

House Of Representatives proposes Taxes To Fund MBTA



According to numerous reports, the Massachusetts House Leadership proposed a 5-cent gas tax hike on Wednesday as part of a larger bill aimed at increasing funding for transportation. The proposal would also increase fees on ride-hailing services and end the state's sales tax exemption for the purchase of vehicles by rental car companies. It would also increase the state's corporate minimum tax. The package is expected to generate between \$522 and \$612 million annually.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo said the money is needed to help pay for repairs to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority — the public transportation system in the metropolitan Boston area — as well as maintain roads and bridges in other areas of the state. "This should be no surprise," DeLeo said. "When it comes to our transportation system,

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EDITORIAL

Opening Day at Sully's is the Epic Tradition and Social Event

The majority of editorials unfortunately; more often than not, lean to the negative. But sometimes, an editorial can be about the happy and positive things that also exist in today's world. We think that the annual pre springtime opening of Sullivan's Restaurant at Castle Island fits the latter description.

Some not familiar with the event that is 'Sully's' open-

ing day; and it truly is an event if you've been to one, you know, might ask what is so big about the opening of a restaurant. It's a fair question. So let us enlighten those who may be confused. Opening day at Sully's is an end of winter tradition that brings out literally tens of thousands of people who in many cases have been hunkered down at home during the cold weather. It

attracts South Bostonians who were born and raised and still live here as well as those who over the years have moved away. Neighbors who haven't seen each other since before Christmas get to catch up in conversation. But more than South Bostonians; long time and new arrivals, it brings in people from surrounding towns and even folks from other states. It's not unusual to see TV

news helicopters hovering above getting Ariel views of the crowds that in some years can stretch for half a mile just waiting to get in the door to place their orders. It's a happy gathering where everyone seems to really be enjoying each other's company. Call it an experience.

So today's editorial is a positive one that wishes all those who make the trek to Castle Island this weekend for



opening day at Sully's a good time. Because it is just that – a good time that often turns out to be one of the biggest social events of the season. Pray for good weather and enjoy.

"People seem to be prisoners of their phones. Maybe that's why they're called CELL phones" - James Antonelli

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

On February 10, 2020, U.S. Representative Stephen Lynch (D-MA) spoke to members of The New England Council at a Congressional Roundtable Breakfast in Boston, MA. The New England Council--the nation's oldest regional business association--regularly hosts members of the New England Congressional delegation at roundtable events throughout New England.

At the February 10 event held at the Hampshire House, Congressman Lynch discussed infrastructure, the federal budget, and policy priorities and the potential impact on the New England economy with members of the New England Council.

The New England Council,

the country's oldest regional business organization, is an alliance of businesses, academic and health institutions, and public and private organizations throughout New England formed to promote economic growth and a high quality of life in the region. The Council is dedicated to identifying and supporting federal public policies and articulating the voice of its membership regionally and nationally on important issues facing New England. The NEC is also committed to working with public and private sector leaders across the region and in Washington through educational programs and forums for information exchange. For more information, please visit: www.newenglandcouncil.com.



Pictured here (from left to right) Harry Brett, Special Representative from the United Association of Plumbers and Gasfitters of New England; U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch; and Jim Brett, President and CEO, the New England Council.

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Don't Let The Hypocrisy Get To You, They're Not Worth It

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On many occasions, this space has pointed out that there are celebrities – many celebrities, that believe it's their obligation or duty to scold and lecture 'the common folk' as the rest of us are sometimes referred to, about how to live our lives. The topics of their preaching cover, but are not limited to, how to think, what to say, who to vote for, how to raise our families, what we should or should not drive and even eat and drink.

Many of them, especially during their TV award show rants, even counsel Americans on morality. Ok, I know some of you really get a kick out of that one. And judging by how some of you feel about this after hearing from you, these 'celebs' are really starting to tick a lot of you off because of the blatant condescending hypocrisy they display. Allow me to respectfully make a suggestion: Pay no attention to their soapbox preaching. We all must decide how to live our own lives and not allow a pampered group of phonies, weirdos, psychopaths and yes, even perverts influence anything we do.

As far as morality goes, it's amazing that Hollywood has the nerve to preach to us about morals. When they do, the response should be that it's nice that these film stars and directors can take time out from raping one another to tell the public how to behave. The debauchery that was uncovered over the last several years where women and even children were abused by the tinsel town power brokers, while always rumored and suspected, turned out to be true. 'Submit or no acting career for you' was said to be the norm with many. They hero-worshipped, protected and defended Harvey Weinstein for years, many knowing

full well what was going on.

Some of the same celebs and money brokers, who scold us about character, are now being hauled into courts and found guilty of bribing college administrators with cash to get their kids into those schools. Administrators have been found guilty of accepting those bribes and then there are those celebs caught paying people to take the entrance exams for their kids who couldn't pass them on their own.

And of course, we're all destroying the planet. Everyday Americans, by our lifestyles, will cause life on Earth to cease to exist in 12 years. They say this as they fly around in private jets, are driven in limos and live in huge mansions that consume more fossil fuel than the old Edison Plant on Summer Street.

Now we can't leave out the politicians. Mike Bloomberg comes to mind. He calls himself a champion of fighting Climate Change and all but insists that Americans take buses and ride bikes. At last count, it is said that Bloomberg owns 3 planes, a helicopter, 11 homes which include 3 mansions and more than 2 dozen cars including SUVs and at least one sports car. The guy eats and drinks what he wants, but tried to have large sodas and baby formula banned when he was mayor of New York. He says no Americans should own guns while he's protected 24/7 by armed bodyguards.

I'm not sure how many 'Bernie' Fans are out there and I don't much care. This is a guy who claims to hate the rich and wants their money taken from them while he is a multi-millionaire, owns 3 homes and a number of expensive vehicles. His motto should be 'riches for me, but not for thee'.

Elizabeth Warren also rails and rants about the evils of the rich and the high cost of college. She won't answer questions about her 4.5-million-dollar home in Cambridge and \$400,000 she was paid to teach one course. She prefers to keep those details quiet much like the fraudulent claims of being an American Indian she put on her resumes to get ahead. And these represent but a tiny few examples of all the rampant hypocrisy by those who actually believe that they are the 'elite' of society and

far better and more important than everyday Americans.

