West Fourth Street, South Boston Grades: Toddler Program 15 months to Grade 6. Please join us for our Open House on Wednesday November 5th. 9:00 to 11:30 am. For more information about St. Peter Academy please contact the business office at spa@stpeteracademy.com or 617-268-0750



Friendship Party For Coach Willie Wilson on October 26 at Florian Hall 7 -12

By Brian P. Wallace

South Boston is a funny place to grow up in, at least it was. I was a lower ender so I could go to the L in the summer to swim but not to the rink in the winter. Kids from the City Point could also go the L but would never be caught dead joining the Boys Club, or they might wind up dead, with a few exceptions. It's funny how perceptions and mores change over time. We would fight each other over some invisible street line, but if someone from East Boston tried to beat one of us up, the whole town would join together in a common defense. Lower enders played basketball. City Point kids played hockey. Simple as that. That's just the way it was until you got to high school. Southie High was the place where I met some kids from the Point, who became my lifelong friends. If there was a fight at

the Arena at a Charlestown hockey game, I could guarantee Cliff McDonald, Billy Boyle, Tommy Gill, Eddie Mack, Guy Mirisola, Alan McDonough, and a few dozen more City Point kids would be fighting back to back with their Lower End counterparts. And nobody could beat us.

That is one of the reasons I didn't know Willie Wilson growing up. I certainly heard the name. I knew from others that the Wilson brothers, Willie and Paul, were both outstanding goaltenders. Willie was First Team All-Catholic at Columbus, and Paul was All-Scholastic at Southie High. I also saw Willie play a mean game of handball at L Street. Remember that was a no fight zone. He was one of the best in that sport too. But the thing I heard most about Willie Wilson is that he was a damn good kid, and he could sing Irish songs. That's enough for me. As we grew older, I would

see him at different events, and we became friendly. When he and Mike Medico opened M & W Hardware store on East Broadway I would drop in, and he would have a good laugh at my expense. "Now what is this?" he would ask as he held up a hammer. "It's only purpose," I would say, "is to hit City Point kids in the head." He would laugh his ass off. But Willie was good for this town, whether coaching up the rink or donating to every charity that came around or singing Irish songs in a bar. There is only one Willie Wilson. We were at an event that had an auction, and I said to Willie, "why don't you auction off one of those hammers?" You could hear him laughing three blocks away.

As I mentioned earlier, Willie donated to just about every event ever held in Southie, and now he needs our help; Willie is sick. He had part of his leg amputated, and he needs a



kidney transplant, which is no laughing matter. So we need you to come to Florian Hall on October 26th and support him and his wife Chris, his daughters Kristen and Mary, and his son Will this time. Willie told me he was going to auction off a hammer. I can't wait. There will be a lot of local entertainment, and I have a feeling there will be a lot more than we anticipated. The Linehan Brothers will play. Dru will play, and maybe some of Willie's old Irish bandmates might be good for a few songs. Please try to make it. He is a good man.

National Coffee and Conversation with a Cop Day At Starbucks

Wednesday, October 2, 2019, was **National Coffee with a Cop Day** and Boston Police Department staff stopped by Starbucks on East Broadway in South Boston. Mayor Martin Walsh, Boston Police Commissioner William Gross, members of his command staff, Captain Joe Boyle and officers assigned to District C-6, greeted customers and enjoyed a cup of coffee to get the day started.

No agenda or speeches, just a chance to ask questions, voice concerns, and get to know the officers in your neighborhood. The mission of Coffee with a Cop is to continue to break down the barriers between police officers and the citizens they serve. Over coffee, of course, in a short time, citizens and police officers get to know each other better and discover mutual goals for the communities they live in and serve.

Scores of residents, business own-

ers, elected officials and even a few commuters, joined the affable Commissioner Gross, who posed for photos along with Mayor Marty Walsh.

As a company, Starbucks, for its part, has sought to recover its image in the wake of past incidents in Arizona involving customer complaints about the police presence 'making them uncomfortable' and a Starbucks manager's unauthorized accommodation to the customers by asking the police to leave the premises. It became a national story and Starbucks has put its employees through re-training as to matters that are sensitive and involve the public perception of its place of business.

