

## State Of Emergency: Saint Patrick's Day Parade, Breakfast And Banquet Canceled

The cancellation of the Parade, Breakfast and SBCA Banquet is not the "State of Emergency," but, their collective cancellation has a deep and reverberating effect on the sponsorships, time and effort of volunteers, the

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# EDITORIAL

## Reaction to the Cancellation of the Parade

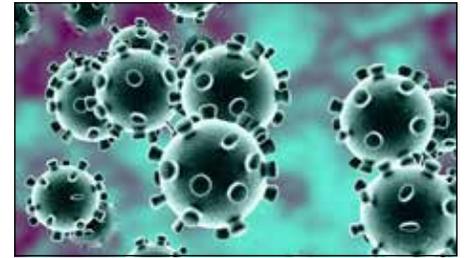
So the parade, along with certain other holiday events is cancelled for this year because of the Corona Virus scare. While some are in a near panic over the spread of the illness, others feel its being overblown. Be that as it may, it looks like there will be no St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Parade in South Boston in 2020. The comments coming in to this newspaper are mixed. Some locals are happy that the event won't take place. They feel it's too disruptive,

they're sick of it and it brings in far too many non residents who show a total lack of respect for this neighborhood while partying. Many of those who want the parade gone had intended to leave town for the day. But most people, in fact the overwhelming majority, look forward to the parade each year, plan big gatherings in celebration and their disappointment in the news, in some cases borders on anger.

There are questions on the minds of many and these questions are

being verbalized all over town. Had the Corona Virus peaked during Boston Marathon Season, the Caribbean Festival or maybe during a welcome home parade for one of Boston's professional sports teams championship wins, would a similar call have been made? Suspicion abounds among some.

We would hope, and we do believe that this call was made by officials with good intentions and with the goal of keeping people safe and healthy. Better safe than



sorry is something hard to argue with. Whether it was the right way to go or not is something that those most affected by the decision - the people of South Boston - will decide for themselves.

*"When I was a kid, my parents moved a lot, but I always found them" - Rodney Dangerfield*

### First St. Patrick's Day Parade Held In 1737



The first meeting of Irishmen on American soil to honor St. Patrick took place in Boston on March 17th, 1737. The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held in New York in 1762. Curiously enough, before marching caught on, St. Patrick's Day was celebrated with huge breakfasts, held around 2pm held in local taverns.

Some of these breakfasts were private affairs...others were hosted by the newly formed Irish Friendly Societies. Often, forty or fifty toasts were made in one sitting!

A report in the American newspaper 'The Gazette' in 1766 states: "St. Patrick's Day was ushered in with fife and drum. This produced a very agreeable harmony before the doors

of many gentlemen of the Irish nation."

The general tradition of organizing St. Patrick's Day parades originated in the nineteenth century. After New York, Boston had its first parade in 1812. And by the late 1860's, over a dozen American cities had large St. Patrick's Day parades. Just 10 years later, the Irish were the majority in population in New York. Not surprisingly, it's largely due to the American example that St. Patrick's Day is celebrated throughout the world - even in places where the Irish connection is slight, like New Orleans and Puerto Rico.

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

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## Who Benefits From Coronavirus Panic? That's an Easy One

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And just like that, border security and 'walls matter' to liberal Democrats. Well, at least to some of them they do. President Trump, who is one of the few people acting like an adult in Washington over the Corona Virus scare, is coming under attack by Pelosi and her allies for banning people from certain countries heavily affected by the illness from entering the United States. Bernie Sanders has just flat out said he would not close the southern border, if he were President.

After watching the fanatical and insane behavior of this bunch, so consumed by hatred of Trump, I think most people realize that, if he did not impose a ban, his critics would attack him for that. Their only goal in life now is to get rid of this President, the country be damned. The fact that everything they have tried for the last 3 years has failed and backfired has made them even crazier. Some of them seem to be on the verge of strokes, they are so filled with hate. And if this virus was caught by every person in the country, some would be happy, because if that's what it takes to win the November election, well, to some, the end justifies the means.

No one here has said that the Corona Virus is no big deal. Care should be taken to protect one's self and family from any spreading illness. But let's put it into perspective. I am certainly no medical expert, so I/we refer to the professionals to get information on the subject. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) says the following:

The common Flu has so far this season infected 34 million Americans and has killed nearly 20,000. This seems to be about average. Most recover completely from the Flu and according to the CDC, most who get

the Corona Virus will as well.

The fact that there is such a widespread panic seems to have less to do with reality and more to do with the news media, working everyone up into a frenzy. They thrive and feed on creating panic. If some child in Scottsdale, Arizona sneezes in class, the school rushes the child home, calls the news media, who then rushes to the scene, puts it on TV, so that all the other news outlets around the country can run with it. They must keep it going.

The President, whether you like him or not, is doing everything he is supposed to do and everything in his power to deal with the virus. He is keeping his calm and urges all Americans to do the same. He recommends that people not let this take over their lives and definitely not panic. Because sometimes, overreacting to a problem can make that problem worse.

For those who doubt that some people are happy about the issue, just look at a large number of social media posts. They see this as a political opportunity. If people die, it might make voters on the fence mad at Trump. It's the same with mass shootings. Some who oppose the right of Americans to own firearms actually have said - in writing - that they hope there are more of them. Because to their sick reasoning, the more mass shootings that take place, the more pressure it creates to get rid of the Second Amendment which is their ultimate goal. Here again, it's a case of the end justifying the means. Sick? Yes. But they are not even denying it anymore.

But as far as the Corona Virus is concerned, I humbly suggest that we follow the advice of the President

and the CDC. Do not panic. No need to buy up all the toilet paper and Lysol on the shelves. Wash your hands, spray some disinfectant. This too, like everything else will pass. Life will go on.

Just a final comment on the results of the Super Tuesday voting results. It seems that Elizabeth Warren is taking a cue from Hillary Clinton. She is blaming others for her loss. The fact that she didn't win one state in any primary or caucus and came in third in her current state of Massachusetts and got blown away

in her home state of Oklahoma wasn't her fault. Sexism made her lose. According to her, it has nothing to do with her crazy Socialist ideas, her attacks on the nation's police officers, her vow to raise everyone's taxes, her anti-military and open borders positions, giving free healthcare to illegal immigrants and of course her consistent lies and fabrications - among them pretending to be an American Indian to get hired at Harvard. Nope. It was because she is a woman... That had to be it. Right?

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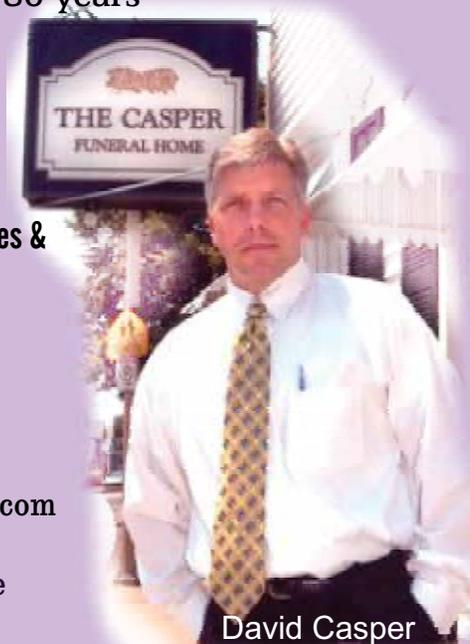
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local and other businesses that factor its financial impact on their bottom line, the awards ceremonies that well-deserved honorees, who miss out on a memorable moment in their selfless lives, the paid overtime opportunities for our public safety personnel, not to mention the celebration of families who “come home” to reminisce and embrace their city’s history, their personal nostalgia, their neighborhood’s transformation and the notion of a certain ‘je ne sais quoi’ – a popular French phrase that means, an indescribable, special distinguishing feature, or to name some unnamable quality – in other words, classic South Boston.

