

Great Turnout for the Annual Jimmy Flaherty Kick-Off Breakfast

Staff Report

Last Saturday morning, February 29 was the Annual St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Jimmy Flaherty Kick Off Breakfast held at the Seapoint Restaurant in South Boston. It began at 10am and not only did

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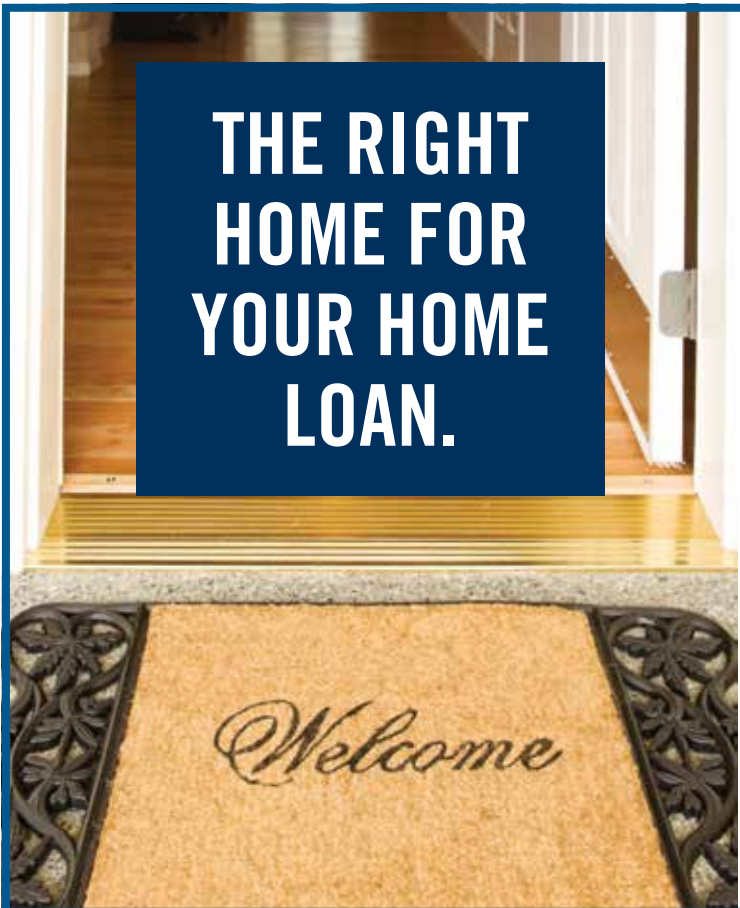
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EDITORIAL

When Voters Say No, What Is It That Some At The State House Hear?

When tens of thousands of voters in Massachusetts sign petitions in opposition to any new tax hikes on the price of gasoline and then, by the hundreds of thousands, go to the polls and cast votes opposing these hikes, we wonder what is it exactly that some Massachusetts politicians hear?

Do they interpret this opposition by the people to mean they want no gas tax

hikes, but we know you will hike the taxes anyway so we won't hold you accountable come next election? Or, maybe they hear voters say that even though we put you in office with our votes and pay your salaries with our tax dollars and technically you work for us, ignore our wishes and do whatever the hell you want? By the way many at the state house act, maybe it's both.

Speaker of the House Robert

DeLeo thinks gas tax hikes are a good idea to float an MBTA that continues to need more money no matter how much is funneled its way. Heaven forbid streamlining the 'T' and cutting some of the waste. And then we have Democrat State Representative Ron Mariano saying that these gas tax hikes will of course be just the beginning. Tacking on an additional 5 cents per gallon might be nothing to elected officials who

get to travel in state vehicles with fuel paid for by the taxpayers, but to working people, it adds up quickly. Oh, and if you are a trucker, they intend to raise the price of diesel fuel and extra nine cents per gallon.

And then of course there is our RINO Governor Charlie Baker. The guy who campaigned on no new taxes is working to get the Bay State into an emission-lowering plan to appease the climate change



radicals, which is projected to raise the price of a gallon of gas another 17 cents per gallon. Apparently when voters say 'NO', elected officials take that to mean just do anyway like dictators in 3rd world banana republic's do.

"As a child, my family's menu consisted of two choices – take it or leave it" - Buddy Hackett



City Councilor Ed Flynn and Robert Santiago, Commissioner of Boston's Veterans Services, with the JROTC students from Excel High School at the 4th Annual African American Veterans Brunch on Saturday, February 29th.

"We are proud of these students and their hard work, leadership, and commitment," said Councilor Flynn.

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Early Voting at the Condon Actually Went Quite Well

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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

Since I had to be out of town for Presidential Primary Day, or Super Tuesday as it's also called, like many of our readers, I took advantage of early voting and went to the Condon School last week to cast my ballot. The election and poll workers at the Condon that day could not have been more friendly, professional and helpful to everyone who came in to vote and it seemed to be a pretty steady crowd. The only problem that I and so many others that I spoke with had was that photo identification was not required. This was not the fault of election workers, since they aren't the ones who make this policy. It is the policy of the State of Massachusetts not to require an ID to vote. It's been stated many times that the only reason to oppose voter ID laws is because there are those who want to cheat. When an election cannot be won fairly, tapping into people, who are here illegally and, yes, even people who permanently reside in cemeteries, are options in some locations. And as many places around the country have discovered, it really is happening. Opposition to voter ID laws has absolutely nothing at all to do with voter suppression and most thinking Americans know it. It has everything to do with the intent to commit voter fraud.

Speaking of the upcoming Presidential election season, the number of those candidates trying to unseat the current President keeps getting smaller. Three more dropped out just in the last week. After the disgraceful debate performance

in South Carolina; where you had seven candidates literally screaming at and over each other, they should be hanging their heads in shame. I just want to make note, that each and every one of the Democrat candidates, who have dropped out going all the way back to the infantile Beto O'Rourke right up to the latest 3, had promised, as part of their platform, to take the guns away from law abiding gun owners as well as take on the NRA. To quote NRA spokesman Wayne Lapierre: "How is that working out for them?"