All in all, it was a very positive experience for everyone who participated. And from the Commissioner – "If you see something, say something, call 911, not 311 and thanks to everyone who came out to say hello."

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Gate of Heaven Spaghetti Winner

All are welcome

to join us for our
annual dinner in
the lower level of
Gate of Heaven
Church on
Saturday,
October 12 after
the 4PM Mass.



Coffee with a Cop continued from page 12



SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

What a great weekend for a soccer game. Mother Nature has been very cooperative so far. Couldn't ask for better weather.

REMINDERS:

PLAYERS & PARENTS:

All children **MUST** wear shin guards in order to play. It is for the child's safety, so if they **DO NOT** wear shin guards, they **CANNOT** play. Please **NO** big bows in the hair, **NO** plastic headbands and **NO** hats.

Plases keep away from the nets

when the children are playing their game. We know you want to help your child if they are in goal but most kids get distracted. No smoking near the field. Please go outside the park if you want a cigarette. Finally, remember to have fun.

COACHES:

If you have the first game of the day, please be at the field early to help set up the field. If you have the last game of the day, please put all the equipment away. Please fill out your score sheets correctly and turn them into the clubhouse (there is a box on the counter), email them to soccernana54@gmail.com or drop them off to Dianne Horne at 373 West 2nd Street by **MONDAY MORNING**.

Now on to a recap of the games:

UNDER 4 DIVISION:

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

The South Boston Today team

kept up their winning ways with Markus Grem scoring four goals. All the players turned in a stellar performance.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by: Congressman Stephen Lynch, Sullivan's at Castle Island, Massport, Police Athletic League, East Boston Savings Bank, J. F. O'Brien & Sons, Boston Home Inspectors, Councilor Ed Flynn, Lovey's League, City Councilor Michael Flaherty and The Coyne-Adams Club.

UNDER 6 DIVISION:

FIGHTING DRAGONS

Both teams played a great game, but the game ended in a 3-3 tie. The Green Machine (Fighting Dragons) sponsored by The Billy Flaherty Gang saw some outstanding goal scoring by Kaiden Jameson The swiss army knife soccer player, Max

Nieves, can do it all. And who can forget the outstanding performance by Abby "The Brick Wall" Cahill.

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Boston Firefighters Credit Union, South Boston Dental Associates, Massport, Veritac Advisors, Jim Cahill Club, Ironworkers Local 7, Stapleton Florist, Yankee Bus Line and Metro Energy.

UNDER 8 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by, Massport, Michael Perkins Post, Eileen Hennessey J & S Solutions, Southie's Own and Senator Collins Club.

UNDER 12 DIVISION:

At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Representative David Biele, Abacus Builders, Wayne Morrison Club and Massport

A Neighborly Charity Comes to South Boston

A dedicated group of South Boston residents filled with compassion for those struck with a sudden life crisis is just around the corner to help when help is needed most.

