First In The Country Vietnam Memorial Re-Dedication: Pride and Patriotism at 33rd Anniversary

A comment made by one of the active duty US Marines on hand for last Sunday’s 33rd Anniversary of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial re-dedication pretty much summed up the feelings that the hundreds in attendance felt on this beautiful September morning: “What a town Southie is. Even after 33 years, big crowds like this still turn out each time to honor their fallen neighbors, like it was the very first anniversary. This is what I call a Pride and Patriotism at 33rd Anniversary.

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EDITORIAL

A firefighter inhaling toxic fumes or being struck by a flaming beam or destroying their back, while lugging an unconscious victim to safety, might be too injured to continue their career and forced to retire.

A firefighter suffering this fate and requiring a disability in 1994 would, today, receive a little more than $30,000 a year in pay.

Twenty years later the Boston City Council, already being generously paid in excess of 87 thousand dollars a year is actually considering a raise of about 25 thousand a year. The rationale being that the council hasn’t seen a raise since 2006. Overlooking the fact only two of the present councilors were even in office in 2006, somewhere a firefighter struggling with a cane or through daily therapy unable, perhaps, to enjoy any family life because of their new limitations must be scratching their heads.

“In Regard to ISIS Terrorists beheading Americans, we should either convert them or kill them” - Phil Robertson, Duck Dynasty

This Week’s Poll

If This Governor’s Election Is About What’s In The Best Interest Of The Middle Class Which Candidate Is More Likely To Deliver Results?

Charlie Baker Or Martha Coakley
I’ll start off with a request from some of our Pop Warner Football League parents. This request is to dog owners. Please, do not walk your dogs on the Pop Warner football field or any of our athletic fields for that matter. It’s becoming a common practice lately that some people are just not picking up after their dogs. When the kids go to the field for games or practice they often spend a lot of time on the ground in the grass from making tackles or being tackled. It doesn’t get much worse than winding up in a mess, because a few dog owners are too uncaring, or perhaps too lazy, to clean up after their pets. These requests are not coming from parents because they dislike dogs. In fact, some of them are dog owners themselves. I have a dog. But common sense and a bit of courtesy dictate that if the relatively few who cannot follow this simple rule, especially when living in the city, maybe they should find a good home for their canine friends and get a goldfish instead.

While at Castle Island a few days ago, I was approached by a neighbor who, like many of us from time to time, just felt the need to vent. She had some legitimate concerns, I had some time, so I listened to what she said, which made quite a bit of sense. She was upset because she believes that the American public is being lied to and treated like idiots by so many in the news media and in all the higher levels of government. As she began to rattle off the things on her list. Other neighbors began to listen and joined right in with some of their own. The following were just a few of those mentioned:

Regarding the ISIS terrorist threat, “Why is it that John Kerry insists that we are not at war with ISIS, when any member of the US armed forces will tell you that when military personnel are sent into combat whether on the ground, flying a fighter jet or on board a ship for the purpose of killing a hostile enemy with the possibility of being killed themselves, it’s war.” She asked. Staying on the topic of ISIS, another neighbor wanted to know, why Barack Obama and the state department continue to tell us that the ISIS murderers are not Islamists/Muslims, when ISIS spokesmen brag that what they do is in the name of “Allah”, and everyone knew it anyway? And how about the border situation? Much of the media and people in Washington are working hard to get the country to believe that our border with Mexico is secure and there are no problems. But Americans can see for themselves the videos of the steady stream of illegals crossing that border by wading across the Rio Grande, scaling the fences and being brought in by jet skis and row boats. Videos even showed people piling on top of the roofs of cars and pickup truck coming in. This point was made by several people during the conversation.

Another person, a visitor from the South Shore chimed in and brought up the steady drumbeat by our government and the UN about Global Warming and the melting polar ice caps. All the new data now confirms that there hasn’t been any warming of the planet for 19 years and the ice at both the Arctic and Antarctic ice caps are getting thicker and expanding, not receding. Yet they continue to try to convince us that the planet is warming.

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Casino Goes To Everett – Now What For Boston?