The point of all this is not to let them get to you. They are not worth letting them upset you and certainly not worth emulating. To once again quote comedian Ricky Gervais, one of Hollywood's own, who has had enough of their smug speeches and directly told them so in on live TV, "You are in no position to lecture the public on anything. You know nothing about the real world" Then he told them to go f – off. Nicely put I thought.

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MANNING LAUNCHES WRITE-IN CAMPAIGN FOR STATE COMMITTEE

South Boston's Dan Manning has declared his candidacy for Democratic State Committeeman for the 1st Suffolk district covering Dorchester, Mattapan, and South Boston. The seat, held over the last eight years by Senator Nick Collins, is on the ballot Tuesday, March 3rd. "It was a privilege to serve as a member of the DSC. I can think of no one more prepared and committed to fill this position than my friend, Dan Manning" said Collins.

There is no candidate on the ballot, which is why a write-in campaign is necessary to fill the seat. Manning was previously a member of the State Committee as an AFL-CIO backed Labor delegate for six years. "I proudly represented working people on the State Committee, and believe

it is important for our community to have strong representation at the DSC, which is why I humbly ask for my neighbors to write me in for this crucial position," said Manning. For the vote to count, voters must first pull a Democratic ballot write-in **DANIEL R MANNING 206 L St Boston and fill in the oval under State Committeeman.**

Manning is no stranger to service to the community nor the Democratic party; he is a regular at community benefits across the city, a consummate volunteer, and a youth sports coach. "It has been my pleasure to know Dan for over seven years; he's the person that you call from a cat stuck in a tree to a high profile issue in any community. He has my vote." - Aisha Johnson of

Mattapan. At St Monica's Church on Thanksgiving and Christmas, he, his wife Ashley, and children Ronan(12) and Keira(10) work with other volunteers to prepare and serve hundreds of meals for local seniors. For his work, Manning received the Jimmy Kelly Shamrock Award for Community Service. "In a community abound with so many willing to give of themselves, being considered worthy of such a prestigious award named for one of the greats was certainly a high point of my life," Manning said of the award. Manning has also served on the Ward 7 Democratic Committee for eight years and is elected annually to be a delegate to the Democratic State Convention.

"Please send me to the Democratic



State Committee by writing me, **DANIEL R MANNING 206 L St Boston**, in for State Committeeman on the Democratic ballot. Thank you" - Dan Manning.

It's Now Official – Christina Andrade is this year's Mayor of Southie

Well, it's now official. Christina Andrade is this year's 'Mayor of South Boston'. It was announced last Saturday at the Martin McDonough Post at a festive ceremony. Susan McDonough, who is the Commander of the McDonough Post and is also this year's St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Parade Chief Marshal and Dave Falvey, Commander of the South Boston Allied War Veteran's Council

presented Mayor Andrade with the ceremonial Mayoral Sash and 2 tickets to the upcoming Dropkick Murphy's Concert. With food being served and Irish Music playing, this event turned into an enjoyable time.

Mayor Andrade was flanked by friends, family and supporters which included her husband Adam and her father John. This event was one of the highlights of the Mayor Of South Boston fundraising drive

which annually raises money to help pay for Southie's big parade.

Christina Andrade, with help from supporters, worked hard raising funds which to date total nearly \$5,500. Among the ways she raised this money were excellent and well attended parties at Woody's L Street Tavern at L and East Eighth Street and Rosa Lyons on East Broadway. With great raffle prizes, music, food and crowds of wonderful and support-

ive people, these fundraisers were memorable occasions.

Christina Andrade – Now Mayor Andrade, deserves very special praise for stepping up and taking on the big responsibility; along with long hours and lots of energy to make this effort so successful. Mayor Andrade worked hard and put her talent and excellent organizational skills to the test and scored big for a great cause. She gets a big thumbs up from a grateful community.



Collins Votes to Address Barriers to Mental Health Care

Bill expands access to mental health care, boosts workforce, and strengthens quality of coverage

Last week, State Senator Nick Collins voted to pass the Mental Health ABC Act, comprehensive legislation aimed at reforming the mental health care system in Massachusetts. Senate Bill 2519, An Act Addressing Barriers to Care for Mental Health, serves as the first step toward developing a more integrated system of mental health care delivery to better meet the needs of individuals and families.

Massachusetts residents have historically experienced difficulty accessing mental health services due to health inequities and persistent barriers to care—leaving many without the treatment they need and deserve. According to a 2018 report by the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Massachusetts, over half of fully insured adults who sought mental health care services reported difficulty

finding services.

Senator Collins filed several amendments, including ensuring access to mental health education for all K-12 schools, and creating a commission to study workforce development in the field of mental health care. Studies have shown that access to mental health education from a young age improves outcomes for young people, reducing instability in their adult lives and positioning them for success.

“This bill reaffirms our commitment to the wellbeing and dignity of everyone in our community,” said Senator Nick Collins. “To fully address the importance of mental health education and care, we must end the stigma and break down barriers to access. Families, individuals, and workers alike will benefit from this legislation.”

The Mental Health ABC Act

seeks to increase access by removing barriers to timely quality care, providing the state with more effective tools to enforce existing mental health parity laws, and investing in the mental and behavioral health workforce pipeline. The bill is driven by the recognition that mental health is just as important as physical health for every resident of the Commonwealth—and reflects the Senate’s overall goal of improving access to mental health care for all. The Senate has prioritized efforts in the 2019–2020 legislative session to improve the delivery of mental health services in the Commonwealth in a number of ways, including

- appropriating record funding levels for mental health services in the FY20 budget
- creating and funding a \$10 million Behavioral Health Outreach,



Access and Support Trust Fund;
 • ensuring that health insurer’s provider network directories are accurate and up-to-date by eliminating so-called ‘ghost networks’

Senator Collins’ amendment to create a commission to study workforce development in this critical sector was adopted, investing in a workforce pipeline, connecting social workers, nurses, and providers to best practices and quality jobs while improving care for patients. The bill now goes to the House for consideration.

LOWELL L. RICHARDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR \$5,000



High school seniors who reside in the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop and are interested in applying for the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship must have community service experience and must submit a 1,000-word essay. To be considered, all academic and residency criteria must also be met.

Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020. For more information on the Lowell L. Richards III Memorial Scholarship, including an application checklist, please visit www.massport.com/scholarships.



THOMAS J. BUTLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR \$5,000



High school seniors who reside in South Boston and are interested in applying for the Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship must have community service experience and must submit a 1,000-word essay. To be considered, all academic and residency criteria must also be met.