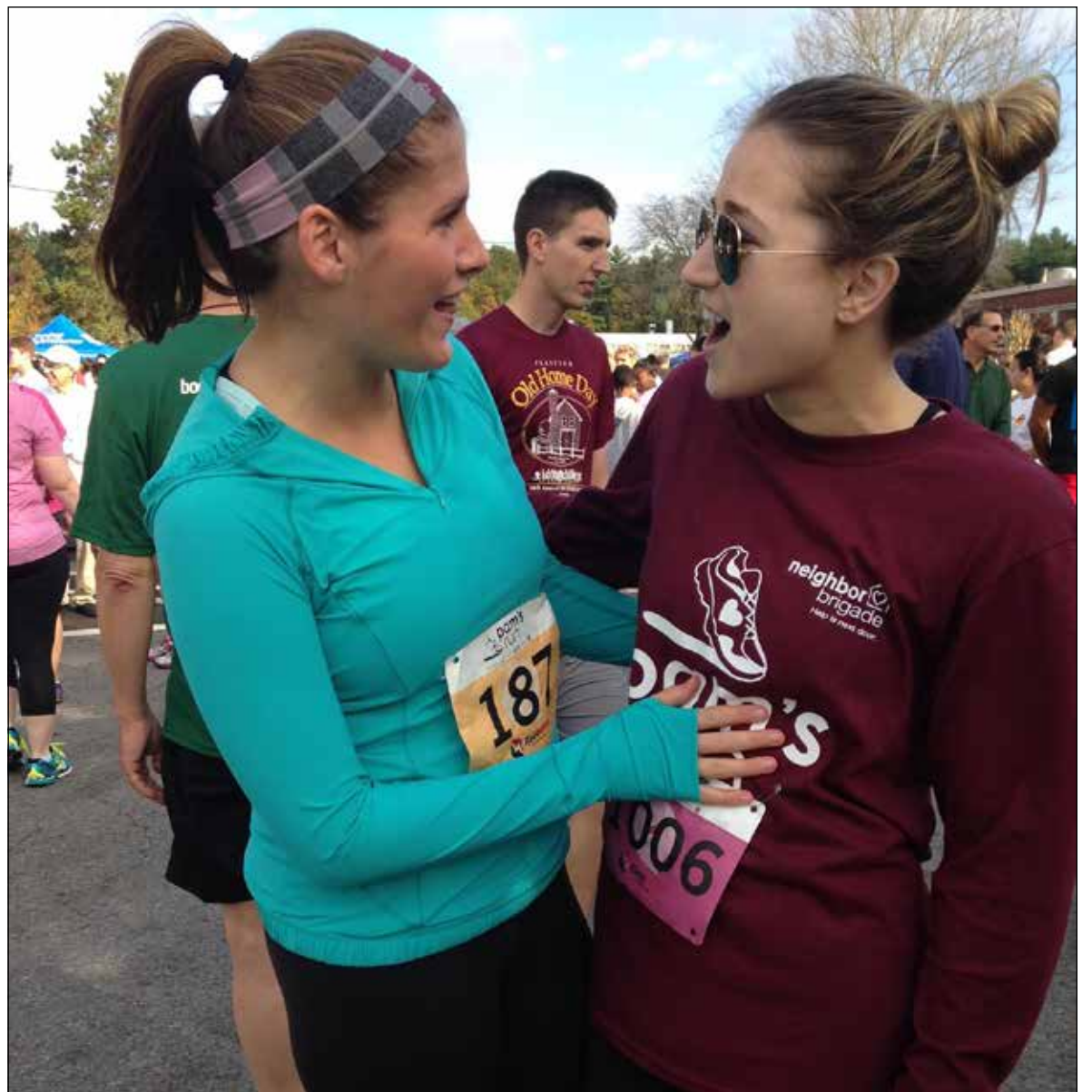
The South Boston chapter of Neighbor Brigade was founded in early 2019 by residents Kathryn Washek, and Janice Kelley. Kathryn is the daughter of the charity's late founder Pam Washek. Pam started Neighbor Brigade in 2002 when she decided to turn her pain of being diagnosed with cancer into a purpose by helping others experiencing similar distress. In 2010, Neighbor Brigade was formally incorporated as a nonprofit. Pam lost her battle with cancer in 2012 but her legacy lives on through Neighbor Brigade.

Neighbor Brigade is dedicated to helping individuals and families who have been impacted by a sudden tragedy or temporary illness. With 31 chapters

in four states and growing, the charity offers free services including home meal deliveries, rides to medical appointments and errands, light household chores, pet care and more. In 2018, Neighbor Brigade helped more than 2,500 individuals, delivered over 760 meals and completed more than 3,200 tasks during 11,492 volunteer hours.

"The driving force behind Neighbor Brigade's efforts are to help those who need it most and to continue Pam's vision of giving back to others," said Neighbor Brigade Executive Director Polly Mendoza. "We encourage people facing a sudden crisis to reach out to us for assistance. We'd also love to hear from those wishing to volunteer with their local chapter or start a chapter in a city or town where none exists."

Please visit www.neighborbrigade.org or call 855-241-HELP (855-241-4357) for more information.





This week, Danny was joined by Jeff Howe from The Athletic to talk all things Patriots:

DANNY PICARD: As the Patriots get set for a Thursday night game at home against the Giants, the news is that they've released [tight end] Ben Watson. What is the reason the Patriots have released Ben Watson? Is it that he just doesn't have it anymore, coming off of this four-game [PED] suspension, or is it because they save money in the salary cap and there's a move that they have their sights set on before the trade deadline after Week 8. What's the reason for cutting Ben Watson before activating him?