Gov. Charlie Baker declared a state of emergency Tuesday after the number of confirmed new coronavirus cases in the state of Massachusetts more than doubled to 92. During a state of emergency, state laws gives the Governor a wide range of powers for the purpose of responding to the emergency.

Massachusetts law dating back to 1950 grants the Governor the power to declare a state of emergency. The governor can declare a state of

emergency in response imminent threat of a natural or man-made disaster. Separate state law allows the governor to declare a “public health emergency,” granting emergency authority to the Public Health Commissioner. Baker only cited the 1950 law in his declaration. The law governing states of emergency lists a number of specific powers, but also says, “the Governor, in addition to any other authority vested in him by law, shall have and may exercise any and all authority over persons and property necessary or expedient for meeting said state of emergency, which the general court in the exercise of its constitutional authority may confer upon him. “One of the main powers the law grants is more direct control over state resources, including employees. It also gives the governor control over federal resources that are given or loaned to the state. But the declaration also gives Baker the authority to effectively make temporary laws as needed.

Under a state of Emergency, the Governor is authorized to issue executive orders to meet the needs of a threat, emergency, or disaster. These Orders are to be treated as law and

may override existing law for the course of the disaster.

The Governor is authorized to exercise any and all authority over persons and property necessary to protect the public. Depending on the disaster, this may include taking and using property for the protection of the Commonwealth. Ordering evacuations, implementing curfews, or enacting other restrictions can be used to protect public health and welfare if warranted.

The specific outlined powers are broad. The Governor can limit travel, as often happens when the power is used to respond to storms. He can ban assemblies, streamline state purchasing and even regulate the sale of food and other consumer goods. He can regulate the insurance industry and act to protect bank deposits. During a state of emergency, the state can also take possession of land, buildings, equipment, vehicles, fuel and livestock. The governor can also order state offices or even businesses to close. While the law governing them dates to Cold War fears, states of emergency have mostly been used for storms and other disasters. The most recent state of emergency in Massachusetts was

declared by Baker in Sept. 2018, following the Merrimack Valley gas explosions. Other emergencies over the last decade have been in response to storms, such as Hurricane Sandy in 2012 or two winter storms in 2015.

Baker did not issue any orders to the public as part of the declaration. But he did issue guidance. “I urge employers and other large organizations to follow our example and limit or eliminate non-essential travel, limit or eliminate large events where possible, and explore telework where appropriate for your organization. We are also urging older adults and those with health issues to avoid large crowds and large events,” Baker said.

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency has been activated, Baker said, to bring together government agencies including health, human services and public safety. Guidance for long-term care facilities is expected Wednesday. The Commonwealth also made changes to school policy for this year. No school will be required to remain in session past the end of June, regardless of how many days they have been in session.

## REP. BIELE VOTES TO INVEST \$18.3 BILLION IN TRANSPORTATION

**Includes over \$10 million for South Boston roadways and planning efforts**

Representative David Biele joined his colleagues in the House of Representatives in passing a transportation bond bill that authorizes \$18.28 billion for maintaining and improving the Commonwealth’s roads, bridges, and public transportation systems.

The legislation, An Act authorizing and accelerating transportation investment, ensures that Massachusetts invests in large-scale transportation capital and improvement projects, municipal road and bridge projects, regional transportation, as well as programs aimed at reducing conges-

tion and improving air quality.

Regarding South Boston and Dorchester, the legislation specifically authorizes \$10 million for design and improvements to intersections, roadways, sidewalks, and bridges along East Broadway, West Broadway, Dorchester Avenue, Old Colony Avenue, Cypher Street, L Street, Faragut Road, Day Boulevard, Northern Avenue, and Haul Road.

The bill also authorizes funding for two transportation studies along key corridors in South Boston and Dorchester: (1) \$250,000 to study transportation needs along the Red



Line Corridor from JFK Station to Andrew Station to Broadway Station; and (2) \$100,000 to study traffic reconfiguration at Kosciuszko Circle.

Additionally, the bill also appropriates:

- \$2.6 billion dedicated to sustainable transit system modernization investments and rail improvements;
- \$300 million in Chapter 90 funding for municipal road and

bridge projects;

- \$825 million for South Coast Rail improvements;
- \$695 million for Green Line extension improvements;
- \$330 million dedicated to the improvement of regional transit networks;
- \$50 million in municipal grants for rapid transit bus lanes and bus shelters; and
- \$30 million for water transportation grant programs.

“This bill authorizes funding for crucial transportation infrastructure improvements in our transit system and allocates funding for our local streets and roadways, while supporting future transportation planning efforts,” said Rep. Biele. “I was proud to join my colleagues in passing this bond authorization to help build a better transportation system for residents and businesses in South Boston, Dorchester, and across Massachusetts.”

The bill will now go to the Senate.

# St. Patrick's Day Breakfast Canceled

State Senator Nick Collins, the Host of the Traditional Saint Patrick's Day and Evacuation Day Breakfast, recently issued the following statement regarding the 2020 Breakfast:

"As Mayor Walsh and Governor

Baker continue to take steps to stop the spread of a coronavirus, the decision has been made to cancel this year's St. Patrick's Day Breakfast. While I am disappointed that we won't be able to celebrate with the annual St Patrick's Day Breakfast this year, public health

and safety must always be our top priority."

Given today's declaration of a State of Emergency, it is clear that this is the proper decision based on the advice of experts and public health officials."



## Great Recipe for Real Irish Coffee!!

Strong Freshly Brewed Coffee

1-2 teaspoons of brown or white sugar

2 ounces of Irish whiskey

Heavy cream whipped only until lightly thickened

Warm an Irish Coffee mug by filling it with hot water.

Discard hot water. Fill mug about ¾ full with coffee. Stir in sugar and Irish whiskey. Crown coffee with a half inch dollar of lightly whipped cream. To float cream, pour it into a spoon resting on top of the coffee and allow it to spill outward, covering the surface. Do not stir. Makes 1 serving.



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# MAYOR WALSH APPOINTS FIVE MEMBER CANNABIS BOARD



**M**ayor Martin J. Walsh today announced five appointments to Boston's newly-created Cannabis Board, which will strengthen the City's focus on equity in the new marijuana industry.

In November, Mayor Walsh in partnership with Councilor Kim Janey and the Boston City Council signed An Ordinance Establishing Equitable Regulation of the Cannabis Industry in the City of Boston, the result of collaboration from many stakeholders. The ordinance ensures Boston is a model for how to create a system that fosters racial equity and inclusion in the new marijuana industry, and brings the benefit of this industry to all of Boston's communities.

As part of the ordinance, Mayor Walsh has established a Boston Cannabis Board, an independent board charged with reviewing all applicants for a marijuana license. Mayor Walsh's appointments to this post consist of members whose experience includes working in public health policy; creating economic development strategies and minority business development strategies within under-resourced communities; experience working in public safety; and experience with the City's licensing and regulation of businesses.