After hearing the other positions these candidates are taking, even many Democrat voters are shaking their heads in disbelief and asking how can anyone vote for any of them? From abortions even after the baby is taken from the womb, to open borders, giving free healthcare to illegal immigrants, jacking taxes up through the roof, wiping out the entire coal and other industries and so many more bizarre goals, it's like watching a horror movie or an episode of a Monty Python rerun. Elizabeth Warren is even promising to put an end to new home construction. Is there anything that woman won't say to appeal to her kooky followers?

There are many Bernie Sanders supporters, like true Socialists, demanding to have everything you have except of course your jobs. Lazy is as lazy does. Bloomberg is so condescending and arrogant that he would make Napoleon proud. And Joe Biden, well, I kind of feel sorry for him. He doesn't even know what state he's in half the time.

And still, during every debate so far, not one American flag is displayed. And to hear these people bash this country as they are doing, is anyone really surprised that flags are not allowed on the stage? They might upset their followers. Seriously, is this the best they've got? It's embarrassing to watch. As some Trump supporters might say, maybe the President isn't perfect, but the other side is insane.

To those who were wondering how the progress on the south-

ern border wall is coming along, the news is that it is accelerating and going very well. It's being constructed from both directions and the pace has climbed to 5 additional miles being added per week with no let up. The data released is that illegal border crossing attempts are now down by 80%. The question being asked now is with successful illegal crossings slowed to a trickle instead of the flood that was coming in, where will Nancy Pelosi get her new voters from?

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South Boston Citizens' Association Upcoming Athletic Events



South Boston Citizens' Association, President Tom McGrath is pleased to announce that through the generous sponsorships of Comcast, Mass Bay Credit Union, South Boston Bowl, Peter Welch's Gym, the DCR and the City of Boston, it will once again host the athletic events throughout the community over the next two weeks.

On Friday March 6th at 4PM, we head on down to the Condon Community Center, where there will be the new Indoor Track Competition Event hosted by Barbara Caputo-Kelly and the Condon Community Center.

The ever so famous Ice-O-Rama competition will be held on Sunday March 8th at 8AM at the Murphy Rink. Boys and Girls will compete for the Speed Skating Championship and Puck shooting Title - Ages 5-14. And finally who will be crowned Miss Ice-O-Rama.

Reminder: ALL hockey events require a HOCKEY HELMET with CAGE and Hockey GLOVES.

Sunday, March 8th the 21+ Event will be held at South Boston Bowl. Refreshments will be served. Prizes to Male and Female Hi Single and High Triple. Bowling starts at NOON.

On Saturday Night March 14th, it is the Annual Boxing Show which will be held at Peter Welch's Gym, 371 Dorchester Ave. Doors open at 6PM. Dan Long, Peter Welch and Mike Larkin promise a fun-filled night with several bouts planned. Come and support the athletes as they have prepared for this night all winter. Free admission.

Lastly, don't forget to get those poster and essays in on time!!!! MARCH 6th DEADLINE Thanks!

See You Around the Town –
Tom McGrath

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU04P0885VA1
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Estate of: **Martin J. Burke**
Date of Death: 02/17/1999
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

A Petition for S/A – Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Martina 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/19/2020.

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A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court.
February 13, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
March 05, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU20P0358EA
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Estate of: Virginia Claire McManus
Date of Death: 03/15/2017
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Joseph R. Lafferty of Dorchester MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Joseph R. Lafferty of Dorchester MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn,
First Justice of this Court.
February 26, 2020
Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate
March 05, 2020

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU20P0378EA
Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
Estate of: Robert M. Wallace
Date of Death: 12/17/18
Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street
Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300
To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Karen M. Wallace of Uxbridge MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: **Karen M. Wallace of Uxbridge MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

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All Are Welcome to the Gate of Heaven 4th Annual Irish Breakfast



This coming Sunday morning, March 8, 2020



after the 9AM Mass

Hosted by Gate of Heaven Coffee and Conversation and sponsored by Gate of Heaven Parishioner, Senator Nick Collins.

All are invited! **Looking forward to seeing old and new friends.**

Senator Nick Collins to Host 2020 St. Patrick's Day Breakfast

Annual event returning to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Sunday March 15th

Sunday March 15th, State Senator Nick Collins will take the stage as the host of the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast, a storied Boston tradition. His second year as the host, Senator Collins plans to have a mix of traditional songs, guests, and themes, combined with some fresh material.

In addition to the usual guests,

Senator Collins expects to draw Senator Ed Markey and Congressman Joe Kennedy, who are in the midst of a competitive election for the United States Senate.

"I am really excited to once again host this great event," said Senator Nick Collins. "It is an honor to welcome people to my district, and share some of the



traditions that make my hometown of Southie such a great place. I'm looking forward to another fun year full of song,

dance, and good humor."

Having taken many forms since it became a Boston tradition in the 1930's, this year's breakfast will be held at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. Previous venues have included the Flynn Cruiseport, which is under renovation this year, the Ironworkers Local 7 Union Hall, Dorgan's, and the German Club. The event begins at 9am, and the St. Patrick's Day Parade will kick off at 1pm.

Opening Day at Sullivan's. The Festive Tradition Continues

Staff Report

The much-anticipated annual event that is Opening Day at Sullivan's at Castle Island went off without a hitch as expected. The weather was cold and blustery this year, with off and on cloud cover, but that did not deter the faithful who look forward to showing up to this unique social gathering and feast.

The lines were out the door as people with cash and cards in hand, waited patiently to place their orders and indulge in some of the tastiest food that can be found anywhere. But lines out the door don't mean the wait is long, the excellent staff behind the counter and in the kitchen keeps everything moving along fast and smooth.

Sully's food is famous for its taste that is different from pretty much what you can get anywhere else. Popular items like the well known 'snapper dogs' (hot dogs) burgers, fries, chowders and soups taste amazing. And who can resist the onion rings which are always sure to please. Items like lobster rolls, fish and chicken and other beach type cuisine are also among the much sought after. There are the smoothies, the salads and the ice cream desserts that are always a favorite with the kids and is what brings in the crowds from February to November, but especially on opening day.

Murphy's Jewelry owner Billy Corsetta and the family were on hand to partake in the fun and good food. State Rep David Biele and his lady friend Rose Marie also joined



in on the fun. Longtime locals and new arrivals to South Boston combined to be there and mixed right in with the throngs who come in from surrounding cities, towns and even other states to be part of the wonderful experience that Opening Day at Sully's always is. And Opening Day, 2020 proved once again that this is a tradition that will probably go on forever. And that's a good thing.