JEFF HOWE: I think the biggest reason is — you already mentioned it — they didn't think that he really had it anymore. He started to taper off in training camp before the concussion. It sounds like there are some lingering effects from the concussion as well. So, it's a really tough situation for Watson to come out of retirement, suffer a brain injury like that, deal with the suspension, come back, and then not be able to get yourself onto the field for the team that drafted you a decade-and-a-half ago. So that was really the impetus there. Saving the money is a plus, but I don't think that that was at all near the top of the list of reasons why they got rid of him.

DP: Do you envision the Patriots maybe making a move before the trade deadline? Because it's interesting, with the NFL trade deadline, year after year now, I get more interested in the NFL trade deadline. I can think back to five years ago, it wasn't like that. But now it is, we have big-name players that could be made available. It's just, you've got to give up a lot to get these guys. And so, knowing all that, and knowing the Patriots' needs, do you expect the Patriots to at least try to make some type of big splash before the trade deadline on Oct. 29?

JH: Oh they're trying, no doubt. And I would be surprised if they didn't pull something off, just because of the amount of irons they have in the fire at this point. I know they're interested in adding another wide receiver. I'm not sure if they've been as aggressive in terms of trying to find maybe a left tackle or a tight end or another piece to help the offense, but, I think they really want to add a wide receiver. We'll just see how high of a price they have to pay. If you look at a Stefon Diggs, it's going to be tough for the Vikings to even consider trading Stefon Diggs, because I think [the Vikings'] roster has a lot



of potential, outside of the quarterback. I don't think they're ever going to win anything with Kirk Cousins, but there's a lot of really good pieces in play there. So what would it take? If it's a first or a second round pick for Stefon Diggs, maybe the Patriots would bite on a two. I can't see them giving up a one. But then maybe you look at a cheaper option: Emmanuel Sanders. If you can get him for a late-round pick, I think that's an easy one to make. But again, you get what you pay for, and Sanders is on the downside of his career, and certainly wouldn't be that splash type of impact that Diggs could have.

DP: There's some breaking news that I'm reading on Twitter. Rob Gronkowski has been hired by FOX

to appear as a regular NFL analyst for FOX NFL Sunday. So, there you go.

JH: That's going to be TV gold.

DP: I don't know that that rules out a comeback. You know what I'm going to do, I'm still not ruling it out. I won't rule it out, Jeff, until the season's over and he doesn't play. That's when I'll rule it out. And even then, I might say, "Well, there's always next year."

JH: Well, hey, Jason Witten just did that exact same thing. It's certainly possible.

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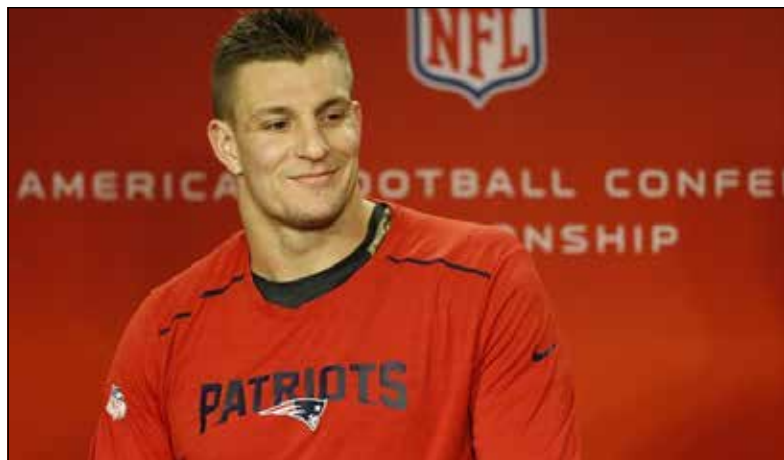
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SPORTS TODAY



Tweet of the Week



Benjamin Watson
@BenjaminSWatson

The God of victory is also God in failure. I gave my all, but it was not enough to earn a spot on the @Patriots roster. I'm beyond disappointed but even more upset for my family who has supported me with all the love a husband and father could ask for. They are my heroes. Rom 8:28