Mayor Walsh has appointed five members to this board:

## *Kathleen Joyce, Chair*

Kathleen Joyce is the Chair of the Licensing Board for the City of Boston, and was appointed in October 2018. As Chairwoman, Joyce serves as the lead commissioner in regulating licenses pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapters 138 and 140, and the Rules of the Board. Prior to joining the Licensing Board for the City of Boston, Joyce worked as Senior Counsel at the Boston Planning & Development Agency (BPDA), the urban planning and economic development agency for the City of Boston. In her role as Senior Counsel, Joyce provided legal support and counsel on real estate, government and policy matters.

Prior to joining the BPDA in 2014, Joyce spent nearly seven years working at the Boston Bar Association, a 10,000 member nonprofit organization, as the Director of Government Relations and Public Affairs, where she worked with organization's leadership teams to advance and coordinate policy positions to promote justice and improve access to the legal system in Massachusetts.

Through her former roles, Joyce has accumulated extensive experience cultivating relationships with and convening various stakeholders to identify areas of common interest and consensus. These stakeholders include legal experts, city, state and federal leaders, and members of the judiciary. She lives in Dorchester and graduated from the College of the Holy Cross and Suffolk University Law School. Joyce will serve as the Chair of the Cannabis Board.

## *Monica Valdes Lupi*

Monica Valdes Lupi, JD, MPH, is the former health commissioner for the City of Boston, and a Senior Fellow at the de Beaumont Foundation. Valdes Lupi has over 20 years of experience in public health, and in her work at the Foundation, helps to advance policy, build partnerships, and strengthen the public health workforce to create communities where people can achieve their best possible health. In her role as Senior Fellow, Valdes Lupi serves in an advisory and leadership role for the Foundation's efforts to develop and advance a health agenda on critical public health issues, such as tobacco control and e-cigarette flavors, racial justice, and health equity.

As executive director of the Boston Public Health Commission, the local health department for the City of Boston, Valdes Lupi led one of the largest city departments with more than 1,300 employees and a portfolio that included Boston Emergency Medical Services, the largest homeless services program in New England, school-based health centers, and other critical public health services. In addition to leading the health department, she also served as the deputy commissioner for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, where she led the day-to-day operations for an agency that included public health hospitals, several regulatory bodies, and numerous public health programs. She also has experience working at the national level as the first Chief Program Officer for Health Systems Transformation at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO).

Valdes Lupi earned her BA from Bryn Mawr College, her MPH from the Boston University School of Public Health, and her JD from the Dickinson School of Law/Penn State University. Valdes Lupi lives in West Roxbury.

## *Darlene Lombos*

Darlene Lombos is the first woman and person of color elected to lead the Greater Boston Labor Council, which represents nearly 100,000 workers. Her elevation to this role was the result of a unanimous vote by delegates representing 160 different unions that span various industries and sectors, such as construction, hospitality, transportation, health care and education.

She is the former Executive Director of Community Labor United, a nonprofit organization that combines the power of community-based organizations and labor unions to advance the interests of low- and middle-income working families in Massachusetts by promoting quality jobs, secure health-care, affordable housing, and climate justice. Lombos has 20 years of experience in community and youth organizing, leadership development and coalition development.

Lombos has been organizing around various community issues since 1996, including police accountability and home daycare justice at Direct Action for Rights and Equality in Providence, RI, as well as transportation equity, gentrification and displacement, and education reform at Sisters in Action

for Power in Portland, Oregon. Her experience includes community and youth organizing, leadership development and coalition-building. Lombos lives in Roxbury.

## *Lisa Holmes*

Lisa Holmes served as a Boston Police Department (BPD) Superintendent, and has over 30 years of experience in public safety. Holmes was one of the first members of the BPD Gang Unit in 1990s, and worked as a detective on some of the Department's toughest, most demanding cases in the Sexual Assault, Homicide, and Human Trafficking units.

During her last five years as a Superintendent, Holmes worked in the Bureau of Professional Development, and was the first the first African-American woman to head the department's police academy developing training for recruits and officers. In her work, Holmes strengthened the Department's community policing-based training, instituted a new course for recruits on policing outside of personal biases, and launched dialogues to connect young residents with officers.

Lisa earned her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Curry College, a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Northeastern University and a Graduate Certificate in Public Safety Leadership and Management from Suffolk University's Moakley Center for Public Management. In 2018, Holmes was presented with the Alfreda Harris Award for Exceptional Community Service. She lives in Dorchester.

## *John Smith*

John Smith brings extensive experience in nonprofit, government, education and advocacy fields to TSNE MissionWorks where he serves as Director of Programs. He has also served as the Policy Analyst in the Mayor's Office of Economic Development for the City of Boston, where he managed major economic development policy initiatives. Before his government experience, Smith also worked at the Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston, the Hyams Foundation's Youth Policy Initiative, the Tennessee Department of Health, and at several universities managing service learning and other student-centered programs.

Smith holds a Masters in Public Policy from Tufts University. He is originally from Trinidad and he resides in Dorchester.

# Councilor Flynn Files Resolution Recognizing Women Veterans During Women's History Month



**B**oston City Councilor Ed Flynn filed a resolution at this week's Council meeting honoring our women veterans during Women's History Month. The resolution highlights the role that women play in our military as well as the challenges that they face, and affirms the City Council's support for women veterans.

Women had played a role in our military since the Revolutionary

War in various capacities. They served as nurses, support staff, aircraft pilots, among many critical roles. In 1948, women were granted permanent status in the military, entitling them to Veterans' benefits under the Women's Armed Services Integration Act. Today, women comprise nearly 20% of serving military personnel and 10% of the veteran population, making up an important part of our military.

However, despite their contributions, women veterans often don't receive enough support. For example, the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) does not have medical facilities that provide the necessary and adequate maternity care for women veterans.

Moreover, 25% of women veterans experience Military Sexual Trauma (MST) during military service, and they are more likely to struggle with childcare, homelessness, and mental health challenges. With this resolution, Councilor Flynn

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# The Claddagh Ring

**T**he Claddagh ring is named after an old fishing settlement on Galway Bay.

Here in The Claddagh, the people elected their own king refusing allegiance to any other.

It is believed that Mr. Joyce,

a Galway goldsmith, made the first Claddagh rings around 1730. Later, Queen Victoria had a Claddagh ring specially made for her. King Edward the 7th wore one when he visited Ireland. In days gone by, Galway forged strong

trading links with Spain, so it is thought that the original Claddagh design is Spanish.

Claddagh rings are also popular outside of Ireland. Highly prized in Brittany, they are used as wedding rings. The joined hands on the Claddagh ring denote friendship; the human heart, charity. And when lovers exchange Clad-



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# The Wine Guy

## Happy St. Patrick's Day Anyway!

So, no parade this year. I am an older person now and I can't recall a time when there wasn't a St. Patrick's Day Parade in this town. I realize that this virus business is serious, but it still feels as if something has been ripped out of this place. I hope there are lots of local parties and if you're worried about a virus, have another sip of whiskey.

Now, as anyone with a scintilla of intelligence knows, it was the Irish who saved the western world during the Dark Ages; for those of you who aren't Irish...you're welcome!

For those of you bold enough to be having a party this weekend, I hope there's Corned Beef and Cabbage somewhere in the mix; if there is, here are a few ideas about some wines to serve with it.

**2018 Hartford Winery, Old Vines Zinfandel, Russian River, (\$35.99).** Hartford Family Winery began back in 1994 by Don and Jennifer Hartford. Since their inaugural release in 1996, Hartford has continued to produce wines with lots of structure and density. The Old Vine Zinfandel is produced from true old vines planted 80-100 years ago from some of California's oldest Zinfandel vineyards. This is a big, chewy wine with strong aromas of dark berries, vanilla and a hint of cigar humidior. Log, long finish with or without food.