Scholarship applications must be received by Massport no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2020. For more information on the Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship, including an application checklist, please visit www.massport.com/scholarships.



MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES REFORMS TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently signed an Executive Order to establish new, rigorous ethical standards for the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) and institute strong policies and procedures that will bring a significantly increased level of transparency, accountability and integrity to the ZBA. These important changes are informed, in part, by the findings of the Sullivan & Worcester report and initiate both immediate and long-term changes needed to ensure that best practices, strong internal protocols and policies are in place at the ZBA.

“The ZBA plays a critical role for our city, but to be effective in this role and maintain public confidence, the board must operate at the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, and accessibility,” said Mayor Walsh. “The changes we are making today will go further than state ethics laws that currently govern the board and its members, modernize the function of the board to make it more accessible and transparent to the public, and I will file legislation to change the membership of the board to ensure



that it is reflective of our neighborhoods and their concerns. I want to assure the residents of Boston that they can have confidence in the ZBA and that we will continue to protect what we love about our neighborhoods as we grow and evolve as a city.”

Through these reforms, Mayor Walsh is spearheading the changes necessary to strengthen public confidence in the board, improve their functions and efficiencies, and create a more understandable and transparent process. The changes will include strict standards around conflict of interest, financial and ethical disclosures for both board members and certain applicants seeking project approvals, rules governing business dealings before, during and after projects are considered and approved, enhanced ethical training for board members, as well as technological improvements to bring greater access to the board and its process for the public.

Specifically, the Executive Order

bolsters the ethics and transparency expectations of its board members by implementing new disclosure requirements, prohibiting members from participating in any project in which they have an interest and prohibiting members from having any subsequent business dealings with any project on which they voted. In addition, the order establishes new standards for board members, requiring each member to submit annual statements of financial interest and undergo comprehensive ethics training.

In addition, because changes to the Zoning Board of Appeal require state approval, Mayor Walsh continues to work with Councilor Lydia Edwards to craft a home rule petition to the Massachusetts state legislature to change the composition of the board to bring added perspective and expertise.

“It is critical that residents trust and have full and indiscriminate access to 21st century government. Today’s executive order takes critical steps

by modernizing the Zoning Board of Appeal, promoting transparency and strengthening ethical standards,” said Councilor Lydia Edwards. “As the council moves forward with legislation regarding the Board of Appeal, I look forward to continued partnership with Mayor Walsh.”

In addressing the need to modernize the functionality and efficiency of the Board, the Executive Order introduces for the first time electronic submissions in order to streamline operations, including enabling online applications and payments for permits and petitions, electronic submission of plans, email notification of hearings, deferrals and new hearing dates, online subscription list for interested residents and parties, and a search database of all pending applications and decided petitions.

As part of the Mayor’s commitment to making the ZBA more accessible to residents, the Executive Order calls for the designation of an ombudsperson to notify the public of their rights during and outside of ZBA meetings and guide residents or appellants through basic procedural steps of appeal. In addition, the Board will be required to work with the Mayor’s Office of Language and Communications Access to ensure the provision of translation services is available to residents.

The reforms announced today build on steps that Mayor Walsh took immediately after learning about the allegations of bribery that are currently under investigation, which include ordering a comprehensive, independent review of the practices and procedures of the Zoning Board of Appeal, and a separate review conducted by Attorney Brian Kelly to focus on allegations regarding a specific project.



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Democratic Meeting for Wards 6 and 7



There will be a meeting of the Democratic Ward 6 and Ward 7 Committees on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 6:00PM at the Curley Community Center, 1663 Columbia Road, South Boston.

Councilor Flynn, Sen. Collins & Rep. Biele Visit Patriot Homes

Last week, Councilor Ed Flynn, Senator Nick Collins, and Representative Biele visited Patriot Homes in South Boston to tour the site and learn more about housing and other issues facing our veterans and military families.

Patriot Homes offers affordable housing units for veterans and their families. Located on Athens Street in South Boston, it was the former site of the District 6 Police Station and was later redeveloped by South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation into Patriot Homes. Councilor Flynn, Senator Collins and Representative Biele visited the development to learn more about housing options available to veterans, as well as speak to residents and managers about any other constituent or quality of life issues that they may have.

“As a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy for nearly 25 years and Chair of the Committee on Veterans & Military Affairs, I care deeply about our veteran’s community,” said Councilor Flynn. “This visit to Patriot Homes gave me the opportunity to learn more about the development and the great work that they are doing, and also provided an opportunity to learn more about the type of housing and services that are needed for our veterans. I want to thank the staff and residents for giving us the tour, and I will continue to advocate on behalf of veterans & military families.”

“As a grateful American and a member of the Committee on Veterans & Federal Affairs, it is important to see what’s going on within our veterans community so we can find better ways to affect the challenges the face,” said Senator Collins. “What’s clear is that they are facing the same challenges as everyone else—housing, transportation, economic opportunity— but they face them with unfair burdens and disadvantages. Thank you to the resident veterans and managers of Patriot



Homes for inviting us to visit and listen. It gave me a lot to consider for the remainder of this legislative session.”

“Veterans deserve our utmost thanks, respect and appreciation,” said Representative Biele. “I was honored to join Councilor Flynn and Senator Collins in meeting with local veterans in South Boston to learn about their experiences and discuss how the city and state can work together to support our veterans.”

Donna Brown, Executive Director of the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation, said, “South Boston NDC and the Veterans at Patriot Homes appreciated their visit with our elected officials, Councilor Flynn, Senator Collins and Representative Biele. It was a great opportunity to discuss Veteran issues and concerns and the city and state resources available. We look forward to working with the elected officials to address the needs of our local Veterans.”

For more information, please contact Councilor Flynn’s office at 617-635-3203 and Ed.Flynn@Boston.gov.

DEBORAH HADDEN GRAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR \$5,000



High school seniors who reside in the City of Boston, Chelsea, Revere or Winthrop and are interested in applying for the Deborah Hadden Gray Memorial Scholarship must have community service or work experience and must submit a 1,000-word essay. To be considered, all academic and residency criteria must also be met.

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The Wine Guy Spain



From the end of the Spanish Civil War in the 1930's until his death in 1975, Francisco Franco ruled Spain with an iron hand. Though it's always been technically an "open" country, it still remains to this day Europe's "quiet country"; its wines, however, are anything but quiet. It's a large country with a number of distinctive wine-producing regions. Read on to take a look at a few of them.