WHAT TO WATCH

NFL Week 6

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

NY Giants at New England (-16.5)
8:20 P.M. FOX/NFL Network

SUNDAY, OCT. 13

Houston at Kansas City (-5)
1 P.M. CBS

Pittsburgh at LA Chargers (-7)
8:20 P.M. NBC

MONDAY, OCT. 14

Detroit at Green Bay (-4.5)
8:15 P.M. ESPN

NHL

THURSDAY, OCT. 10

Boston at Colorado
9 P.M. NESN

SATURDAY, OCT. 12

New Jersey at Boston
7 P.M. NESN

GRONKOWSKI SIGNS DEAL WITH FOX SPORTS

SBT Staff

On the same week that the Patriots released a veteran tight end, the recently-retired Rob Gronkowski announced on Tuesday that he has signed with FOX Sports to serve as an analyst for FOX NFL Sunday.

FOX Sports confirmed initial reports of the deal by tweeting that Gronkowski will make his network debut this week on FOX's Thursday Night Football, as his former Patriots host the New York Giants at Gil-

lette Stadium.

Gronkowski sent out a statement of his own, which read, "I'm extremely excited to be joining FOX Sports. For the past 25 years, they've offered viewers top-notch NFL programming from the field to the booth to the studio. Their deep talent roster is unmatched, which was important for me as I embark on this new chapter in my life because I'll be able to learn from the best in the business."

Will this silence any and all rumors of a Gronkowski return to the Patriots this season? Maybe. However, it should be noted that, last year, veteran tight end Jason Witten retired and joined the broadcast booth as an analyst for Monday Night Football. After just one season in that analyst role, Witten unretired and returned to the NFL this season, where he's now once again playing for the Dallas Cowboys.

So, never say never.

PATRIOTS RELEASE WATSON, LEAVE DOOR OPEN FOR RETURN

SBT Staff

The New England Patriots released veteran tight end Ben Watson on Monday.

Watson was never activated to the 53-man roster after serving a four-game PED suspension. He was eligible to be activated for Sunday's Week 5 win in Washington, but he did not travel with the team to D.C.

By releasing Watson, the Patriots free up \$2 million in salary cap space, which could be used to acquire some offensive help before the Oct. 29 NFL trade deadline.

Watson, 38, suffered a concussion in the pre-season. He signed with the Patriots in May, in what was supposed to be his second stint with the team. New England drafted Watson in the first round of the 2004 Draft and spent six seasons with the Patriots to begin his NFL career.

All signs point to that second stint with the team

never really beginning, however, Bill Belichick left the door slightly ajar in a press conference held on Tuesday at Gillette Stadium, just two days before the Patriots' Thursday night game against the New York Giants.

"We like Ben, just, we don't have a roster spot for him right now," said Belichick. "So, maybe that'll change, but for the moment, that's where it is."

Entering Thursday night's game against the Giants, the 5-0 Patriots are one of just two undefeated teams in the league, along with old friend Jimmy Garoppolo and the San Francisco 49ers, who defeated the Cleveland Browns on Monday Night Football in Week 5.

The Patriots are a 16.5-point favorite over Daniel Jones and the 2-3 Giants, who are coming off a Week 5 loss to the Minnesota Vikings.

RED SOX ANNOUNCE TICKET PRICE INCREASE FOR 2020

SBT Staff

The Red Sox announced this week that ticket prices for the 2020 season will rise by an average of 1.7 percent with prices for Diamond and Tiers 1, 2, and 3 games increasing, and prices for Tiers 4 and 5 games decreasing.

The Red Sox will continue to offer special reduced pricing for students, clergy, veterans, and active duty members of the military. All-inclusive "Family 4 Pax" will again be offered

periodically throughout the season. Tickets for high school and college students will be available for all games for \$9, and the Kid Nation Program presented by Hood, a free program for those 14 and under, will continue to include a Red Sox ticket at no charge in 2020.

Going back to 2009, the club has raised prices by 1.8 percent per year on average with an annual increase of less than 3 percent in 10 of the past 12 seasons.



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