**2017 Sobon Estate Zinfandel, Amador County, California, (\$24.99),** is another California Zin that's harvested from 80-100-year-

old vines and the results give real value for the money. It's big, but not rough around the edges, as is the case with a lot of Zins from this particular California county. Plummy, jammy and smokey, it will complement any brined meat. As a matter of fact, mix 1/3 of a cup of this wine with yellow or Dijon mustard until the mustard thickens again and spread it on the corned beef-delicious!

**Breca Old Vines Garnacha, 2016, Aragon, Spain, (\$19.99),** is a stunner from one of Spain's oldest growing regions. Jeb Dunnick, who, in my opinion knows Spain's wines better than just about anyone, says "the 2016 Breca is all Garnacha that was fermented and aged 15 months in older puncheons and demi-muids. It has brilliant notes of kirsch, ripe black raspberries, crushed violets, orange rind, licorice, and spice box. Rich, medium to full-bodied, beautifully textured, and balanced, it's another beautiful wine that has balance, integrated acidity, ripe tannins, and tons of character. Drink it over the coming 4-5 years." This one softens the brine in the beef and just

makes everything it's served with taste better.

**Seghesio Defiant Red, Sonoma County, 2017, (\$27.99),** This beauty is dark, savory and bold! Aromas of youthful blackberry, mocha and spice. Dense, ripe flavors of black fruits, pepper and savory notes on the palate. Soft tannins and a long, expansive finish. You won't drink this one quickly! Unusually soft for a blend, with lots of Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel and Barbera. Aged in oak for 10 months, but it will taste like it's been a lot longer.

Down with the virus! Ireland forever! Happy St. Pat's!

**Talk To The Wine Guy at jdris8888@gmail.com**



## Beef and Guinness Stew

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

Yield: Serves 6 to 8

### Ingredients:

- 3 thick slices bacon, diced
- 2 pounds lean stew beef, round or lean chuck, cut in 1-inch cubes
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 large onions, chopped, about 2 to 3 cups
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 to 3 cups diced or sliced carrots
- 1 1/2 cups Guinness stout
- 1 cup beef broth
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 teaspoon dried leaf thyme
- 2 to 3 cups diced potatoes

- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped parsley
- salt and pepper, to taste

### Preparation:

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

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

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

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



until potatoes are tender.

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

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

Serves 6.

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## Community Meeting

**PLAN: South Boston Dot Ave**

# Transportation Plan Open House Kick off

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6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Ironworkers Local 7, Main Hall**  
195 Old Colony Ave,  
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**Event Description**

Please join us as we further one of the main recommendations from the 2016 PLAN: South Boston Dorchester Avenue planning effort. The BPDA is kicking off a transportation plan to further analyze, refine and advance the proposed multi-modal network recommendations of the Plan along the Dorchester Avenue and Old Colony Avenue corridors between Broadway and Andrew Square.

Please join the BPDA and Boston Transportation Department (BTD) at an Open House for the PLAN: South Boston Dorchester Avenue Transportation Plan. Opening remarks will be made at 6.30pm.

Please note that Iron Workers Union parking lot will not be available but street parking will. We encourage you to walk, bike or take the T!

Interpretation and translation services, as well as disability accommodations are available to you at no cost. If you need them, please contact us at [plandotave@boston.gov](mailto:plandotave@boston.gov) or 617-918-4327, by March 19.

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Teresa Polhemus, Executive Director/Secretary

## BCYF Curley Community Center Capital Project Renovation Community Meeting 3

**6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

**BCYF Curley Community Center  
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1663 Columbia Road, South Boston, MA 02127

**Please join Boston Centers for Youth & Families, and the City of Boston's Public Facilities Department for a meeting about the planned BCYF Curley Community Center renovation project.**



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May history remind us all  
Of Ireland's faith and pride  
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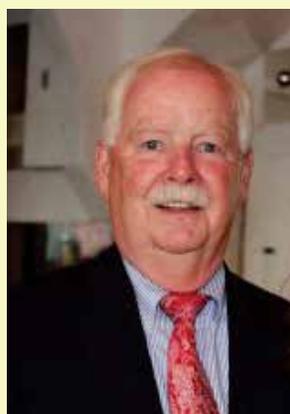
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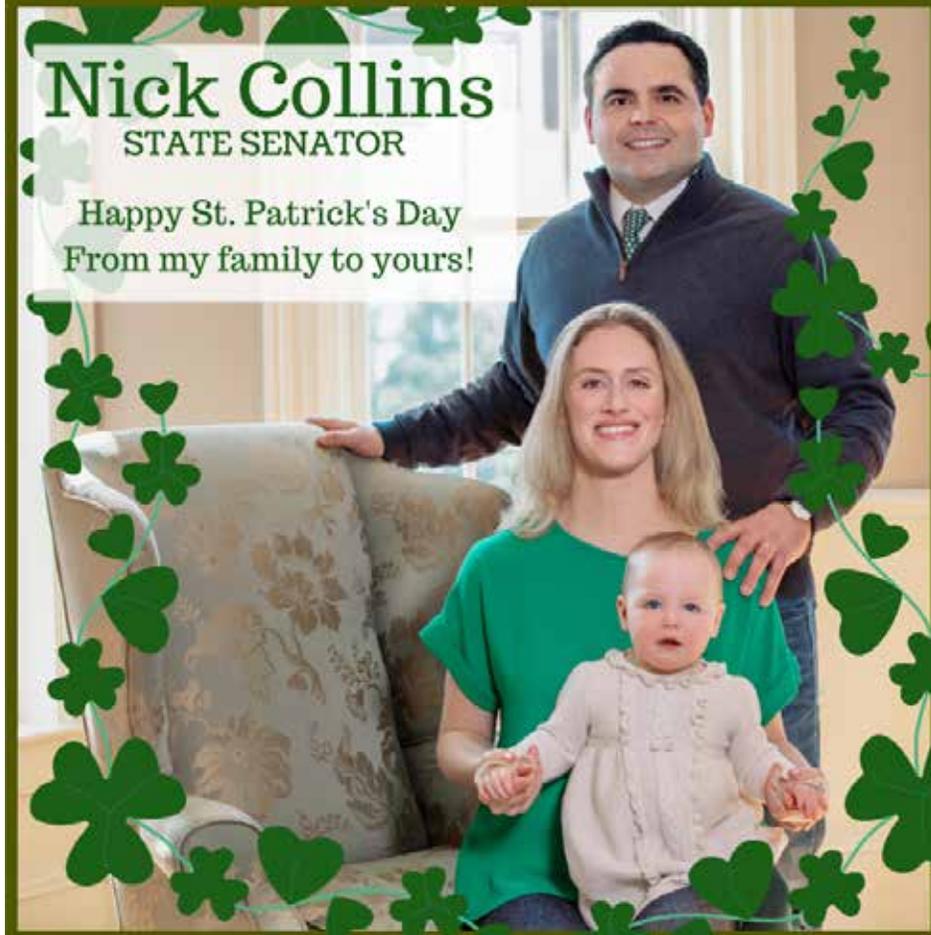
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 MEN FROM THE OLD COUNTY DOWN  
 SAY THEY'LL TAKE YOU & BREAK YOU BUT NEVER FORSAKE YOU  
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 HE WAS BRAGGIN BOUT HIS OLD HOME TOWN SAYS I TO HIM WHAT TO DO  
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# 2020 Chief Marshal's Banquet Was Outstanding

By all accounts, the 2020 Chief Marshal's banquet was among the best ever held in the event's long and proud history. The honoree for this year was of course the Commander of the Martin McDonough Post, Susan McDonough. Her recognition drew the attendance of the many dignitaries and agencies that serve the military veteran community, including Francisco Urena, MA Secretary of Veteran Affairs, Robert Santiago, Boston's Veterans Services Commissioner, South Boston native and the 2019 Grand Marshall, John Beatty, Congressman Stephen Lynch, Representative David Biele, City Councilors Michael Flaherty and Ed Flynn, Veteran Icon Tom Lyons, as well as the new Mayor of South

Boston, Christina Andrade. The Several Veterans Posts from South Boston had their representatives in attendance as well as others from Mattapan and around the city.