The winemaking traditions of Spain's Navarra region are evolving, much to the benefit of wine lovers around the world. For decades, Navarra, near Pamplona in north-central Spain, was chiefly a source of simple rosés produced

on the hot, flat plains along the Ebro River. Now, in addition to the traditional Navarro rosé, known as Rosado, many of Navarra's winemakers are producing great, Rioja-influenced red wines from native Tempranillo and Garnacha grapes. *Artazu, (Artadi) Pasos de San Martín Navarra, 2015, (\$37.99)*, is a wine from the Navarrese village San Martín de Unx produced to show the personality of a unique Granache strain of grapes and the wine tradition rooted in this medieval village. 35-year-old vines placed on a slope at more than 900 feet above sea level, produce wines that are vibrant and fruity, with soft and fresh tannins, full of power and authenticity.

In the far Northeast of the country lies the Catalonia region, including the cities of Barcelona and Tarragon. Its wines are supple and well-structured, especially *Joan d'Anguera Planella, 2016 (\$19.99)*. The d'Anguera brothers of Montsant make a superb range of Rhône-variety reds and this spicy, medium-bodied cuvee blends 50% Carignan with 45% Syrah and 5% Grenache. The perfect red for meat-based tapas.

In Spain's north lies its best-known region, Rioja. Wines in this region enjoy long, hot, sunny days and cool breezes that come down

from the mountains at night, making grapes that create deep, rich reds with long finishes and beautiful notes of rich earth, blackcurrant and a smoky aspect that cause them to pair well with all types of meat-based dishes. *Valserrano, 2015 Crianza Rioja, (\$18.99)*, is a great example of everything that's right about these wines; fellow writer and big advocate of Spanish wines, Mike Schnacher, says, "solid berry and cherry aromas include mild but helpful spice notes. This crianza from a good vintage is smacking, fresh and true to the classic Rioja style. Flavors of plum and berry include vanilla, spice and cocoa notes prior to a long finish that's dry, peppery and strapped with acidity".

During the last ten years or so, Spain's white wines have become increasingly popular outside the country, with the most popular being the varietal called Albarino. It's been described as a cross between Chardonnay and Pinot Grigio, but the better labels are much more than that; *Adegas Tollo Douro 2017 Blanquito Albariño Rías Baixas, (\$27.00)* is a great case in point. This wine's pineapple and floral aromas are blowsy at first but settle with airing. Its smooth palate has a full texture, bracing acid-

ity and light salty apple flavors that finish with a briny note. Overall, this balances enjoyable layers with great structure for a white, capturing what can be so appealing about Albariño. *Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com*

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A Petition for S/A – Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Martin Burke of South Boston MA

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

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

February 13, 2020
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February 27, 2020

Building Character and Courage at St. Peter Academy!

By Frank Galligan,
Principal of St. Peter Academy

Our motto at St. Peter Academy is "Character and Courage". As an institution rooted in and focused upon Judeo-Christian teachings, we strive to form students with character that is continuously grounded upon morals and values. Character, or how one acts when no one is watching, can only be learned and lived through an education that fosters the necessary principles of respect, responsibility, cooperation, and self-control. From the moment a child enters our Toddler Program, to their graduation day in 6th Grade, students are taught and continuously expected to demonstrate great character.

The quality of Courage, or the strength to persevere in the face of difficulty or fear, can be found in our patron, Saint Peter, and



through the rich history of our school. Traditionally regarded to be the first Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, St. Peter demonstrated tremendous courage by leaving everything he had to follow Jesus Christ, while becoming an eventual leader of the twelve apostles. In a similar way, a coalition of community members showed great courage by defying

many odds and leading a successful effort to keep the former St. Peter School from closing in 2004. Their work and dedication formed a vital foundation that enables the mission of St. Peter Academy to thrive and advance. All of our students are called upon and supported in developing courage through their words, actions, and deeds each day.

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613 East Sixth St, UNIT 2 Condo	\$900,000	12/6/19	4	2	1,500
770 East Third St UNIT 3 Condo	\$895,000	12/17/19	4	2	1,276
141 West Second St UNIT 102 Condo	\$890,000	12/18/19	4	2	1,243
232 Old Colony Ave UNIT 305 Condo	\$875,000	12/11/19	5	2	436
225 Dorchester St UNIT 6 Condo	\$875,000	12/10/19	4	2.5	1,300
591 East Third St UNIT 6 Condo	\$875,000	12/13/19	5	2	1,194
133 Seaport Blvd UNIT1021 Condo	\$789,900	12/6/19	2	1	525
221 West Sixth St UNIT1 Condo	\$779,999	12/6/19	4	2	1,220
498 East Fourth St UNIT A Condo	\$775,000	12/23/19	6	2.5	1,283
320 West Third St UNIT 103 Condo	\$745,000	12/30/19	5	2	1,180



Public Meeting

401 Congress Street

Monday, March 16
6:00 PM

District Hall
75 Northern Avenue
Boston, MA 02210

Project Description:

Public Meeting to review the Draft Project Impact Report ("DPIR") for the Proposed Project at 401 Congress Street (on Massport Parcel A2 and the Triangle Parcel) in the South Boston Waterfront. The Proponent submitted a DPIR to the BPDA on Tuesday, February 18th, in response to the Scoping Determination issued by the BPDA on January 23rd, 2020.

mail to: **Aisling Kerr**
Boston Planning & Development Agency
One City Hall Square, 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02201
phone: 617.918.4212
email: aisling.kerr@boston.gov

Close of Comment Period:
4/3/2020

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Public Meeting

Jan Karski Way Extension Project

Thursday, March 5
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

UA Local 12 Plumbers & Gasfitters
1240 Massachusetts Avenue
Dorchester, MA. 02125

Project Proponent:
Bass Realty LLC

Project Description:

The Proposed Project consists of the demolition of the existing structures occupying an approximately 169,268 square foot site located along Boston and Enterprise Street and the construction of a mixed-use development with approximately 406 residential units, 16,910 square feet of retail space, off-street parking accommodations, new public open space, and other associated public realm improvements.