MAYOR WALSH NAMES KATHRYN R. BURTON AS CHIEF OF STAFF



Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced that he has appointed Kathryn R. Burton as his Chief of Staff, effective March 9. “Kathryn brings a wealth of public policy experience to the City of Boston, and I am proud to appoint her as my Chief of Staff,” said Mayor Walsh. “From her wide ranging background across sectors, it is clear that she is someone who is smart and driven, and who has a keen sensibility of the opportunities and challenges we face as a city. Her commitment to common sense solutions will be a valuable asset as we work together to carry out our wide-ranging and progressive agenda of bold initiatives to move Boston forward.”

As laid out in the Mayor’s State of

the City address delivered in January, “together we’ve made Boston the safest, healthiest, most dynamic, productive and inclusive it’s ever been... We are number one in the country for subsidized, affordable housing. We are number one for access to open space. We are ranked number one most energy efficient, climate-friendly city in the United States of America... It’s an exciting time for Boston, but there’s a lot of work still to be done.”

As Chief of Staff for Mayor Walsh, Burton will focus on accelerating the implementation of the Mayor’s priorities, ensuring the effectiveness

of city services, and supporting over 18,000 employees in doing their jobs at the City of Boston. Burton previously served as Chief of Staff for then-Massachusetts Treasurer Steven Grossman.

“I am honored and humbled by this appointment, and I thank Mayor Walsh for the opportunity to serve the city I love and call home,” said Burton. “I look forward to helping Mayor Walsh achieve his ambitious goals for the city and being part of the team that is leading the charge in making Boston a better place for all.”

Burton is currently Director of Operations for New Boston Ventures, a role she has held for the last four years. During her tenure with Treasurer Grossman, the Treasury oversaw a \$9.6 million operating budget, managed the Commonwealth’s deposits, and issued approximately \$3 billion in bonds per year, as well as overseeing the Massachusetts Lottery and state pension funds. She also previously served as a senior official at the Barbara Lee Family Foundation and the Barbara Lee Political Office, which has been a leading force in supporting and electing women in politics.

As part of her work in the community, Burton currently serves on the Boston Children’s Museum’s Board

of Overseers and the Beacon Hill Nursery School Board of Directors. She is a past Vice-Chair of the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Board of Directors, where she was part of the negotiation of a landmark multi-party funding agreement signed in 2017 that solidified State support and brought new funding from the City and adjacent property owners via the Greenway Business Improvement District. During her tenure, the Greenway received national acclaim for its public art, including more Americans for the Arts awards than any other nonprofit in the country.

Burton is a member of the Gesgapegiag Mi’kmaq tribe in Quebec, Canada and will be the first Indigenous person in a Cabinet-level position at City Hall. Leroy Denny, Chief of Eskasoni Mi’kmaq First Nation in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, said, “In our community, people earn the highest esteem from serving others. We know that Kathryn will work hard for the mayor and the people of Boston and we honor her service.” Burton holds an undergraduate degree from the University of King’s College in Halifax, Nova Scotia and a graduate degree from Dartmouth College. She resides in the North End with her husband, Chad Jackson and two boys Miles and Graydon.

South Boston Youth Partner With The Improbable Players

Everybody knows somebody whose life has been adversely affected by alcohol and other drug abuse. Improbable Players present performances and drama workshops that feature actors who are all in long-term recovery and who get audiences thinking and talking about the issues.

During the month of February, youth from the SB Community Health Center’s Youth Ambassadors program, the SB Neighborhood House Girls and Guys group and the SB Boys and Girls Club Keystone Leaders participated in a series of substance misuse prevention drama workshops facilitated by the Improbable Players that culminated with a professional performance of the play “I’d Never Do That”, held at the SB Boys and Girls Club auditorium.

The workshops explored many topics associated with alcohol and other drug abuse such as peer pressure, the impact of addiction on families and factors that

contribute to addiction. The youth were empowered as peer educators as they learned facts about substance use disorder and recovery. In keeping with the improvisational theater aspect of the workshops, the teens created skits depicting scenes focused on addiction and discussed strategies and solutions for dealing with the problem.

In the final performance, “I’d Never Do That”, the actors delved into the negative effects of addiction on families and the hope for recovery. The evening ended with teens joining the actors on stage to declare what they hate about addiction in their community.

Partnerships such as this are part of the ongoing effort to educate youth about the dangers of substance misuse and connect them with supportive services in the South Boston community. These efforts are generously funded by the P & G Gillette Great Starts grant and the Boston Police Positive Youth Development Fund Initiative.



Cheryl Itri and Sean O'Brien to Receive McCormack and Moakley Awards

South Boston Citizens' Association President, Tom McGrath, is pleased to announce that Cheryl Itri has been chosen to receive the John W. McCormack at the South Boston Citizens' Association's 140th Annual Evacuation Day Banquet, March 13, 2020.

"It is an honor for the Association to present this award to Cheryl for her countless contributions to the betterment of South Boston and the City of Boston for last 45 years," McGrath said. Cheryl Itri has been working with young children and families in South Boston for 45 Years – officially 45 years on October 1st of this year! She has committed her life to helping shape the lives of children and families and has as much passion for this work

today as she did all those years ago – maybe more!

Although her work is based here at the South Boston Neighborhood House, Cheryl's reach spreads across our neighborhood and our City. Cheryl sits on the Boston Coordinated Family and Community Engagement Steering Committee Board, she is the lead agent for

South Boston's Family Engagement Network, is a valued part of Boston's Universal Pre-K initiative and a 'go to' person for new childcare initiatives and partnerships across our City. Cheryl is a great asset to the families of the South Boston. She is a support and a resource to all parents, but she is a true champion for struggling parents who need a little extra support to be the best parent they can be. She is committed to keeping families strong and parents prepared for all that parenthood requires as well as creating happy children who are ready for school both emotionally and academically.