McDonough was being honored at a packed house at the Boston Teacher's Union Hall last weekend filled with family, supporters, veterans, South Boston neighbors and other dignitaries that included South Boston's elected officials and a special honoree, Kurt Power - a true American military hero and recipient of several medals including the Purple Heart. Army Sergeant Power underscored the camaraderie on display at this memorable event.

Dave Falvey was on hand as well. Dave is Commander of the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council,

which of course sponsors the parade each year. And it all went off with military precision. Live Irish music filled the evening and the entertainment featured some very talented Irish Step Dancers. The popular and very proud Jr. ROTC from South Boston High School did the honor of presenting the colors. Looking sharp in their perfectly creased military uniforms, they were on point as expected. When their duty was done, they sat for dinner at a table sponsored for them by State Representative David Biele. These cadets always add a special degree of professionalism to every event that they attend and make the South Boston Community proud.

The Chief Marshal, Susan McDonough, seemed to be having just

as much fun as everyone else in the hall that night. She was the recipient of many awards and plaques presented by the dignitaries and officials on site and is deserving of every one of them. Susan, an Army veteran, has been a hard worker as Commander of the McDonough Post and is doing a great job for the organization.

Though there will be no parade this year, because of the unexpected circumstances, Chief Marshal McDonough is being kept pretty busy attending the many other events that are still taking place around South Boston and is doing so with enthusiasm and what seems to be an abundance of energy. A grateful South Boston Community thanks her for stepping up and for the fantastic job she is doing.



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# “The Battle”

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

## *The end of a 3-part series on the History of Evacuation Day*

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

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

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

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

At “Dorchester Point” the Americans were giddy at the British ships retreat. They began waving flags, gestur-

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

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

Almost immediately the British “Green” Battery (at Washington and Berkeley Streets), alerted to their location, began a deadly fire. A company of the 10th Artillery Regiment under Captain Thomas Pierce continued to work under this withering fire. This unfinished position attempted to return fire. A 17-year-old Private, Stephen Jennings of Norton, dashed back and forth bringing powder to the cannons. It was during one of these runs he was felled by a bursting shell. Watching this was 25 yr old Sgt. Obadiah Adams from Littleton and 33 yr old Surgeon Enoch Dole from Lancaster. Along with two other soldiers, they grabbed a litter and ran to aid Jennings. Sadly, as all four gathered round his fallen form, yet another British shell exploded, killing all four of the rescue party. Ironically, the act of aiding and hovering over Jennings, by the four, shielded him and he survived with the loss of a hand and eye. The firing continued all night, ending at sunrise after over 800 cannon balls had been fired and the American abandoned



the fortification attempts.

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

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

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

secure base in Boston? The British successfully moved in and occupied New York, New Jersey and Philadelphia. Over the next year, the only other American victory was the Christmas raid at Trenton, so how did the victory at Boston become so overlooked?

When the British fleet sailed away that St. Patrick’s morning they left behind their hatred of the Irish and Catholics that remains with us in some form and by some people to this day. Consider that the battle occurred 236 years ago but for the first 130 years it was never observed. This is only the 108 observance. The ruling political elite were determined to keep the Irish in their place, but the joining of St. Patrick’s and Evacuation was seen by the Irish, as divine intervention. That and the flood tide of Irish Immigration swelled their ranks to political power. Prior to that every undesirable activity was placed in South Boston by the ruling elite. The poor house and insane asylum were placed in South Boston. Except for the “Twin Hills”, all of our “Heights” were leveled to fill in the Back Bay. A 45 acre park created for South Boston residents was first re-claimed by the Government as a military base and is now site of the Convention Center. When the Dorchester Heights Monument was dedicated in 1902 the guest speaker referred to the longstanding discrimination toward the Irish South Boston by noting “The Mayflower and the Shamrock have finally joined”. Even then St. Patrick could only be celebrated under the umbrella of Evacuation Day.

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

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

Happy Evacuation and St. Patrick’s Day.  
*Take care until we meet again.*

# James T. Brett Named Vice Chairman of the National Council on Disability

James Brett, lifelong advocate for people with disabilities, was recently named vice chairman of the National Council on Disability (NCD). Brett, who is the president and CEO of The New England Council has dedicated much of his work as a policy maker as well as his community and civic life to improve the quality of life for people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

NCD is an independent federal agency which advises the President, Congress, and other federal agencies on policies, programs, and procedures that affect people with disabilities. Its members are appointed by the President or a member of Congress.

"I am honored to take on this role with the NCD and am looking forward to the year ahead," Brett said. "The NCD has a long history of service and advocacy for people with disabilities. The Council's quality research and thoughtful analysis

has improved the lives of countless people with disabilities. They are a leading voice for people with disabilities and I am proud to be part of this organization." In 2016, Congress appointed Brett to the NCD. In recent years the NCD has focused on a range of issues including improving access to quality dental care for people with disabilities, enhancing protections for individuals who may be exposed to abuse, and understanding the particular challenges of medical and long-term care for vulnerable populations.

At the New England Council, Brett launched a collaboration between business and higher education to advocate for access to employment for people with disabilities. At the University of Massachusetts-Boston, he raised funds to establish a permanent position to research and study the use of technology to help people with



disabilities enter the workforce. The James T. Brett Chair in Disability and Workforce Development is the nation's only endowed chair in disability and workforce development.

Prior to joining the New England Council, Brett served in the Massachusetts House of Representatives for more than 15 years. Throughout his career in the public and private sectors, he has continued to be a tireless advocate for people with disabilities. Brett is also chairman of the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability and serves as the chairperson of the Massachusetts Disabled Persons Protection Commission. He has been honored on multiple occasions for his commitment to people with disabilities.

Also on a national level, Brett served on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities under both President Bush and President Obama. He is a past chairman of the Committee. He worked on policy recommendations to help people with disabilities access basic needs – a safe home, the dignity of work, quality medical care and social supports. In the past decade, he introduced a proposal to the White House for a savings plan for families of individuals with disabilities to save for the future. After moving through the legislative process, the federal government passed the ABLE Act in 2014, creating a savings plan for people with disabilities for future education, training, living expenses, and other supports. Today, financial companies in many states are offering a 529 ABLE account, helping families save for the future and cover disabilities-related expenses. Mr. Brett has been inducted into the following Hall of Fames: Special Olympics of Massachusetts, Junior Achievement of Northern New England, and Action for Boston Community Development.

## Building Community at St. Peter Academy

By Frank Galligan,  
Principal of St. Peter Academy

St. Peter Academy values being a "family oriented" and "close knit" community. These attributes can be found within, but are not limited to, the school's mission and vision statements, along with a very active and highly-supportive Home-School Association. The Home-School Association, in particular, is a team of committed parents, guardians, and grandparents who meet monthly to socialize, collaborate, and plan special events for families and friends to enjoy. These programs help

with building community, funding educational resources, and enhancing the St. Peter Academy experience for everyone throughout the year. Most notably, a St. Patrick's Day celebration held on Saturday, March 7th welcomed over 80 people to the school cafeteria. Attendees were treated to a delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage dinner, Irish Step Dancing, music, and many laughs which made for a memorable night.