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244th Annual Evacuation Day Events

2020 Evacuation Day Committee

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 City Councilor **Ed Flynn**, Honorary Chairman
 Clerk of Courts **Michael Donovan**, Honorary Chairman
 Register of Deeds **Stephen Murphy**, Honorary Chairman

February 29th through March 17th

Jimmy Flaherty Kick-Off Breakfast

Saturday, February 29th
 State Rep. **David Biele**
 Honorary Chairman
 Seapoint Restaurant 9:30 AM
 Suggested Donation \$ 10.00

21+Bowl-A-Rama

Sunday, March 8th

City Councilor **Ed Flynn**

Cheryl Joyce, Andrea Flaherty,

Rich Devoe, Pauline Bare and Joyce Higgins

Honorary Chairpersons

South Boston Bowl 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Must be 21+ to attend-no children, please

Basketball Free-Throw Competition

Monday, March 2nd

City Councilor **Ed Flynn**

Former Mayor **Ray Flynn**

Bernie O'Donnell & Kathy Davis

Honorary Chairpersons

Tynan Community School Gym - 6:00 PM

The Swimming Competition

Tuesday, March 3rd

State Senator **Nick Collins** and **Harry Duvall**

Honorary Chairpersons

Boys and Girls Club Pool

Registration 6:00 PM, Meet 6:30PM

Tom & Eddie Butler

St. Patrick's Senior Salute

Saturday, March 7th

Mayor **Martin J. Walsh**

Councilor **Michael Flaherty &**

Thomas Butler Jr. Chairmen

Mary Walsh, Mary Collins, Kathy Flynn and Joyce

Biele, Honorary Chairwomen

Saint Peter's Lower Church Hall - 11:00 AM

Ice-O-Rama

John Cunniff Shamrock Shootout

Sunday, March 8th

State Rep. **David Biele**

City Councilor **Michael Flaherty**

City Councilor **Ed Flynn**

City Councilor **Frank Baker**

Honorary Chairmen

Murphy Rink, Day Boulevard

Events begin approx. 9:00 AM

Boxing Show

Saturday, March 14th

Register of Deeds **Stephen Murphy**

Honorary Chairman

Peter Welchs' Gym - 6:00 PM

140th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet

Friday, March 13th

BCEC 2nd Floor Ballroom

New England Boiled Dinner

Entertainment by **Curragh's Fancy**

Reception 5:30 PM-----Dinner 7:00 PM

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Indoor Track Competition

Condon School Gym

Friday March 6th - 4PM-6PM

Joe Curran and Barbara Caputo Kelly,

Honorary Chairpersons

Boys and Girls ages 8 and up

St. Patrick's Day Road Race

Sunday, March 15th

Proceeds benefit South Boston Boys & Girls Club

Pre-registration Required

617-516-5441 or hduvall@bgcb.org

Race begins at 11:00 AM at the Club

Evacuation Day Memorial Mass

Tuesday, March 17th

Fr. **Joe White**

Margaret Lynch, Honorary Chairwoman

St. Augustine's Chapel - 9:00 AM

Memorial/Historical Exercises

Tuesday, March 17th

Including

Essay & Poster Competition Winners

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Robert Allison, S.B. Historical Society

City Councilor **Edward Flynn**

City Councilor **Michael Flaherty**

State Senator **Nick Collins**

Bill Foley, Retired NPS

Honorary Chairpersons

Dorchester Heights Monument - 10:00 AM

St. Patrick's/Evacuation Day Parade

Sunday, March 15th at 1 pm

Susan McDonough - Chief Marshal

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‘Battle for Boston’

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

Brain R. Mahoney
Editor Emeritus, In Memoriam
(First Printed 2-10-2011)

Recently, while watching the History Channel series on the American Revolution, the episode of the evacuation of Boston was aired. The narrator summed up the event by intoning, “Thus the British woke up, surprised at the cannons positioned on the hill and evacuated the city without a shot being fired.”

South Boston Today, over the next 3 weeks, is proud to print the most complete and accurate account of this event ever produced. We are honored to remember and print for the first time in over 200 years, the names of the very first casualties in the history of the American Armed Forces. We are determined to do our duty and correct the historical record of Gen. Washington and the American Nations first victory. For most of its history, South Boston has always been identified as an Irish community. Growing up, I remember people jokingly calling it, “Ireland’s 33rd County”.

During most of its 200 plus year history, it has had a predominately Irish population. Those of us, who have grown up or live here, however, know that its merchants, athletes, scholars and leaders have always been drawn from every ethnicity under the sun. That same wide-ranging mix was present during the fortification of the “Heights” and is with us today.

The Battle for Boston is one of the most misunderstood and least appreciated acts of our American Revolution. Our story should probably start at the Battle of Bunker Hill in Charlestown. To paraphrase the British Commanding General Howe, “Many more victories like this and our army will be destroyed.”

The strategic importance of the Hills or Heights surrounding Boston had long been apparent before that

bloody engagement. The arrogance and contempt the British held for their “Yankee Doodle” cousins, however, caused the British to underestimate the necessity of the prompt securing and fortifying of these Hills and Heights. Even after the Battle, South Boston (Dorchester Neck), was primarily grazing land for cattle and was sparsely populated by approximately 12 families.

Though they still didn’t occupy, the British became more aggressive and warlike toward the small South Boston population. A series of raids by the British over the next 8 months led to the capture of at least six rebel soldiers and the burning of houses and barns. Among the properties burned was the Wiswell Estate near “Bush Tree Hill (M Street Park), the Jones Estate at K and First Streets and Blake Estates near Farragut Road and the Foster property between F and D Streets. Combined with harassing fire from British held Castle William (Castle Island), South Boston was soon evacuated and left empty by the people. If it had remained that way, it is conceivable that our National Anthem today would be “God Save the Queen”.

Fate and destiny, however, had other plans for South Boston and America, Destiny’s Child in this tale was a Boston bookseller named Henry Knox. Knox, friend and advisor to General Washington, was commissioned a Colonel of Artillery in November of 1775. At the same time, the “Green Mountain Boys,” commanded by Ethan Allen, (and accompanied by a Massachusetts Colonel named Benedict Arnold) captured Fort Ticonderoga and its cannon. Located in Upstate New York, Ticonderoga is an Indian name meaning, “Between Two Lakes”. It is situated between Lake George and Lake Champlain up by the Canadian border. Washington needed its cannon for his plan and this was Knox’s mission. A mis-



sion, in the dead of winter, Knox was determined to accomplish.

So began one of the epic journeys in military history. With snow, sleet and howling winds, from Lake Champlain, over the Allegheny and Berkshire Mountains, through Great Barrington and Western Massachusetts, Col. Knox was able to transport these cannon, by oxen, through the roadless wilderness. Knox later wrote that the cannons had to be dragged up and over, “Mountains from which we might have seen all the kingdoms of the Earth.” Imagine driving those oxen through the icy wilderness wearing those heavy, soggy, frozen, woolen, revolutionary uniforms. 1775 was one of the coldest up to that time.