Poker is not for everyone. Gambling can become an addiction. Money talks. Politics is a tough game. Casinos are even tougher. The clichés go on.

A casino may be a boon to the economy in the short run, but what is its impact in the long run? South Boston has escaped the potential impact of traffic through its streets on the way to the Ted Williams Tunnel from the South Shore that may have been a result of a Revere casino. The Wynn Resorts casino going to Everett will have that impact on Charlestown and it remains to be seen whether a truce is brokered between Mayor Walsh and the Vegas mogul.

It is likely that with a license designation in hand and the odds in his favor, a prudent Steve Wynn will figure out a way to reach an accommodation with Marty Walsh, especially if he can avoid a costly lawsuit and a stiffened bureaucracy. Coming up with a multi-modal transportation plan that works will be critical and cooperation with Boston will be crucial.

Let’s face it; both Revere and Everett were in need of an injection of economic stimulus. The argument can be made, and apparently was a factor, that Everett with no oceanfront (the Mystic River is not a very navigable waterway after reaching Charlestown), dwindling industry and a haven for the Big Box stores was more in need of the boost that they now expect from this decision. As for Revere, the impact of the loss of thoroughbred racing on the heels of the loss of greyhound racing has made the Suffolk Downs site either a real estate developer’s dream property or will give the City an opportunity to carve out an economic development niche that will attract the kind of mix of industrial, commercial and residential interests that will refuel its economy. But, that will take time, patience and ingenuity. It’s an opportunity nonetheless, especially if the Commonwealth designates it a Gateway City.

Back to Boston. Boston is booming, as residential and commercial real estate prices attest. Observers have opined that having a casino nearby, while a tourist attraction, is not what Boston needs to be noted for globally. Boston has so much going for it, as evidenced by the number of international flights arriving at Logan Airport and the contracts for large scale Conventions coming that the Mayor’s attention to the city’s core industries are what should occupy his time. Generating economic opportunity for the neighborhoods is a tall order and needs to be his priority.

In a bet, there is a fool and a thief. Mayor Walsh and Steve Wynn are neither of these. They will be back at the negotiating table. Walsh knows that as a former union leader and now the leader of a major international city, Wynn knows that as a businessman.
Ward Churchill is a former University of Colorado professor, charlatan and America basher, who lost his position after writing a paper labeling the 3,000 murder victims of 9-11 as “little Eichmann’s”, suggesting that those who worked in the World Trade Center towers represented technocrat collaborators with the military industrial complex. This was, of course, a reference to the Nazi commander, a non-military collaborator, in charge of the system that murdered 6 million Jews. Churchill was being interviewed and claiming every piece of land, every idea or action in America’s history was stolen from the indigenous people.

Most thinking people subscribe to a philosophy that America’s greatness is a result of combining the qualities of all the races and ethnicities to come up with the best plan or product and then add a healthy dose of that American “can-do” attitude that has resulted in America’s pre-eminent standing in the world. The America-haters revolt at that fact, but it’s true. As always the best examples are right here where America really began, South Boston.

In 1630, the ship ‘The Mary And John’ arrived off the Massachusetts coast. A scouting party landed their row boat on an outcropping, which became known as Old Harbor Street. That first boat had two brothers named Gillette. One brother named Nathan took his branch of the family, eventually, to Wisconsin. Over 270 years later, his descendant named King Gillette would return to his family’s first landing of South Boston. Borrowing money to forge his inspiration, Gillette built a factory in South Boston to manufacture the invention. That invention physically and socially would “change the face of the world”. His disposable blade made what was a costly, sometimes painful, grooming procedure – shaving - available to the common man. For the next 70 years Gillette was the world leader in shaving and its equipment.

If necessity is the mother of invention, competition must be the father. As more companies began matching or even passing the quality of the Gillette brand, profit began to shrink. Gillette’s had a large research and development team, along with other makers, trying to create the next generation of cleaner, closer, smoother, safer shaving systems, namely a 2-blade system. The problem was that the shavings quickly clogged and the razor became useless.