**St. Peter Academy in an independent, community-based private school and serves students from ages 15 months through grade 6. SPA is currently accepting applications for the limited spaces available in the year-round toddler program (beginning at age 15 months) and for students in Pre-K, Kindergarten and grades 1-6. Appointments for individual tours can be made by contacting the Principal, Mr. Frank Galligan, at 617-268-0750 or by emailing [spa@StPeterAcademy.com](mailto:spa@StPeterAcademy.com).**



# Senior Salute A Great Success In New Location

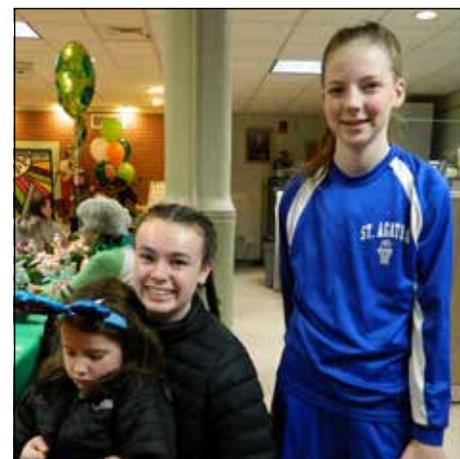
SBT Staff Report

For as long as it's been going on, the Annual Senior Salute has never failed to be a big hit and in 2020 the Thomas and Edward Butler St. Patrick's Senior Salute was no exception. Last weekend, over a hundred seniors decked out in their finest green party clothes, turned out to yet another great event

that was fun from start to finish. This year the celebration was held at St. Peter Parish Hall with Father Peter saying the Blessing. The crowd was treated to a sumptuous traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage meal fit for royalty; followed by fine desserts and beverages that topped off the meal portion of the gathering perfectly. There was live music and singing and laughter

and smiles all around. Irish Step Dancers thrilled all in attendance and their energy had everyone applauding each dance they performed. The South Boston Elected Delegation along with Tommy Butler and the Mayor entertained the crowd with singing, jokes and Irish wit. Congressman Lynch was in top form! The Mayor's Office of Aging Strong was also well repre-

sented at the event. There were many giveaways presented to the party goers, such as shamrock plants and gift certificates and more. This year's Senior Salute had a tradition to uphold and that was to be 100% upbeat and festive and it certainly was. Well done to all involved in putting on such a fine banquet for so many of our most cherished citizens.



# The 21+ Bowl - A - Rama Champions!

This is a great event for gathering friends and family for laughs, memories and spirited competition. Our own Nancy Conroy was the Queen of the tournament cherishing her BIG and well deserved trophy.



## Legend of the Celtic Cross

Standing stones have long been the main points of solar cults throughout Europe before the advent of Celtic Christianity. Their shape meant to suggest that they were meant to represent trees which were held in great esteem by the early Celts.

The Christianization of the stones by carving crosses on them, a custom said to be introduced by St. Patrick was the start of the Christian presence in Ireland.

It has been said that the most important achievement in the history of Irish sculpture is the Celtic High Cross. These crosses can be identified by a large stone circle intersecting the arms and the upright shaft. From the early days of Irish Christianity, crosses had been set in slabs as symbols of the faith and put up in monastic settlements.

The predecessors of the Irish crosses were possibly the stone crosses erected in North Umbria in the late 7th Century. Figured sculpture became a major element of the crosses. In the early pieces, hunting scenes, with a moral message appeared only on the substantial bases as at Ahenny. In the style of transitional, shafts became covered with relief panels as in the South Cross, Clonmacnois. The use of human figures on the Irish crosses may have been influenced by English ivories. The Columban monastery of Kells, Co Meath, has a transitional cross that being of St. Patrick and St. Columba early 9th century which indeed carries a number of Biblical scenes. The area around Kells appears to have been vital in the development of later high crosses in eastern and northern Ireland.



The group of central figures of scriptural high crosses has a set religious subject which is based on the themes of Gog's grace to man's and the links between events in the Old and New Testaments. There, ideas relate to the Reformation Celi D movement, with it's new

great interest in the Scriptures. There crosses look forward to the Irish Romanesque Art Movement and the Celtic culture in general. The best example is the Cross of Muiredach and the West Cross of the Scriptures of Monasterboice in Co Louth. The figures are in this instance cut in sandstone. Figured panels are on the base of the shaft and ornamental panels the narrow face. There is generally a Crucifix on one side with the New Testament scenes in panels beneath; on the other face are the Last Judgment and Old Testament scenes.

The terrible Viking attacks appeared to have stopped the carving of high crosses in the South of Ireland, and later some crosses were erected in the North.

This great development of the Irish Cross indicates the deep and solid Christian faith which the Irish people had and continue to have to the present day.

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hopes to bring attention to women veterans during Women's History Month, as well as recognize their achievements, sacrifices, and contributions to our country.

"Women have a long history of serving in our military and fighting for our country, and they deserve to be treated with dignity and respect" said Councilor Flynn. "It is

important that we recognize their sacrifice to our country, as well as realize the challenges that women veterans face. I plan to call for a hearing regarding issues relating to our women veterans, and look forward to working with my colleagues on this matter."

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

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dagh rings it means: "With these hands I give you my heart and crown it with all my love."

Not surprisingly, during the Famine, many people sold their Claddagh rings for cash. But as the Claddagh ring wasn't as fashionable then as it is today, many were sold for scrap. Sadly, hundreds of these beautiful old Irish Claddagh rings simply ended up in the melting pot.



# Gatey Irish Breakfast

Once again, the bright orange and green Sunday outfits worn by the 100 or more parishioners of Gate of Heaven and Saint Brigid parishes, dotted the tables where folks enjoyed a scrumptious Irish Breakfast, sponsored by Nick Collins. (Thank you Nick) This

has become an annual tradition.

The menu included scrambled eggs, home fries and bangers as well as juice, coffee, tea and fresh cut melons; honeydew green and cantaloupe orange. Both freshly baked Irish soda and Irish brown breads were served with butter and cur-

rrent, raspberry preserves and orange marmalade. Irish music guest singer, Fr. Robert Casey, regaled the crowd. Honorable Ray Flynn the former Ambassador to the Vatican was on hand with his wife Cathy and good friend Michael Donovan.

Mary Maiullari, Karen Evans and Mary McCarthy Collins, the committee organizers of the breakfast,

want to remind you that Coffee and Conversation happens after the 9:00 Mass on the second Sunday of every month. The next breakfast will be on Mother's Day after the 9:00 am Mass at Gate of Heaven. They wish to thank the volunteers and all who make this traditional event warm and welcoming for the 4th consecutive year.



# Gatey's Vicariate Finalists

*Intermediate team falls short in title tilt*

By Kevin Devlin

On Friday, March 6, at Saint Agatha's gym in Milton, the Gate of Heaven CYO boys' intermediate basketball team, playing in the CYO Vicariate Championships, lost to Saint Ann's of Dorchester in the title game, 48-44. Like many hoop games, it was a game of runs, and in the end, Saint Ann's prevailed.