Toward the end of January 1776, Colonel Henry Knox was able to write to General Washington from Framingham that, “A noble train of artillery,” consisting of 59 pieces was ready to be turned over to the American Army at Cambridge. In late February, some 35 cannon were brought from Cambridge to Roxbury. Then, when March began, the cannon were brought from Roxbury to the area we now call Andrew Square.

Today, South Boston rises towards the middle and eastern end with large tracts of flat land on north and south coasts on the West End. Back then, the ocean on the south came up to almost Eighth Street. Moakley Park did not exist. It was water. On the north “A” Street met the Ft. Point Channel and the ocean came

almost up to Second Street. Farragut Road was the shore between the ocean and Castle Island. The land itself had steep rises and deep gullies and had five points prominent above all others.

The first point is what we know today as the Dorchester Heights. Then it was actually two high points called the “Twin Hills”. Just behind Perkins Square, a long, sloping, rocky hill began its climb, reaching its high point around Dorchester Street and Emerson Street. This hill reached as far as the City parking lot on West Broadway and it was known as “Leek’s Hill”. M Street Park, before it was flattened, was known as “Bush Tree Hill” and towered over the Harbor looking directly toward the British warships anchorage. At the extreme easternmost point, the land rose to about 40 feet above the ocean at what today is Farragut & Broadway. At that time, it was called “Dorchester Point”. Finally, all the way to the west at what is now “B” & West 3rd Street stood a hill probably topping at 125 feet known alternately as “Foster’s Hill” or “Nook Hill”.

These five hills or heights were the reason and the final destination of Knox’s miraculous journey. The difficulties of this journey are wonderfully depicted in the oil paintings adorning the walls of the former South Boston Savings Bank, now Bank of America. Stop in the bank and check them out.

Part II will appear next week. Take care till next week.

Thomas E. Smith Honored With John ‘Doc’ Tynan Profile in Courage Award

South Boston Citizens’ Association President Tom McGrath has announced the Association’s 2020 recipient of the John “Doc” Tynan Profile in Courage Award. The award is named for the late, legendary South Boston resident “Doc” Tynan and is intended to recognize dedication and courage in the face of over-whelming odds.

“Whether he was flying missions over Germany as a fighter pilot during World War II, fighting for his community during his tenure in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, advocating for rights and opportunities for veterans and immigrants, or leading fundraising efforts for various South Boston charities, Doc Tynan always displayed a steady and quiet courage that should serve as a model for others,” said McGrath. “We could think of no more fitting son of South Boston in whose name we would present the Association’s Profile in Courage Award.”

Thomas Smith is the first person in medical history to not only sustain three separate paralyzing injuries but also recover. A standout hockey player who attended the

Pingree School in South Hamilton, MA, Thomas signed a Junior A hockey contract to further pursue his dreams of playing collegiate hockey. However, two months into his first season, his career took an unexpected turn and the events forever changed his life. Over the course of seventeen months, Thomas sustained three separate paralyzing injuries.

After his third accident on January 11, 2010, Thomas had to redefine his purpose. In May 2010, he co-founded The Thomas E. Smith Foundation, a 501(c)(3) volunteer organization that has donated \$430,000+ to individuals suffering from paralysis as well as medical research. Since founding The Foundation, Thomas has been on the forefront in leading the charge for athletes with physical disabilities, received patents in both the United States and Canada for his invention The Look-Up Line (ice hockey’s warning track), become the first person who has been paralyzed to successfully cycle the eastern part of the United States (2,109 miles from Boston, MA to Miami, FL) and become the first person in the history of the Boston Marathon,



who has been paralyzed multiple times, to complete the event without the use of a wheelchair. (completed in 2018 and 2019) In April 2020, he will attempt to repeat history for the third time while raising money for those with paralysis.

This award along with the Shamrock, and Hon. John “Joe” Moakley awards will be presented at the Association’s 140th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet, to be held on Friday evening, March 13th, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition

Center. A host of special invited Dignitaries are expected to attend this year’s banquet. Curragh’s Fancy will provide the entertainment. McGrath cautioned that tickets are sure to be purchased at a good pace, with so many of South Boston’s most valued community leaders receiving awards. I urge those that are planning to attend to act fast. Table of Ten is \$500.00 or Individuals at 50.00. For information on tickets call Tom McGrath at 1-857-204-5825.

Taxes continued from front page

revenue can’t wait.” DeLeo pointed to a range of recent transportation woes in the state, from subway train derailments to rising commute times to crumbling bridges.

Besides increasing the state gas tax from 24 cents to 29 cents per gallon, the bill would tack on an additional 4 cents on diesel fuel — also currently taxed by the state at 24 cents per gallon — resulting in a 9-cent tax increase on diesel fuel. The gas tax hike is expected to bring in an extra \$150 to \$175 million annually, while the diesel tax increase would bring in an extra \$32 million.

The bill would also hike fees on ride-hailing services like Uber and Lyft. The

fee on non-shared rides would increase from 20 cents per ride to \$1.20 per ride. The fees for luxury rides would jump by \$1 per ride to \$2.20. The fees for shared rides would remain at 20 cents. The increased fees are expected to bring in up to \$145 million more annually. The bill would retain a provision that the companies can’t pass the fee hike on to customers.

The move to end the sales tax exemption currently enjoyed by car rental companies for their vehicle purchases could bring in another \$110 million, according to House leaders. The bill would also revamp the state’s tiered system of corporate fees based on annual sales in Massachusetts, with no change for companies with fewer

than \$1 million in sales to a maximum annual fee of \$150,000 for companies with annual sales of \$1 billion or more. The bill is expected to come up for a vote next week. A goal of the bill is to build up the state’s transportation fund and borrow against it for future transportation needs.

Republican Gov. Charlie Baker has been cool to new taxes but has also pushed a regional, multistate pact that would tackle transportation emissions while also increasing the price of gas from 5 cents to 17 cents per gallon. House leaders said if the plan is ultimately adopted, the 5-cent gas tax in their bill would account for the first 5-cent increase as part of the pact instead of being

an additional tax burden. The bill would also create a commission of experts to study congestion pricing and tolling systems designed to change commuter behavior.