Cheryl Itri is a mentor to our young teaching staff, a teacher to all children, a friend to many, a supportive co-worker and a resource for all families. Cheryl is also a loving mother to Brian and Nicole, a grandmother to Alice, Ruby and Nicole's baby, who she will meet in

May, and a dedicated sister. Cheryl is a true asset to our community and the South Boston Neighborhood House and our South Boston Community are lucky to have her!

Sean M. O'Brien is a fourth gen-

eration Teamster. He was initiated into the Teamsters Local 25 in 1991 and worked the rigging industry. Since 1999, Sean has held nearly all positions for Teamsters Local 25. In 2006, Sean became the youngest President in Local 25's long history. Teamsters Local 25 represents more than 11,500 members and their families in Greater Boston. In 2011, Sean was elected Eastern Region International Vice President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. Sean also serves as Secretary Treasurer of New England Joint Council 10.

O'Brien has worked tirelessly to increase the membership of the Teamsters Union both locally and nationally and has been successful in organizing various diverse industries.

He serves as a Trustee on both the New England Teamsters Pension Plan and the Local 25 Health Insurance Plan where he has skillfully negotiated growth of both plans. In 2012, Sean was appointed by the Governor of Massachusetts to the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Port Authority.

Sean M. O'Brien also serves on the Board of Directors for Autism Speaks. Since 2007, Teamsters Local 25 has raised millions of dollars for autism causes. Local 25 have lobbied the Massachusetts Legislature on behalf of families affected by autism and worked to pass insurance reform that requires insurers to pay for autism-related expenses. Teamsters Local 25 hosts and supports an annual Toy Drive, donating truckloads of toys and providing financial support at Christmas for the less fortunate in the Greater Boston area.

These awards along with the Shamrock Award and John "Doc" Tynan Award 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. For information on tickets call Tom McGrath at 1-857-204-5825.

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The Wine Guy Down A Lazy River

It would seem that Spring is making a strong effort to not only get here, but to stay. The same thing is happening in other places, too; Europe, despite the Coronavirus issue, is reporting warmer weather across the board. Has anyone heard about virus-related issues in Germany? Probably not, since some of the warmest temperatures on the Continent have been

reported from there.

Two good things about warm early Spring temperatures: they help dissipate the force of things like the virus and they give wine grapes a substantial head start; it appears that's the case this season for the Mosel region. This region of Europe has been a natural trading hub since Roman times and wines from places like Bernkastel and Ruwertal were prized across the Roman Empire for their crispness, fruity overtones and supple acidity- traits that still define them today.

Long before Krupp steel for the war efforts of Germany in the first half of the last century were forged in the Saar, Riesling put the region on the map. With that background, let's go down this river and look at a few of its many stand-out wines.

DR HEIDEMANN'S BERNKASTEL KABINETT, 2017, (\$19.99), is an excellent place to start as it's the embodiment of everything that's great about Mosel wine. Notes of pears, apricots and mountain flowers give way to an off-dry wine with

beautiful acidity, moderate ABV and good structure. This wine and others from its category are really versatile food wines-fruits, cheeses, seafood and white meats all taste better when paired with this wine type.

Without question, the finest Riesling in all of Germany is produced in the vineyards of Joh. Jos. Prum and it's been so for over 100 years. The management of everything, from the composition of the soils to the grade of yeast used in fermentation, is carefully consistent with every vintage. If you have a special occasion, try a bottle of Graacher Himmelreich, preferably the 2016; if you have that bottle and don't have an occasion, invent one.

Ulrich Langguth Piesporter Michelsberg Guntslay, Spatlese, (\$29.99) Piesport, Mosel-Saar-Ruwer, Germany- 100% Riesling from the Piesporter Gunterslay vineyard on the slate composed slopes. A perfectly elegant late harvest wine of great volume and depth, this wine is a great accompaniment to spicier foods, especially Chinese



or Indian. You should also pour it with stronger cheeses, like Stilton or Bleucheese.

2016 Dr. Loosen Urziger Wurzgarten Riesling Spatlese, (\$29.99), Ripe, rich tangerine, apricot and peach flavors jump right out of this light-bodied yet powerfully fruity spätlese. You should taste the savory acidity right away, along with a long and surprisingly deep finish. Try this one with Sicilian Chicken or Bratwurst and sauerkraut-fantastic!

Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com

Gatey's Vicariate Finalists Two-time defending CYO champs fall short of a three-peat

On Sunday, March 2, at Saint Agatha's gym in Milton, the Gate of Heaven CYO high school-age girls' basketball team, playing in the CYO Vicariate Championships, lost to Saint Agatha's in the title game, 38-30. The Gatey squad, coached by Allison Baker and Joseph "Joe" Kelly, won this coveted CYO Vicariate title in 2018 and 2019, but couldn't pull off a three-peat in 2020.

In the title game, Gatey started slow and fell into an early 10-0 hole. The Gatey girls battled back but still trailed at the break, 23-12. In the second half, Gatey trailed 25-18, but Saint Agatha's went on a 7-0 run to increase their lead to 32-18. With 6:38 remaining on the clock, Gatey went on an 8-0 run to cut the deficit to

six, 32-26. The team was energized. With time running out, it was their last chance to mount a comeback. But unfortunately that was all she wrote, as the Fat Lady peeked inside the gym, and Gatey would not celebrate a three-peat.

For the local squad, Colleen Lombard scored seven points, including one three-pointer. Bella Thomas hit two three-pointers for six points. Sara Galvin scored five points. Tari Pecevich had four points, while Rebecca Donovan, Grace Tinlin, Emily Harris, and Corinne Reidy had a deuce apiece.

Although losing to their cross-town foe in the CYO Vicariate Championships, the players had fun this season, finishing the regular season with an 11-4 record. But it's not over yet.



Pictured is the Gate of Heaven CYO high school-age girls' hoop team coached by Allison Baker and Joseph "Joe" Kelly. The players are: Corinne Reidy, Bella Thomas, Kate Donovan, Colleen Lombard, Rebecca Donovan, Tari Pecevich, Evelyn Hurley, Grace Tinlin, Sara Galvin, Emily Harris, Cara DiMaggio and Sarah Day.

This upcoming weekend, the team will be competing in its fifth straight CYO state championships. They will be playing

their opening round at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood; and we wish them luck and more success on the court.