In this title game, both teams started out slow, missing shots and commit-



Pictured is the Gate of Heaven CYO high boys' intermediate hoop team coached by Matt Hogan and Billy Watson. The players are: Jack McGinn, Kevin Cully, Jonathan Walsh, Braeden Kennedy, Mike Brooks, Paddy Craddock, Chris Fitzgerald, Jack Matthews, Ryan Hogan and James Arlauskas.

ting unforced turnovers. Then Gatey's outside game came alive and they took a 17-7 lead. But this lead disappeared quickly. Late in the first half and early in the second half, Saint Ann's went on a 14-2 run, to take a 21-19 lead. Gatey subsequently went on a 6-0 run to retake the lead. With 6:35 remaining in the game, it was tied up, 35-35. Saint Ann's



Pictured is Saint Ann's of Dorchester coached by Billy Chuokas. They are the 2020 CYO Vicariate Champions.

then responded in grand fashion and went on a 13-5 run, to take a 48-40 lead. Gatey continued to fight and closed the gap but unfortunately ran out of time.

For Gatey, Kevin Cully netted 12 points knocking down four three-pointers. Chris Fitzgerald had 10 points including two three-pointers. Jonathan Walsh scored nine points, Braeden Ken-

neddy and Mike Brooks had five points each, while Paddy Craddock had three.

It was a good CYO regular season for this solid group of Gatey players who I have seen play since they were knee high to grasshoppers. Time does fly by swiftly like an airplane overhead, and I hope these players cherish their playing days and friendships made for years to come.

# 10th Annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash Raises \$50,000

On Sunday, March 8, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's 10th annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash to benefit Save the Harbor and DCR's Better Beaches Program partnership brought nearly 300 beach-lovers together to raise funds to support free beach events and programs from Nahant to Nantasket in 2020.

This year, the "pledge and plunge" cold water fundraiser raised more than \$50,000 to provide grants to community organizations to support free concerts, beach festivals, and youth programs on public beaches.

Participants could direct their fundraising to their favorite local beach. South Boston led with \$6,921, followed by Dorchester with \$4,298 and Lynn & Nahant with \$3,820. Participants raised \$3,155 for Winthrop, \$2,949 for Wollaston Beach, \$2,365 for Nantasket, \$1,875 for Revere Beach and \$1,595 for Constitution Beach in East Boston.

"All of us at Harpoon look forward to taking a quick dip into the cold water after our Harpoon St. Patrick's festival to support a great cause and warm up with a refreshing Harpoon beer, a burger, and clam chowder on the beach with our friends from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay," said Harpoon Brewery President Charlie Storey, who splashes each year. "Sure it was cold in the water, but the warm feeling you get from giving back to your community stays with you for a long time."

Participants won JetBlue flights and great Harpoon swag for reaching fundraising goals. Trevor Etheridge from Jamaica Plain was the highest fundraiser, raising \$2,550, and Ethan George from Brookline raised \$2,050 and had the most individual donations. They each won round-trip JetBlue flights for their efforts.

The two costume contest winners, Jane Kepros from East Boston in a handmade frog costume, and

Chris Graefe from Jamaica Plain in a speedo cowboy look, won JetBlue flights as well for their creativity and enthusiasm. Special thanks to Elsey, Storey, JetBlue's Donnie Todd, and Boston 25 Meteorologist Vicki Graf for serving as contest judges! Every splasher and contributor also had the opportunity to win prizes in two post-Splash JetBlue flight raffles.

Metropolitan Beaches Commissioner Rep. David Biele of South Boston took the plunge as well. "I was happy to join friends, residents and neighbors at this year's Save the Harbor/Save the Bay Harpoon Shamrock Splash. Funds raised will support a wide range of programs that increase access and enjoyment of local beaches through a partnership with the Department of Conservation and Recreation. Thanks to this year's swimmers, volunteers and sponsors for supporting and investing in our local beaches."

Save the Harbor's success would

not be possible without our program partners and event sponsors, including Harpoon Brewery, JetBlue, Mix 104.1, The Daily Catch, The Blue Sky Collaborative, The Boston Foundation, The Richard Saltonstall Charitable Foundation, Beacon Capital Partners, P&G Gillette, National Grid, and Comcast.

In addition, Save the Harbor recognizes the Metropolitan Beaches Commission Co-Chairs Representative RoseLee Vincent and Senator Brendan Crighton, the legislative and community members on the Commission, the Baker-Polito Administration, our partners at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the Boston Centers for Youth & Families, the YMCA of Greater Boston, and the hundreds of people who take part in the Harpoon Shamrock Splash every year, for all they do to make this great event such a success.



Hundreds of beach lovers braved the cold water of Boston Harbor on Sunday at Save the Harbor's 10th annual Harpoon Shamrock Splash.



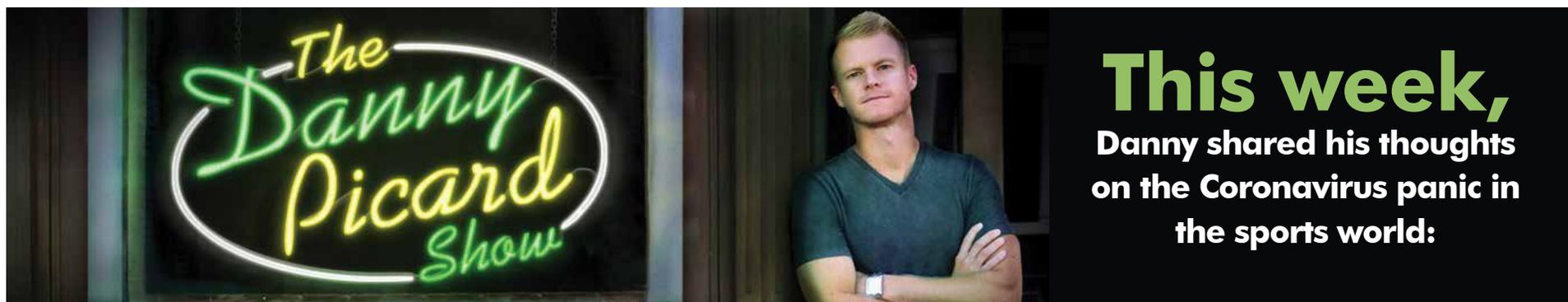
Participants competed for round trip flights on JetBlue for best costume and biggest fundraiser.



Ethan George splashed as a Narwhal for Team YES, raised \$2,060, and won round trip flights on JetBlue for the most individual donations.



Fundraising and costume contest winners pose with the judges. From left: Ethan George of Brookline, who won for most individual donations; Donnie Todd, JetBlue's Corporate Social Responsibility Liaison; MC Kennedy Elsey of Mix 104.1; Trevor Etheridge of Jamaica Plain, who won for highest fundraiser; Jane Kepros of East Boston and Chris Graefe of Jamaica Plain who won the costume contest; Harpoon Brewery President Charlie Storey; Boston 25 meteorologist Vicki Graf; and Metropolitan Beaches Commissioner Rep. David Biele.



## This week, Danny shared his thoughts on the Coronavirus panic in the sports world:

I'm not a doctor. And I certainly won't pretend to be one. But there's one thing I have in common with some of the best medical professionals in the world today.

None of us really know when coronavirus will stop spreading.

So all the "precautionary" measures you see taking place in the sports world — at the pro, college, and high school levels — are temporary, and could be considered temporarily foolish.

I'm not talking about the Southie St. Patrick's Day parade. That's one day a year. I can understand canceling both the parade and the breakfast, which they did.