The funding generated from the bill would, in part, help the state maintain its statutory annual transfer of about \$160 million to the MBTA. Money would also go to regional transit authorities and rural transit assistance. Democratic Rep. Ronald Mariano, a member of DeLeo’s leadership team, said the bill is only a start, given the state’s daunting transportation needs. “This is just the beginning,” Mariano said. “We understand that there is more work to be done and more revenue to be generated.”

50th Anniversary Of The Vietnam War *Commemorating The Veterans*

Last Saturday, the City of Boston's Office of Veterans' Services and the Martin J. McDonough Post held a special Vietnam Veterans Recognition Ceremony. The ceremony recognized the Vietnam Veterans at Patriot Homes and included a brief speaking program. Com-

mander Susan McDonough led off the program with the Pledge Of Allegiance and then Brian Bishop spoke and thanked the Veterans for their service and welcomed them home. In attendance was City Councilor Ed Flynn and State Rep. David Biele.

South Boston has a long his-

tory of recognizing local veterans. As the home of the first Vietnam War Memorial in the country, we have always honored those who have served. This was a perfect time, as 50 years has transpired and many veterans, deceased and living, continue to deserve our grateful appreciation for their service, call to duty and willingness to sacrifice a huge chunk

of their lives in doing so. The Veterans received a book Vietnam War 50th Commemoration, A Time To Honor. It's a the story of service, duty and sacrifice. Veteran and Evacuation Day parade organizer, Brian Bishop, represented the City of Boston. Paul J. Morgan, Veteran, Chief of Staff for the Department of Veterans' Services, Commonwealth of Massachusetts pinned each Veteran welcoming them with a strong handshake and a thank you.



Stephen Greig, U.S. Army 71-74



Michael McKler, U.S. Army 72-76



Michael Joyce, U.S. Army 73-76



Edmund Powers, U.S. Marine Corps 66-70



William Thomas, USAF 69-71



Noel McAuliffe, U.S. Army 66-68



Billy O'Brien, U.S. Army 69-75



Al Roche, U.S. Navy 57-63



South Boston Mom Erica brought her son Lincoln to say Thank you to the Vets. Patriotism and appreciation in another generation, that's what we do.

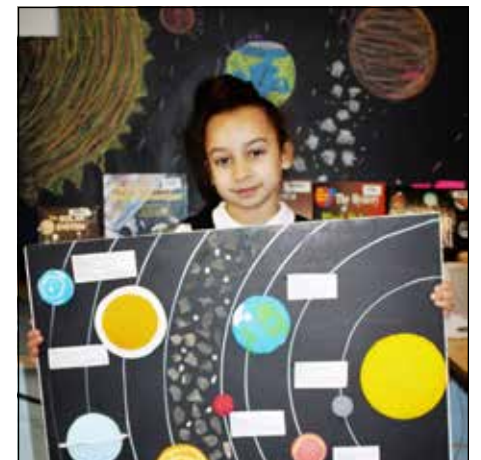
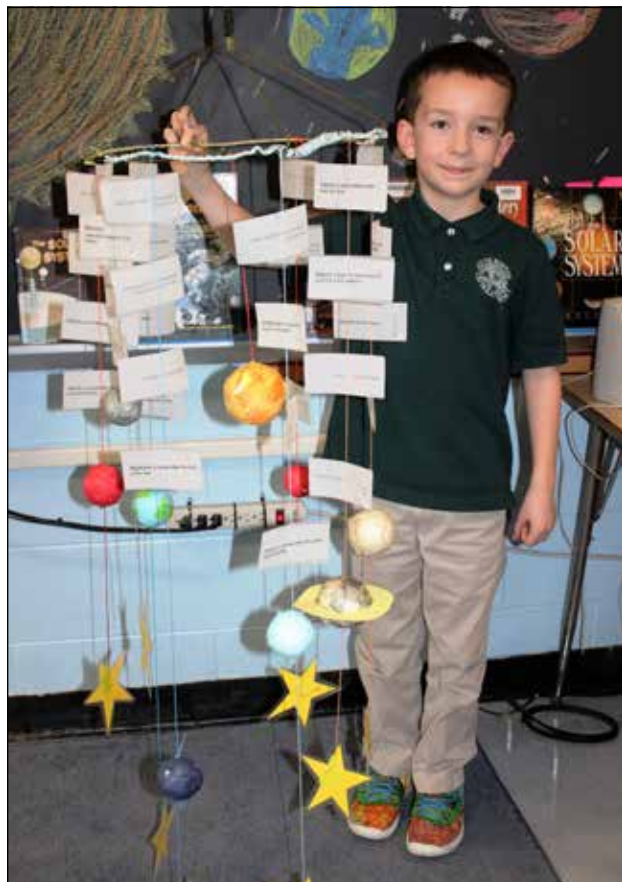
South Boston Catholic Academy News

2nd Grade News

Ms. Overmyer's 2nd grade class has been learning about Outer Space and Our Galaxy in their Science unit. The class created mobiles of our Solar System to display their research of the sun and eight planets. The 2nd Grade particularly likes learning about Saturn, NASA Astronauts, and black holes. Who knows...maybe some

of our 2nd Grade students might be future Astronauts! Fantastic job with your mobiles of Our Solar System 2nd Grade!

South Boston Catholic Academy (www.SBCatholicAcademy.org) is currently accepting applications for all classes PreSchool (2.9) to Grade 6. We have Before School and After School Programs available and high acceptance rate to Parochial, Private, and Boston Exam Schools.



In Memoriam and with Gratitude

James "Jim" Fowkes
Religious Education Director
St. Brigid and
Gate of Heaven Parishes

We give thanks to Jim Fowkes for his many years of service to our Parishes as our Director of Religious Education. Jim died on the Feast Day of St. Brigid, February 1, 2020. He was dedicated to the Parish and was always willing to help in any way! May God Grant Jim Eternal Rest! Amen.





Confidence is a funny thing. It can sometimes feel like a super power. Just ask Jayson Tatum.

Tatum is playing like the most confident player in the NBA right now. He played in his first All Star Game two weeks ago. It certainly won't be his last.

The kid is just 21 years old, and right now, he's playing at an elite level, averaging 23 points per game on the season, and averaging 30 points per game in his last 10 games.

Stud. Or should I say, "King."

That's exactly what LeBron James called him in an Instagram post this week after the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Boston Celtics, 114-112, on Sunday afternoon in LA. Tatum scored 41 points in 37 minutes in the loss. It was enough to draw the attention of the league's current King, King James.