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BCYF Curley Community Center Capital Project Renovation Community Meeting 3

6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

**BCYF Curley Community Center
M Street Entrance**

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Flaherty Kick Off Breakfast
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it provide great food for the attendees, but also featured some excellent live music by the very talented Bob Fowkes and Curragh's Fancy.

This year's Chief Marshal for the parade, Susan McDonough, Commander, Martin McDonough Post, led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. The event chairman was State Representative David Biele to whom the torch was passed by Suffolk County Clerk of Court Michael Donovan, who ably hosted this annual event for many years. The event, named in honor of and in memory of the late Jimmy Flaherty is always a good time and when the day arrives for this breakfast, you just know that the St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day season is in full swing.

The Jimmy Flaherty Breakfast, sponsored by the South Boston Citizen's Association, President Tom McGrath, is also the time when the Henry Knox Award presentation takes place. The Henry Knox Award is presented to outstanding citizens, who devote so much of their time and effort to helping others and making the community a great place to live. As is always the case, this year, the Henry Knox Awards were given to four well-known, liked and dedicated citizens, who continually go over and above the norm on behalf of their neighbors and the neighborhood in general.

The Honorees are Pat Reid, the daughter of the late Dr. William Reid, past headmaster of

South Boston High School, was praised for her involvement with the Castle Island Association and the Boston Public Library 'Kids Read' Program, among her many volunteer activities. Marie Laundry was commended for her many years as a coach and mentor to the young women of South Boston. Eddie Meagher was recognized for his myriad acts of volunteerism and wished his late wife Patsy would be there to celebrate with him, because she is the one who volunteered him. J. Archer O'Reilly, known to most South Boston school kids as Colonel Henry Knox, taught in wood shop at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club in the 1960s, and the memories of those days in a very different South Boston brought him back at the behest of the Historical Society.

The awards recipients were Pat Reid, presented by City Councilor Ed Flynn, Marie Laundry, presented by State Senator Nick Collins and City Councilor Michael Flaherty, Eddie Meagher, presented by Representative David Biele and J. Archer O'Reilly, presented by Bob Allison. These four outstanding citizens have won the praise of the South Boston Community for the good work they do and continue to do on behalf of others. Others who were remembered were the late Michael Bare and Jackie O'Brien.

Congratulations to all four, to those who turned out in support of them and to the South Boston Citizens Association for hosting this much anticipated gathering each year.



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“The Heights”

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.

The second of a 3-part series on the History of Evacuation Day

Brain R. Mahoney
Editor Emeritus, In Memoriam
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The British conducted their last and most destructive raid into South Boston (Dorchester Neck) on February 13, 1776, burning houses and property of the Blake, Wiswell and Foster families among others. This time however, the Americans responded with 300 mounted troops, causing the British to flee in their longboats. It was this raid which seems to have been the final straw. Washington had been advocating for a frontal assault across the ice from Cambridge and Roxbury. His military council disagreed and after his final council of war on February 26, Washington wrote, “I am preparing to take a position on Dorchester Heights to see if the enemy will come out to meet me.” He had reversed course and decided the Americans would fight from fortified positions and force the British to make the frontal assault.

On the morning of March 2, the Americans opened a three-day bombardment of the British in Boston. Under an advance protective screen of 800 infantry, 2,000 artillery men began their stealthy advance into South Boston. With muffled horses’ hooves and wagon wheels, this column began to snake its way up the “Turnpike” (Dorchester Street). Reaching the area of today’s “Telegraph Street”, nine cannons for three artillery batteries were muscled up to the peak of the “Twin Hill.”

The column continued up the “Turnpike” until it reached today’s Perkins Square area. There, a sloping hill began to rise, extending west toward the West Broad-

way parking lot and north toward Dorchester Street and Emerson Street. This hill was known as “Leek’s Hill” and was designated for 7 cannons. Emerson Street, the second of South Boston’s original remaining streets, was called the “way to the Castle” and extended all the way to the east shore (Farragut Road). The column moved on this road to roughly “M” & East Fourth Street. At this point, six cannons were dragged up to “Bush Tree Hill” where their muzzles towered menacingly over the British warships at anchor. The last leg of the eastern march ended at Dorchester Point where a single three-gun battery was placed.

Back at “Leek’s Hill”, 700 men and 10 cannons skirted the western base and followed “Pulaski Ave.” to West Third Street. This third and final road was known as the “Way to the Nook.” This road reached, straight as an arrow, to the 125 foot high “Nook Hill” located at today’s “B” & West Third Street. This hill was closest to British positions and warship anchorage so presented the most danger to the British. At the same time, its nearness made it the most exposed to British fire. It was decided by the Americans to fortify this hill last.

The cannon’s movement and the actual construction of their fortifications was a master stroke itself. Besides wrapping hooves and wheels in rags to muffle sounds, the Americans took a number of pre-emptive measures that led directly to victory.

The crossing into the “Neck” would have been under the eyes and guns of the British, particularly the “Green” artillery position located on a rise at today’s Berkeley and Washington Streets intersection. The American created a “Blind” or a wall that would cover



their movements by twisting and weaving hay. This was called “Screwed Straw”. Washington, for weeks, had his troops out in the “Wilderness” of Dorchester collecting thin tree branches and kindling. This was used to build “Fascine” or walls around cannon positions; usually by digging a trench and combing dirt and branches to make those protective walls. The frozen ground plus the need for secrecy made digging impossible. The solution was called, “chandelier”. These were simply 10 by 4 foot skeletal wooden tubs. Light, mobile, easily moved into position around the cannons, filled with the “Fascines” and immediately turned into sturdy defensive walls.

During the next three days, the men labored to erect defenses while the non-stop bombardment of Boston provided cover their actions. A bombardment so fierce that famed jurist, Oliver Wendell Holmes, later wrote and spoke of it in a childhood memory. As a Boston schoolboy in the 1850’s, Homes recalled passing everyday by a house which still has “cannonball embedded in its chimney since that barrage”.

Over the centuries, Americans have been stirred to the defense of their country, in part by words identifying their cause. “Remem-

ber 911” is most recent. Before that it was “Remember Pearl Harbor”. Earlier, “Remember the Maine”. Still earlier, “Remember the Alamo”. It was on the “Heights” that call to battle was first used as General Washington walked among the troops exhorting them to “Remember the Men of March the Fifth”. Speaking of course, of the “Boston Massacre” six years earlier.