Enter a South Boston engineer from “I” Street Frank Dorion. Dorion’s solution was hailed as the “greatest shaving invention since the first single blade itself”. Sadly Frank died in 1973 at a very young age after his invention in 1970, the Trac-Two Double Bladed Disposable Razor. Because of Frank’s invention, MACH 3, Quatro and all other multiple blade systems are making our lives just a little easier.

The next example goes back to WWII, and has that “only in Southie” quality. During the war, a couple of life long friends were arguing over which service produced the better pilots. Marine pilot, Bill Deegan, naturally felt that the “flying leathernecks” were unmatched. His friend Robert E. Lee known as “Pickles” held out for the “flying doggies”, not surprising considering he was a pilot in the U. S. Army Air Force.

The debate was good natured but after recovering from a beating and regained his limit. No more talking. “If you want to know who the best pilots are, be down L and 8th Street tomorrow at 10:00 A.M.” Deegan told Pickles. Sure enough Pickles was on the corner at 10 when a roar filled the air. Bill Deegan had gone down to the South Weymouth Air Base and signed out a fighter. As Pickles looked a plane came up and over the L Street Bath House, streaked by Pickles at L and 8th and up L Street. To add to the degree of difficulty, Deegan was flying vertically. That means instead of flying horizontally, with his wings pointing East and West, Deegan went the length of L with his wings pointed north and south.

Obviously, Ward Churchill never met any South Bostonians. If he had, and after recovering from a beating for talking bad about America, he would know that inventiveness and action, not words or attitude, are the hallmark of America and South Boston. They are indeed ours and no amount of these radical 60’s America-hating cowards will ever change that, or take it away.
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real proud and close neighborhood”. Tommy Lyons agreed. He said “The large turnout each and every year of so many residents who care says a lot about the wonderful people from this community”.

And turn out they did. From the jammed Mass at St. Brigid Church at 10:30am, where tribute was paid to South Boston’s fallen heroes and thanks given to God for blessing this community with so many great veteran heroes including those still with us, to the rededication itself at the Memorial site across the street at Medal of Honor Park, it was once again, as it is every year, a truly beautiful event. It was solemn, but upbeat at the same time.

The Pipes and Drums added to the pomp and ceremony perfectly. The large gathering included people of all ages. Families brought their small children, teens were there in big numbers and adults of every generation were on hand to make this one of South Boston’s most cherished traditions. As the National Anthem played, people rose and hats were removed and all remained silent right through the invocation by Father Casey. Tom Lyons was the emcee and did his usual fantastic job and set the tone for some truly inspirational speeches by local dignitaries.

The honored guest was Brigadier General F.M. McGinn, who is the Assistant Adjutant of the Mass National Guard, US Army. General McGinn, Congressman Steve Lynch, Mayor Martin Walsh, Tommy Lyons.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh delivers words of thanks to the crowd.

United States Marine Color guard.

Caption: Brigadier General F.M. McGinn was the guest of honor United States Marine Color guard.

Charlie Baker and Tommy Lyons.

General McGinn, Congressman Steve Lynch, Mayor Martin Walsh, Tom Lyons.
McGinn was eloquent in his text and tone, as well as to the point, in stating how proud he was to be the invited guest to help honor the fallen neighbors and spelling out what the world situation is today. A special tribute was also given to Major General Harold Greene, a former guest speaker at this event who was recently killed in the line of duty.

Mention is often made of the engraved words on the Vietnam Memorial itself which South Bostonians know by heart: “If You Forget My Death, Then I Died In Vain”. Through the hard work of Tom Lyons, Jerry Turner, Tom Irwin, Harry Carroll and George Eagan of the South Boston Vietnam Memorial Committee and many others, who each year give unselfishly of their time, energy and resources to help put this beautiful event together, as well as the countless members of the community who continue to be in attendance every year, it’s certain that those men whose names appear on the memorial and gave their lives in defense of our country will never be forgotten. They will live forever in the collective hearts of a truly grateful neighborhood.
South Boston Street Festival Draws Huge Crowd

The South Boston Street Festival has become one of the neighborhood’s biggest events. Thousands of residents look forward to it each September because of the large variety of fun activities that come with it. The fifteenth annual in 2014 did not disappoint. Though dark skies overhead appeared threatening at times, the rain held off so everyone could enjoy all that this massive gathering had to offer.