(And by the way, the news media once again showed its bias by calling it the "Boston" St. Patrick's Day Parade in their cancellation headlines. It was a good decision to cancel, so they just refer to it as "Boston." Had the parade gone on as planned and somebody caught coronavirus on Sunday, then there's no doubt the headlines would've read, "Coronavirus spreads at the 'SOUTH' Boston St. Patrick's Day Parade." When it's good, it's "Boston." When it's bad and it fits their longstanding narrative of the neighborhood, it's "Southie.")

But for leagues like the NBA and NHL to consider playing games in empty arenas or even canceling games altogether, are they really taking the appropriate measures if they follow through with those strategies for only a week or two?

Hear me out. Let's just say, hypothetically, the NBA decides to play the next two weeks of regular season games in empty arenas. And in three weeks, they let the fans back in. Commissioner Adam Silver thinks he has contained and prevented the spread of the coronavirus for good.

But says who? Team officials? Doctors? The government? Nobody will actually know if that's true.

So if you keep fans out of your arenas for the next two weeks, you're telling me that, in three weeks, fans can once again go to games and be surrounded by thousands of strangers and everything will be fine? Ok, sounds good.

In a perfect world, that's a nice little timetable they got there. But this isn't a perfect world, and the coronavirus will still be spreading in three weeks, whether the NBA or other leagues plays games in empty arenas or not. So, if you're going to take the extreme steps of banning fans from arenas or canceling games

and events, then you better do it for much longer than two weeks, or you might as well not do it at all.

And I side with the latter. Let the fans into the arenas. Keep playing the regular season and playoffs as scheduled. If you're a fan that doesn't want to risk being around thousands of strangers for the next couple weeks, then stay home. That decision should be on you, not the leagues.

Because, obviously, there's more at stake here than just the health of the fans and the potential for coronavirus to spread like wildfire. These leagues aren't stupid. They're also thinking about the potential lawsuits that could come with a fan who might actually catch coronavirus in their arenas. So in that sense, I get it. But with regards to "doing what's right" in order to prevent the spread of the virus, playing in empty arenas for only two weeks isn't really going to solve anything. The coronavirus threat will still be just as prevalent once that two-week stretch is over and fans are allowed back in to watch games.

So what should they do? Should the NBA and NHL cancel the rest of their respective seasons? Should Major League Baseball delay the start of its regular season? Will the

NFL have to think about these types of decisions when its 2020 season begins in the fall?

I heard one "infectious disease expert" say this is "just the beginning," and that it will "unfold for months."

If I'm the NBA or NHL, then I'd either cancel the rest of the season, or go on business as usual while filing a disclaimer to fans that they're entering the arena at their own risk.

And again, I'd choose to go with the latter. Because canceling games or banning fans for only two weeks isn't really going to accomplish anything, if what the medical "experts" say is true.

But nobody really knows. So remember that, as you continue to wash your hands in a panic every 10 minutes. Keep living your life. Just be cautious. Stay alert. And make the decision to go to sporting events on your own.

The leagues shouldn't decide that for you.

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# SPORTS TODAY

## CORONAVIRUS DISRUPTS THE SPORTS WORLD

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The coronavirus panic is real, even in professional sports. From cancellations, to games being played with no fans in attendance, pro sports leagues in the U.S. are planning to go to the extremes in order to try and prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Most recently, the NBA, NHL, MLB, and MLS have closed its access to locker rooms and clubhouses to all “nonessential” personnel. The four leagues released a very rare joint statement on Monday night.

“After consultation with infectious disease and public health experts, and given the issues that can be associated with close contact in pre- and post-game settings, all team locker rooms and clubhouses will be open only to players and essential employees of teams and team facilities until further notice,” the statement read.

“Media access will be maintained in designated locations outside of the locker room and clubhouse setting. These temporary changes will be effective beginning with [Tuesday’s] games and practices.

“We will continue to closely monitor this situation and take any further steps necessary to maintain a safe and welcoming environment.”

Player availability has been taking place in a press-conference setting for each team in the four leagues, with a mandatory 6-8 foot gap in between reporters and the player that’s being interviewed.



**Tweet  
of the  
Week**

**Bleacher Report** @BleacherReport · Mar 6  
In response to the coronavirus outbreak, the NBA has sent a memo to all teams explaining that they should be prepared “to play games without fans in attendance and identifying ‘essential staff’ present for these games” if necessary, per @ShamsCharania



Of course, this has not made reporters happy. In a joint statement made by professional writers associations for the four aforementioned sports, their goal is to “ensure” locker room access, claiming that it is “essential” to their jobs.

“We are concerned with the developing international outbreak of coronavirus and the need to contain it,” the statement read. “We understand precautions may be necessary in the name of public health. We are intent on working with the leagues, teams and schools we cover to maintain safe work environments. We also must ensure the locker room access — which we have negotiated over decades — to players, coaches and staff is not unnecessarily limited in either the short or long term.”

The NBA has advised teams to prepare for games to be played without fans. In college basketball, the Ivy League has canceled its men’s and women’s conference tournaments to determine its bids into the NCAA Tournament. And several other college basketball and college hockey games this weekend will be played without fans in the arenas.

But for how long will these precautions last? And how many more events will be canceled, or take place without fans? Nobody really knows.

## FORMER PATRIOT THINKS TOM BRADY IS ‘GONE’

SBT Staff

Former Patriots cornerback Aqib Talib made an in-studio appearance on NFL Network this week, and said that he believes Tom Brady will be leaving New England as a free agent this offseason.

“I think Tom is gone,” said Talib. “I think it’s a done deal. Bill is gonna be Bill. Those [phone] calls are gonna be short and to the point. We’ve got a report that said [Brady and Belichick’s phone call] didn’t go well. I can imagine — I had a call that didn’t go well with Bill before, so I can imagine what happened on that call.”

Talib told a story about a phone call between him and Belichick while Talib was entering free agency, coming off the 2013 season he spent with the Patriots. He said that Belichick gave him two options: Leave and get paid, or stay and win games.

“I’ve been a part of Bill in this situation as well, free agency time,” said Talib on NFL Network. “And I got a call from Bill that said,

## WHAT TO WATCH

**MLB SATURDAY, MARCH 14**  
Spring Training  
Boston vs Houston  
1:05 P.M. NESN

**NBA THURSDAY, MARCH 12**  
Boston at Milwaukee  
8 P.M. TNT

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**  
Washington at Boston  
7:30 P.M. NBCSB

**NHL FRIDAY, MARCH 13**  
Boston at Buffalo  
7 P.M. NESN

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**  
Toronto at Boston  
7 P.M. NESN

**PGA THURS, MARCH 12 - SUN, MARCH 15**  
THE PLAYERS Championship  
1 P.M. GOLFC/NBC

‘If you want to make a bunch of money, you’re gonna make a bunch of money. If you want to play some football and win some games, then we’ve got a spot for you here.’

“If he treated everybody the same in the meeting room, he’s probably treating everybody the same around free agency time as well.”

Talib chose to get paid, so he left the Patriots and signed a six-year, \$57 million contract with the Denver Broncos, who guaranteed him \$26 million. But during his time in New England, he said that Belichick treated Brady just like everybody else.

“I’ve been in those meeting rooms, man, with Bill and Tom. And [Belichick] treats everybody the same. If Tom messed up in practice, he’ll point it out, he’ll point it out in front of everybody. If it was Gronk, if it was myself, anybody, he treated everybody the same.”

Patriots fans can only hope that Belichick doesn’t treat Brady’s free agency the same way he treated Talib’s, or there’ll probably be a new quarterback in New England next season.



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