Upon awakening on March 5, 1776, General Howe first noticed the silenced cannons. Next, across the harbor, was the astonishing sight of the “Heights” bristling with troops and cannon from four positions. He then made his famous statement, “These men have done more work in a night than mine could do in a month.” Undeterred, Howe immediately drew up plans to attack across the harbor and dislodge the Americans from the Heights. All day, Boston was the scene of increasing alarm as British troops hustled about preparing for battle. Longboats were brought from the warships to ferry the troops for the assault and tied up at “Long Wharf”. By late afternoon, 2,400 troops were lined up at the foot of “Long Wharf”, today’s Purchase Street.

Stay tuned next week for the final chapter.

Take care till next week.

With the Passing of Jane DuWors, South Boston Lost a True Champion

By John Ciccone

South Boston lost another one of its great champions. On February 23rd, long time community activist and neighbor who was loved by South Bostonians past and present, passed away after a long illness.

Jane DuWors, affectionately called 'Janey' by her throngs of good friends was a special person who always put her family and her beloved neighborhood of South Boston first. Whenever there was an issue that impacted residents, and there were many, she could always be counted on to be at the forefront - call it the front lines, to make sure that absolutely no one took advantage of the people who lived here. She never backed down from anyone. It didn't matter how big, how powerful or

how influential they were.

The words most often used to describe Jane were courageous, fearless, proud, loyal, articulate and well read on the particulars of every battle she took on. She came to fame when she fought hard against the forced busing of South Boston's school children and was ultimately proved right. But she would also take on issues like fair housing, over development of the town and an often abusive and untrustworthy political establishment. There were so many battles over the decades and she was there for them all.

Jane DuWors was active in politics as well. Along with being a candidate for public office herself, she would lend her expertise to candidates and elected officials she believed in. She was a close confidante of the late Boston City Councilor James M. 'Jim' Kelly as well as several other officials whom she felt would be beneficial to the people of South Boston if elected.



In addition to her tireless work on

behalf of her community, there was another side to Jane DuWors that this town knew well. She was kind, gentle, compassionate and caring of others. She was a wonderful mother to her sons Billy, John, Jim and Jody and a sweet and doting grandmother to her grandchildren as well. If friends or neighbors were in need of assistance, Jane would not hesitate to offer a helping hand. She could be counted on to be by their sides to help get them through their problems. She was that kind of a person, but never did it for recognition. She did it out of love and genuine and sincere concern.

It is said that whenever a true son or daughter of South Boston passes on, there is an emptiness that is felt throughout the neighborhood. And that is certainly the case with the loss of Jane DuWors. Jane will be mourned and missed by many but with all the good deeds she did during her entire life on behalf so many, there is no doubt that she will be rewarded in Heaven.

Rest in Peace 'Janey'. From a grateful community that loved you as much as you loved it – Thank You!!

Sully's Opening Day Held A Special Meaning To The Family Of Gaelyn Flannery

Castle Island/ Sullivan's opening day is a staple in Southie that everyone looks forward to. People line up in the bitter cold to get a snapper dog or cheeseburger, a black and white frappe and, of course, the French fries! If there is one thing the family of Gaelyn Flannery; a long time resident of South Boston who recently passed away was sure of it was this day was always a day she looked forward to all year long. Gaelyn was a true Southie girl. Her apartment was directly across from Carson Beach on Columbia Rd. and she was proud of it. Gaelyn never missed opening day at Sully's, it could be pouring, snowing, windy or raw but she bundled up and would never miss opening day. Her favorite thing to do was to "Stoop" it with friends, her favorite place to get fresh air and clear her mind was the island. And her favorite Southie spot was Sullivan's.

Gaelyn unfortunately did not get to see opening day today 2/29/20. Gaelyn passed away suddenly and unexpectedly in her home on Columbia Rd. on 2/3/20, 4 days prior to her 38th birthday which was on Friday February 7th. This sudden tragic loss of Gaelyn or "Auntie GaeGae" as all the niece, nephews and Godchildren proudly called her shattered her family's world. For Gaelyn's wake, the family dressed her in her favorite long-sleeve Sullivan's shirt. The family wanted to honor Gaelyn's favorite day of the year and line up in the bitter cold to order hotdogs (with cheese) and fries. Her family members; on hand at Sully's, said they could feel her presence and just knew she was so happy to see the kids running around even if it was freezing.

Family member, Casey Flannery, said that memories growing up going to the Island with Gaelyn will be treasured forever. In honor of Gae-



lyn's memory, Casey stated that the family is going to try to raise money to pay for a bench dedicated to Gaelyn at the Island overlooking the pier. We will be selling car decals for \$5.00 each two styles to choose from, a purple butterfly or green shamrock. How amazing would it be to have a special spot at Gaelyn's "little slice of heaven" to sit and remember our favorite Auntie GaeGae- "Gods Country" as she proudly called South Boston her home.



The Flannery Family sends a special thanks to Brendan Sullivan, Kizito and all of the managers of Sullivan's who treated the Flannery's like part of their family last weekend in honor of Gaelyn. They stated that It meant more to them than you know, they appreciate all of them so much!! "Best of luck to another successful season for Sullivan's and making memories with our family and friends". We miss you Gaelyn, forever. -2782

-Casey Flannery

Portland, Maine OTTO Pizza has arrived in South Boston

Let's give a warm Southie welcome to Troy Sproul and Sean Ryan as well as the staff at the newly opened OTTO Pizza, located at 416 West Broadway, around the corner from Café Nero. OTTO brings a different style of pizza to the neighborhood. For those who require options outside

of the traditional pie, such as Gluten free or Vegan, you've found a home at OTTO. The menu offers a twist to the slice or pie that we're accustomed to eating. A few examples are Mashed Potato, Bacon & Scallion, Eggplant, Ricotta & Basil or Baby Spinach, Red Peppadew & Goat Cheese. Ingredients are fresh daily,

scratch kitchen and the thought is to have comfort food on a pizza. OTTO serves by the slice, 12" or 16" and has a great option of ordering online, paying and picking up at the Mobile PickUp Station, skip the wait.