Booths and tables from many of South Boston’s businesses and organizations were set up and colorfully decorated. Live music and entertainment on two stages kept the atmosphere festive and also encouraged people to sing and dance along. The Irish Step Dancers as always were a big hit.

This is a day when so much of what South Boston has to offer is on display and the variety is impressive. Neighborhood restaurants were well represented providing sumptuous selections. People got to see the creativity of so many of this community’s talented artists. The New England Aquarium’s Touch Tank and educators were a big hit and very informative. Even our furry friends were catered to as businesses that deal in taking care of our dogs, cats and other pets set up tables and passed out treats. Other vendors were there with jewels, T-Shirts, sweatshirts, shoes, babies clothing, soaps and lotions and pretty much everything else under the sun. This town’s very active civic organizations were there, as well as our wonderful private and parochial schools that had information tables in place. Representatives and parents from St. Peter Academy and South Boston Catholic Academy were providing information and answering questions about the education they provide.

The Street Festival is also a day when well-deserved recognition is given to some of South Boston’s hard workers who contribute so much to the neighborhood. Mayor Martin Walsh was there to present Don Wilson an award to recognize his 16 years of service to the South Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Thomas J. Butler Small Business Leadership Award from the Chamber of Commerce to Pam Santorelli of ‘Habit’.

For more than five hours the throngs of happy people mingled, socialized, laughed, ate and shopped and just enjoyed the typical late summer/early fall type weather. Attendees ranged to from senior citizens, to teenagers, to young families with children and pushing baby carriages, to longtime residents and recent arrivals. Everyone seemed to be having a grand time in this one hundred percent upbeat, fun filled day. And as tradition dictates, the event was closed with South Boston’s own ‘Thomas Park Band’ on stage performing. It was a perfect way to end a perfect day. See many more photos of the Festival at SouthBostonToday.com
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Rep. Nick Collins played host to a throng of over 600 attendees to a Community Appreciation Day at the Boston Convention Center’s newly created Lawn On D Street Park on Sunday September 7th. This park is a welcomed amenity and one piece of the menu of commitments made to South Boston when the BCEC was approved that the Convention Center plans to fulfill.

With the season opening New England Patriots football game against the Miami Dolphins shown on a wide screen television as a backdrop, fun, games, refreshments and neighborly camaraderie was served up under a perfect sky.

The crowd was entertained by DJ Ping Pong anyone? Complete with judges. State Representative Nick Collins and Sean Monahan.

South Boston Seniors enjoying themselves at State Representative Nick Collins Appreciation Party at The Lawn On D.

Lawn On D Street A Big Hit

South Boston's newest eatery, Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches located at 413 “D” Street provided delicious, freshly made sandwiches for the event.

Good Friends; Linda, Maura and Peggy enjoying themselves and having fun.

Loretta Miresola and Ernie Santoro enjoying a cool beverage at The Lawn On D.

The crowd gathers to await the start of the Patriots game on the big screen.

State Representative Nick Collins and Sean Mohajan.
Johnny Dow and the band Classic Yellow and was treated to delicious sandwiches, courtesy of Jimmy Johns Gourmet Sandwiches of 413 D Street. The ample bar is managed by Lincoln Tavern. The Southie Shuttle provided courtesy transportation.

The Lawn On D Street is expected to stay open, weather permitting, through sometime late October, to be re-opened in the spring.
The bad news was that the annual South Boston Italian Pride Night had to be postponed this year. The original date was rained out. The good news is that this is South Boston and things like that are just minor bumps in the road. The show must go on and in this town it does and it did.

Last Friday evening, Medal of Honor Park at M Street was the scene of the always festive event where for at least this night, everyone is Italian. Several hundred people turned out to enjoy the cool late summer night and were treated to the great singing of Street Magic Acapella. There was food provided by The Sausage Guy and City Councilor Mike Flaherty, amusements and activities for the kids and a whole lot of fun and socializing. The City of Boston Parks Department as always did an outstanding job setting it all up and putting on the show.