LeBron posted a photo of him and Tatum sitting on the scorer's table, waiting to check into the game at the same time. The caption said, "That boi to the left of me is an ABSOLUTE PROBLEM!! Keep going #YoungKing."

Tatum has now been officially crowned the "Young King" whether he likes it or not. I love it. And I'm sure he does too.

Hate on LeBron all you want — and you will — but he's one of the greatest to ever do it, and praise of that magnitude from him is quite the honor. The All Star nod was certainly a confidence-booster. But to have LeBron call you a "problem" and the "Young King"? That'll send your confidence through the roof.

Right now, Tatum is playing like that's the case. Nobody's ever questioned his talent or potential to become this type of player. He was the No. 3 overall pick in 2017 for a reason. But at some point this season, and really over the last month, Tatum flipped a switch and took his game to a whole new level.

In a way, it can't be described in words. It just jumps off the screen. If you watch, you see it. And that "it" is his confidence.

Tatum has the skill set to be one of the league's elite players. And it seems that, right now, he knows it.

All hail the Young King. - **So the Bruins made** two trades before the trade deadline this week, adding forwards Ondrej Kase and Nick Ritchie. Both players are 24 years old and are signed through next season at an affordable cap hit.

But was it enough?

The Bruins still have a long road to get back to the Stanley Cup Final, a place where they lost to the St. Louis Blues last year in a heartbreaking, soulless Game 7 at the TD Garden. When you look at the Bruins' core, it's not getting any younger, so the time to strike is now, especially while having the most points in the NHL with 90.

This would certainly be the time for the Bruins to "go for it," as they like to say in the business. Going for it would entail giving up a first-round pick in a trade at the trade deadline. But no offense to Kase or Ritchie, I was expecting a better return for that 2020 first-round pick that the Bruins ended up sending to the Anaheim Ducks.

Part of the reason for giving up a first rounder was to get

Anaheim to eat the rest of David Backes' contract, which runs through next season at a \$6 million cap hit. Ok, fine. But what about for the rest of this season? Will the additions of Kase and Ritchie really be enough to put the Bruins over the top?

I'm hesitant to say "no" to that question because of what happened in 2011. The Bruins got a boost from acquired forwards like Chris Kelly and Rich Peverley that I never thought they would, after trading for Kelly and Peverley at the 2011 trade deadline. The B's also acquired veteran defenseman Tomas Kaberle at that deadline, but it was the lesser name players like Kelly and Peverley who made a larger impact on Boston's championship run.

Can Kase and Ritchie be the Kelly and Peverley of 2020? We're going to find out.

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SPORTS TODAY

BRUINS ACQUIRE KASE, RITCHIE AT TRADE DEADLINE

SBT Staff

The Boston Bruins made two additions to the roster before Monday's NHL Trade Deadline, acquiring wingers Ondrej Kase and Nick Ritchie from the Anaheim Ducks in two separate deals.

The first trade was made last Friday, as the B's sent their 2020 first-round pick, David Backes, and a prospect to the Ducks in exchange for Kase.

Then, on Monday, the day of the trade deadline, Boston sent winger Danton Heinen to Anaheim in exchange for Ritchie.

So, overall, it's Kase and Ritchie to the Bruins, in exchange for a 2020 first-round pick, Backes, Heinen, and a prospect. The idea of a first-round pick going to the Ducks for that return might seem a little too high, however, it should be noted that the Bruins had to give up a little extra in order to get someone to take on the rest of Backes' contract, which runs through next season at a \$6 million cap hit.

Ondrej, 24, was drafted by Anaheim in the seventh round of the 2014 NHL Entry Draft. He had 23 points on seven goals and 16 assists in 49 games with the Ducks

this season, before the trade. He is signed through next season at a \$2.6 million cap hit.

Ritchie, 24, was the 10th overall pick in the 2014 Draft. He had 19 points on eight goals and 11 assists in 41 games with the Ducks this season, before the trade. He is also signed through next season, but at a \$1.5 million cap hit. And he is the younger brother of Brett Ritchie, who played 27 games with Boston this season, before clearing waivers last month and then being sent down to the Bruins' AHL minor-league affiliate in Providence.



WHAT TO WATCH

MLB SATURDAY, FEB. 29
Spring Training
NY Yankees vs Boston
1:05 P.M. NESN+

SUNDAY, MARCH 1
Atlanta vs Boston
1:05 P.M. NESN

NBA SATURDAY, FEB. 29
Houston at Boston
8:30 P.M. ABC

NHL SATURDAY, FEB. 29
Boston at NY Islanders
1 P.M. NESN

PGA THURS, FEB. 27 - SUN, MARCH 1
The Honda Classic
1 P.M. GOLFC/NBC

BRADY POSTS EMOTIONAL KOBE BRYANT MESSAGE

SBT Staff

Tom Brady posted a letter to social media on Tuesday, expressing his continued sorrow after the tragic death of Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna in helicopter crash in January.

Brady's emotional message came a day after Monday's public memorial service held for Kobe and Gianna at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

"I have been deeply affected by the passing of Kobe, Gigi, and the others in that tragic flight weeks ago," Brady wrote in the post. "Since then, I've witnessed the well deserved outpouring of love and support for the families that had so much left to give, and it's helped me reflect and gain perspective. I know that love, peace and joy will always endure. And in this tragedy, I have learned so much. Why has this touched me in the way that it did? Why has it kept me up at night, and brought me so many tears?"

"In Kobe, we were able to witness the man in the arena. For many of us, sports show what we are made of, they define our personalities and emotions. We cannot hide from the good or the bad, from the wins or the losses... the

joy and despair, the happiness and the pain. What you see is what it is, we aren't actors. We have found a real life stage where we become vulnerable to the world and are judged based on the outcome of each performance. And we care deeply about what we do."

Brady continued to speak in amazement of Bryant's ability to connect with people off the court, especially after retiring from basketball. He even referred to Bryant as a "real life superhero our world needs."

"That's what we will all miss," Brady wrote. "That's why we hurt. Because we know that he was always fighting against the norm. He was doing more than his share. Now who is going to do the work that is still here to be done? Who is going to fight and break the norms with love and joy and inspiration? Who is going to discard fear, and doubt, and hate? Who is going to carry the load and be the superhero that he was? The answer is simple to me, ALL OF US. Decide to make the change in yourself. If there is anything I have learned and been inspired by through this tragic event, it is this, SEIZE THE DAY. That's what Kobe always did, and that's what he wanted for us too."



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