OTTO has built out the space and offers a sit down pizza bar or a table and chair dining area. The space is open, bright and welcoming. OTTO wants to be part of the community and deliver an elevated product with elevated service to the community

in which they work. Are you ready – OTTO offers \$15.00 per hour to start with no experience! They donate tips to non-profits within their working communities and offer fundraiser Monday or Tuesday nights from 5pm – 9pm. OTTO's hours of operation are 11am 'til 12am Sunday – Thursday and for those late night cravings, 11am 'til 1am Friday and Saturday. Great pizza and a great neighbor right? Stop in, you'll be pleasantly surprised.



St. Peter Academy Celebrates a Love for Reading

By Frank Galligan, Principal of St. Peter Academy

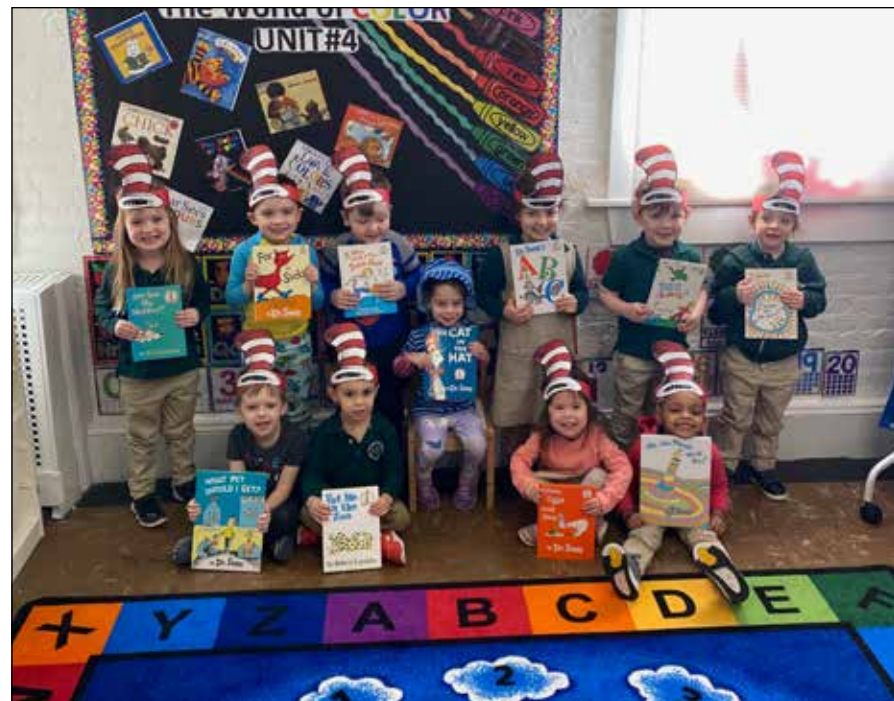
Started in 1997, Read Across America is an initiative created by the National Education Association that promotes a lifelong love for reading. One part of the program is National Read Across America Day that is celebrated on

the school day closet to March 2 each year, which is the birthday of acclaimed child storybook author, Dr. Seuss. St. Peter Academy was excited to continue its annual, school-wide observance of this tradition with classroom celebrations, peer reading groups, and fun surprises throughout the day on Monday, March 2, 2020.

Members of the community were encouraged to dress up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character to make the occasion even more memorable.

St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applica-

tions for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Principal, Mr. Frank Galligan, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing spa@StPeterAcademy.com.



Basketball Free-Throw Competition Hosted At The BCYF Tynan Community Center

The South Boston Citizens' Association held the annual Basketball Free-Throw competition at the BCYF Tynan Com-

munity Center on Monday, March 2, 2020. The number of boys and girls competing this year was the highest seen in the prior 3 years. John Lydon,

Administrator at the Tynan, attributes the high numbers due to community outreach. The Tynan gym was buzzing with parents, children, Tynan Staff

and members of the SBCA including Richie DeVoe. The Honorary Chairpersons for this event were City Councilor Ed Flynn, Former Mayor Ray Flynn, Bernie O'Donnell and Kathy Davis. The competition was fun and fearless with pizza being provided for the hard working athletes. Congratulations on a successful event!



Boys 8-10 age group winners.
1st - Ronan Foley.
2nd - Freddie Haddad.
3rd - Liam Long



Girls 8-10 age group winners.
1st - Selena Sheppeck. 2nd - Sara Doyle.
3rd - Keira Manning



Boys 11-13 age group winners
1st - Evan Pierce. 2nd - Sam Flood
3rd - Mimi Markos



Girls 11-13 age group winners
1st - Phoebe Alto
2nd - Bridget Fitzgerald
3rd - Grace Lynch



Boys 14-17 age group winners
1st - Connor Strickland (18 for 18)
2nd - James Buzzell. 3rd - Jake Harrison



Girls 14-17 age group winners
1st - Cara Pierce. 2nd - Mary Kate Hart
3rd - Bridget Fitzgerald





How about one more David Price story before we completely turn the page on the former Red Sox pitcher, now that he's a member of the Los Angeles Dodgers?

It's not that I want to do this. Price is kind of making me do this. Because even though he's with the Dodgers now, he just can't get the Boston sports media out of his head.

Price turned out to be somewhat of an afterthought in last month's trade that sent him and Mookie Betts to LA. Betts stole a majority of the headlines, as he should have. Still, Price's presence on the field will certainly be missed, especially now that Chris Sale has more issues with his throwing elbow.

Sale will undoubtedly take some heat from the media and fans, seeing that his five-year, \$145 million contract extension is just beginning this season, as he begins the season on the injured list. It's the same type of heat that Price took whenever his injuries got in the way of performing at a high level while under a \$30 million-per-year contract.

All I ask from Sale is that he doesn't handle that heat like Price did. Because Price is still bothered by it. And he's not even here any more.

Earlier this week, USA Today's

Bob Nightengale wrote a feature story on Price and his newfound happiness with his new team. The headline read: "Free from the grind of Boston, David Price loving his new life with Dodgers: 'I couldn't be happier.'"