This year, the South Boston Italian American honoree was the famous George Locascio. George with his wife Mary by his side on stage were presented the award by Mayor Marty Walsh and congratulated by State Rep Nick Collins, City Council President Bill Linehan, Former Senator Jack Hart and Clerk of Court Mike Donovan, who was the night’s Master of Ceremonies.

This was an evening of smiling faces and plenty of laughter, as the neighborhood turned out to kick back and enjoy yet another enduring South Boston tradition, where the order of the day is and always has been to have a good time.

As darkness began to set in a bit earlier as the season is beginning to change, spirits were still high. Because, who needs all that day light when, as the members of Street Magic Acapella said in that famous song made popular by the late Dean Martin, “When the moon hits your eye like a big pizza pie – that’s Amore”. South Boston Italian Pride Night 2014 was a big success as it will always be.
SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER

WHAT A GREAT WEEKEND! The weather was great. Just a couple of reminders before we begin a recap of last week’s games.

NO SMOKING ON THE SIDELINES OR ON THE FIELD. IF YOU NEED TO HAVE A CIGARETTE WITHIN THE HOUR YOU ARE THERE YOU MUST LEAVE THE STADIUM. ALSO NO DOGS...EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY BE ON A LEASH SOME PEOPLE ARE STILL FRIGHTENED BY THEM. WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DOGS JUMPING UP ON THE CHILDREN.

COACHES:
Remember it is important to turn in score sheets. If you do not pass one in there will not be any write up for your team and that is not fair to the children who show up week after week or the Sponsors. Remember all score sheets must be turned in by Monday morning at the latest. Also please fill all score sheets out correctly. For the coaches who have the last game in the Under 8 Division on Sunday, please remember to put the equipment away. Also make sure there is no parent or children (that are not playing the game) near the nets during the game. It is a distraction for the goalie.

PARENTS:
Remember all children need to wear shin guards. If your child does not have them, they can not play. No hats, or jewelry can be worn while playing – this is for the safety of the children. Also, if you have any problems at the field, please see one of the officers of the league and we will take care of all concerns immediately. And remember to stay away from the goalie while they are playing as it is a distraction. All parents should be on one side of the field and the players on the opposite side.

Please remember that all players (no matter what age) and coaches must turn in a concussion certificate. In order to receive your certificate you can logon to: http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/headsup/training/headsupconcussion.html.

For children ages 3 to 10 years old you can access another site http://brain101.orcasinc/5000/. It is a cartoon site and should hold their attention. After you have gone through this info you can go to the other site (see above) and fill out the info saying you and your child have completed this class.

This is not the rules of the South Boston Youth Soccer League. It is mandatory for any youth who are involved in activities on City of Boston properties to take the class. So please make sure you go to this website.

SNACK BAR:
Please patronize the snack bar. All monies that are brought in at the snack bar go right back to the local sports teams that use the park, which helps defray some of the expenses to the league.

RECAP:
UNDER 4 DIVISIONS:
At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Sullivan’s Castle Island, Congressman Stephen Lynch, John Hancock Insurance, Councilor Bill Linehan, Massport, P.A.L., Jim Cahill Club and South Boston Today.

UNDER 6 DIVISION:
RED HOT MINIONS
Mc DONOUGH POST
The Red Hot Minions sponsored by the Firefighters Credit Union when to a scoring spree with Jake Greeley and Jack Hynes each scoring a hattrick and Isabel Sheppeck also kicked in a goal. Finn Manning did an excellent job making some great saves in net. Sean Costello played a super defensive game and Andrew Missett played awesome on defense. All the players did a great job for the team sponsored by the Martin F. McDonough Post Women’s Auxiliary.

MT. WASHINGTON BANK
BLUE DRAGONS
The players on the team sponsored by Mt. Washington Bank played a terrific game to beat out their opponent. The Blue Dragons lost to their opponent but put in a valiant efforts. Savannah Smith, Kieren McGarry and Ryleigh Claphan all did a super job sharing the goaltender duties.