You don't really need to read any further to know what it's about. But I'll tell you anyways. It's about his hatred for the Boston sports media, or should I say, his freedom from having to deal with it.

Because, you know, it was such a "grind" for him here in this town, playing for the Red Sox. And instead of just moving on and starting over with a new team — under the same \$217 million contract the Red Sox gave him, by the way — Price just couldn't let it go when asked about escaping the media in Boston.

"It's such a big difference from Boston to here," Price told Nightengale. "Really, it's night and day."

Nightengale goes on to describe Price's amazement of how few LA media members wanted to talk to him after he threw to hitters for the first time since wrist surgery in September.

"That was a big day for me, a very big day," Price told Nightengale. "I came in, got undressed, showered, came back to my locker, and stood

there for 10 or 15 minutes. There were maybe two or three [reporters] hanging out, talking to other guys, and nobody came over to talk to me about my day. I couldn't believe it."

My first reaction to that is, "Wow, sounds like nobody in the media was doing their job that day." My second reaction to that is, "Shut up."

This guy was so hurt by the media in Boston that he was bracing himself for — get this — actual questions about his recovery from surgery while being a guy who gets paid over \$30 million to throw a baseball every fifth night. But now he's realizing that maybe he doesn't have to answer as many questions in LA, or maybe now he won't be criticized as much as he was while he was in Boston.

Finally, Price is happy!

Poor guy. It must've been horrible making \$30 million a year while in Boston. It's tough earning an average of \$2.5 million per month. Imagine making \$1 million every time you had to go to work? That must be absolutely terrible! How could anyone understand that type of struggle? Talk about a total grind! Please.

Price is still looking for sympathy for how "bad" he had it in Boston. Well, he won't be getting that sym-

pathy from me. And he shouldn't get it from you either.

Credit where it's due. Price should've been the World Series MVP in 2018. He got the Postseason monkey off his back and helped the Red Sox win a championship. He should be praised for that.

But nobody wants to hear him continue to complain about how the media treated him in Boston. He looked foolish when he complained about it while he was here. He looked even worse when he confronted Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley about it on the Red Sox plane. And he looks awful while still talking about it to a national baseball columnist as he prepares for a new chapter with a new club.

Next time Price picks up the world's smallest violin and tries to complain about his "grind" in Boston, somebody close to him should whisper in his ear:

"Nobody cares."

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SPORTS TODAY

SALE HAS MRI ON ELBOW, RULED OUT FOR OPENING DAY

SBT Staff

Well, this isn't good news for the Boston Red Sox.

Chris Sale was sent for an MRI on his left elbow, Tuesday, just a day after throwing 15 pitches off the mound in a batting-practice session in Fort Myers. It marked the first time Sale faced a batter since August.

Red Sox pitching coach Dave Bush said Sale "looked pretty good" after the short outing. Everyone involved considered it a positive step, until Sale felt soreness in his throwing elbow the next day.

As a result, Sale had an MRI, which the team sent to Dr. James Andrews for further evaluation. And according to reporters in Fort Myers, Red Sox manager Ron Roenicke expressed concern with the situation.

This all comes a week after Roenicke announced that Sale — the Red Sox' ace — would begin the regular season on the injured list. The reason, Roenicke said, was because Sale missed the first few weeks of spring training workouts with pneumonia.

Some questioned if there was more to it than an illness. And this week, we found out that's the case.

Sale signed a five-year, \$145 million contract extension before last season. The first year of that new extension, which pays him an average annual salary of \$29 million, begins this season.

Tweet of the Week



Julian Edelman @Edelman11
New England is a Tomocracy. #StayTom



EDELMAN ON BRADY: 'HE'S COMING BACK'

SBT Staff

As Tom Brady rumors continue to dominate the NFL offseason, Julian Edelman tried taking things to a whole new level last weekend, while sitting court-side of a college basketball game with Brady and "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon.

The three were attending Saturday's game between UNC and Syracuse, and when ESPN cut to a close-up of them, Edelman looked into the camera, while laughing, and said, "He's coming back. He's coming back."

Edelman was referring to Brady's current free-agent status, as the new league year for the upcoming NFL season begins on March 18.

Nobody really knows where Brady will decide to play in 2020. But that didn't stop Edelman from telling the world that he thinks Brady will return to the New England Patriots.

In fact, Edelman even started a T-shirt campaign on his

website, julianedelman.com, which you can buy for \$29.99. The blue T-shirt reads, "STAY! TOM 2020: A Quarterback You Can Trust."

But perhaps the lead is being buried here. Brady's response to Edelman's "he's coming back" comment is the part of the ESPN video that went viral, as Brady turned and looked at Edelman, shook his head, and mumbled something under his breath. What did he mumble though?

Social media lip readers all over tried to figure it out, with some theories suggesting Brady said either "He's not" or "This guy."

Turns out, according to the enhanced audio released by NFL Network, Brady actually said, "He's got it." Still, the meaning of that response leaves everyone with the same question: Where will Brady play next season?

The crazy rumors and overreactions will only continue until he makes his final decision.

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Boston at Florida
7 P.M. NESN

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Tampa Bay at Boston
7 P.M. NESN

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Arnold Palmer Invitational
1 P.M. GOLFC/NBC

NEW ENGLAND CONSIDERED A POTENTIAL LANDING SPOT FOR DALTON

SBT Staff

So what happens if Tom Brady actually decides to leave the Patriots and play somewhere else? Where does Bill Belichick go from there? One option would be to make Jarrett Stidham the starting quarterback, in just his second NFL season, after being drafted by the Pats in the fourth round of the 2019 Draft.

Another option would be to make a trade. According to a report by NFL Network's Ian Rapoport, the Patriots are one of three potential suitors for Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Andy Dalton this offseason, if Brady chooses to sign somewhere else.

Dalton, 32, is entering the final year of his deal with the Bengals, and will make \$17.5 million next season. As Cincinnati is eyeing a quarterback with the No. 1 overall pick in this year's Draft, Dalton is expected to be traded this offseason, according to Rapoport.

Rapoport said the other two teams interested in a Dalton trade are the Chicago Bears and the Indianapolis Colts.

While it's still very possible that Brady returns to the Patriots, this report is an indication that Belichick is at least already putting together his backup plan.



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