SHARMOCKS
GREEN FLASH
The Shamrocks sponsored by CouncilorMichael Flaherty played an outstanding game with some sweet plays on the field. Excellent goalkeeping was played by Quinn Beem, Trace McFarland, Jacob Baldwin, Dylan Kelly, and Angel Zenkaj. Isis Redd ran a great offense. Tiara Horne showed a lot of teamwork on defense. Good job also to Danny Lee, Jack Kelly, Sophie Angotto, Nora Banks, Kevin Pagan, Gavin O’Brien and Ian Rosher. Regan Lee did a super job cheering her team on to victory. Great game Shamrocks!!! The Green Flash sponsored by J. F. O’Brien & Sons played a great game. Scoring for their team was Drew Distirne, Cameron Stevens and Joseph Wallace. The outstanding players for the week were Grant Sullivan, Gigi Ruof and Diego Fuentes.

UNDER 8 DIVISION:
PANTHERS
LUCKY CLOVERS
The Panthers sponsored by Joe Pace and Sons kicked in one better than their opponent for the victory. Ryan Alexander scored both goal assisted by Jahloni George and Chloe McAuliffe. The Luck Clovers sponsored by Boston Home Inspectors kept the game within reach, but just came up short with a goal by Madison Jones. Ryan McDonald did a super job manning the net. Lizzie Leahy was super on defense and Liana Flood was awesome on offense.

KILLER BEES
SECRET AGENTS
The Killer Bees sponsored by Billy Flaherty’s Gang played an awesome game as did their opponent. Mario Blass scored the only goal for his team to keep the game even. Gisèle Planeuf-Dimanche, Michael Davis, James Brothers, Aiden Martin, Cara Pierce and Jackson Ballard all did a fantastic job. The Secret Agents sponsored by Donahue & Associates played a great game. All the players did an outstanding job.

UNDER 10 DIVISION:
STINGERS 4
EASTERN BANK
The Stinglers sponsored by the Michael J. Perkins A. L. Post #67 were victorious today with goals by Joseph Greene, Dylan Picard, Owen Donovan and Margurite Greene. Jack Kenneally and Owen Rogers played a super game on defense and Alexandra Davis was great on offense. All the players on the team sponsored by Eastern Bank played a super game.

LEMONHEADS 6
O’CONNELL INS. 0
The Lemonheads sponsored by Stapleton Florist shutout their opponent with a hattrick by Eddie Tirabassi, two goals by Patrick Harman and a single goal scored by Nicholas Jacobs. Thomas Harman, Jerry O’Neil, Molly Keenan, Devon Dunlap, Ethan Long, Madison Anastas, Lillie Austin, Jarod Williams and Christian Sintron played great two-way soccer.

The players on the team sponsored by O’Connell Insurance played a great game.

UNDER 12 DIVISION:
PANTHERS 3
MASSPORT
The Panthers sponsored by Abacus Builders beat out their opponent with Jack Harrison scoring a pair of goals and a single goal by Drew Garcia. Great work by the midfielders Aidan Young, Owen Anastas, Alex Lyskowskis, Madison Kennedy, Bridget Rooney, and Abigail Gwynn. Maryellen Ternan and Madison Kennedy were wonderful as goalkeepers. Super defense was played by Linda Stefanov, and Jacqueline and Elizabeth Powers. Offense pulled through again thanks to Drew Garcia, Jake Harrison and Allison McGough. The team sponsored by Massport turned in a great performance. At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Massport and South Boston Dental Associates.

UNDER 18 DIVISION:
At the time of print no score sheets were available for the teams sponsored by Iron Workers Local #7, Massport, Yankee Bus Line and Deco Leasing.
DANNY PICARD: Well, the Patriots go to Minnesota and pick up their first win of the season. When you look back at that win, do you say, “That was the Patriots getting back to the way they do business,” or do you look at it and say, “This was a Minnesota team that, without their best player, wasn’t really a tough matchup”?

MIKE GIARDI: I thought going into the game that the Vikings aren’t a very good football team. I think they proved that. But obviously not having Peterson, their best player, a guy that the Patriots would have had to spend a great deal of time focusing their energy on stopping, you take him out of the equation, and it made things a lot easier. Matt Cassel is a below-average quarterback. He’s one of the worst starting quarterbacks in the league. So, what you take from it is, after giving up that opening touchdown, the Patriots defense just got nasty. They were in lockdown mode. They made life very difficult for the Vikings. Offensively, not a good game. I understand why Tom Brady was not exactly beaming after the contest. So, I think people need to just relax.

DP: After Week 1, one thing we all agreed that needed to improve, is the offensive line. We saw it after the loss in Miami. I think that was the biggest issue for this team. How do you think the Patriots offensive line looked in Minnesota. Maybe put aside who they were going up against, and I guess, just strictly tell me what you saw from the offensive line. Were there improvements, and where were those improvements?

MG: Definite improvements, some of them I’m not going to get too excited about. Some of them was back to what I thought. And back to what I thought was Nate Solder and Sebastian Vollmer playing at a high level. They struggles mightily in Week 1, both of them. And look, the Dolphins have a great defensive front, that’s a fantastic group, so most teams are really going to struggle against that group. But both of those guys were just completely—that’s about as bad as I’ve seen them play in a long time. And I think they rebounded and played more like I expected, in Minnesota. They gave Tom time on the edge. They played smart. I know Solder had a few penalties, and I don’t want to discount those, because they show a lack of discipline and are things that can’t happen. But in terms of when he had to pass-block and when he had to run-block, he did both extremely well. I thought Vollmer was good as well.

DP: And on the defensive end, four interceptions. A couple of them were just Matt Cassel throwing them up. Look, we knew this Patriots defense was going to be a defense that had the potential to make big plays. So regardless of how they make them, it’s got to be encouraging inside that locker room to make them, especially after the Miami game, where they didn’t make the big plays and they didn’t make the big tackles. To bounce back here, and really, regardless of how you make them, just make them.

MG: That’s the thing. We can put lesser marks on the win because of who they did it against, but we’d be raising a lot of questions if they gave up 20-24 points against a Vikings team without Adrian Peterson. So, aside from that first drive, questions if they gave up 20-24 points against a Vikings team without Adrian Peterson. So, aside from that first drive, they did exactly what they wanted to do defensively. They got a ton of pressure on Cassel. Coverage sacks, sacks where you’re beating guys straight-up. And the Revis effect is evident. I have said it for a long time, he’s been one of my favorite players in the league to watch, maybe my most favorite player to watch on the defensive side of the ball, long before he got here. The interception was, the guy studies film, he has a photographic memory, he saw a formation again that they ran earlier in the game, and Revis ran the route as if he was the receiver, as if he was the intended target. So that was a beautiful play I thought. But it’s also the effect of other guys. Last year, even with Talib, there were questions about...
his health and he missed some time, you end up with guys getting bumped around to different positions. But now, you’ve got a lot of depth at corner and you’re slotting guys where they belong. The competition between that group is great. And having Revis is just, you saw the fruits of it certainly against Greg Jennings, who, isn’t a burner, but is still a pretty damn good receiver, and he was completely taken out of that football game by Revis.

Iron Workers Local 7 Surprises St Peter Academy!

Iron Workers Local 7 surprised the St Peter Academy Community this week when members Jack DeCourcey, Ryan Hennessy and Charlie Curtis arrived with equipment in hand to rebuild the Academy’s worn out front entrance handrails. On a recent visit to the School, Iron Workers and Business Manager Paul Lynch noticed the rails separating, creating a potential hazard for the students. “Local 7 cares about the people of this neighborhood. They helped us 10 years ago when we opened St Peter Academy and continue to support our mission today. We are honored to have them as good friends and neighbors!” said Maria Blasi, Board member and parent of three students.

Iron Workers Local 7 is located in South Boston at 195 Old Colony Avenue. To learn more about their organization and apprentice program call 617-268-4777.

St Peter Academy, an independent private school, is celebrating 10 years of service to the community. It is South Boston’s only Pre-K through Grade 8 School. Class size is limited to 20 students which is ideal for creating a nurturing environment filled with interactive learning opportunities. They are located at 371 West Fourth Street – To learn more about their programs or to schedule a private tour, please contact Ms. Doreen Brown at 617-268-0750.
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