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irst of all, it is not necessary for a full Supreme Court to conduct business. In fact, the very first Supreme Court had six members, but decided cases with only 5 because the sixth jurist wasn't picked until six months later. There also is no constitutionally set number of judges. The number is set by Congress.

That number has changed from 6 to 7 to 8 to 9 then back to 7 then up to 10 until 1869, when it was set at the 9 we have today, although FDR attempted to pack the court

Under our Constitutional system certain powers reside with a single individual. The chief executive (President) alone decides who a nominee will be for the Supreme Court. The Senate Majority Leader (Sen. Mitch McConnell) alone decides what business comes before the Senate for debate. Senator Harry Reid, as the former Senate Majority Leader, refused to allow bills to replace Obamacare or the Keystone Pipeline to come before the Senate for debate.

This President, more than

ever before, has used executive action in a manner even he has maintained is unconstitutional. Those very executive decrees and the actions of this specific President are on this Court's present docket for judgement. It would be the height of hypocrisy and corruption if the defendant in a case can handpick the person who would judge them.

The tragic passing of Justice Scalia ironically gives the Democratic process and its voters a unique opportunity to truly decide who that next jurist should be. Absolutely not the defendant.



"Why can't the state accede to the public's wishes?" - Antonin Scalia



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To The Proposal to Raise Property Taxes Yet Again – NO!

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY John Ciccone

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et's talk about taxes this week; specifically, property taxes. There is a crisis hitting thousands of Boston residents when it comes to home owners being able to pay their ever increasing property tax bills. Each year it seems to get worse. It affects not only home owners but also renters who wind up paying more in rent, as the landlords need to keep raising those rents just to be able to pay those increases in their tax bills. And we've all seen how the game is played in other ways. There are some years the tax rate is not raised, but the assessment of the property goes up, so you wind up paying more that way.

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All of us know of neighbors who have had to put the homes that have been in their families for generations up for sale, because they are being taxed out of the city. They just can't make those payments anymore. So it came as a mind numbing shock last week when news that there was now a proposal being put forth by Boston City Councilors Mike Flaherty and Andrea Campbell to tack on yet another 1% onto the property tax. But it's not just Flaherty and Campbell who are supporting this. Six other councilors are also in favor according to reports in the Boston Herald and other media sources. To try to make it sound like it's

no big deal, we are being told that it will just average out to a mere \$23 more per home owner and that the money raised from this increase will go to help pay to build 'affordable housing' and park improvements in the city. This attempt to justify an increase did little to temper the outrage felt by many Bostonians on this issue. \$23 dollars or twenty-five cents isn't the point. Most feel it always starts as a small increase and only gets bigger over time. But the main complaint was that property taxes in this city should be going in the opposite direction. They should be going down not up, if Boston is going to be able to keep its longtime residents liv-

ing here. Or do Boston's officials even want to keep them here?

Which brings us to the subject of all the wealthy developers descending on this city like sharks in a feeding frenzy: These people are making a killing and rolling in enormous profit. If the city wants to raise revenue to increase the number of so-called affordable housing units, it could tack on more fees to developers for the privilege of doing business in Boston and raise the money that way. The developers would still be rolling in millions of dollars in profits and there would be no justification to raise the taxes on homeowners and the costs of rents either. **CONTINUED ON page 7**

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Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state

Clinging to Widett Circle fantasies It emerged from almost complete geographical obscurity into the centerpiece of the Boston 2024 movement: Widett Circle, the industrial area on the edge of South Boston. Just think of the elevated concrete platform that could have been. While the Olympic dream is dead, the idea of developing Widett Circle into a new neighborhood, replete with a massive deck to create an 8-million-square-foot complex, still lives on. But as Shirley Leung of the Globe writes in her column, the state Department of Transportation has more practical ideas for the area: an area for parking trains to accommodate the expansion of South Station. The city, which is still weighing big plans for Widett Circle,

is concerned for that use may make it impractical to develop the area. And that may be just fine with incumbent businesses there.

government activity, as well as links to other news

Indy race supporters circulate petition Hoping to counter vocal opposition, IndyCar Boston organizers have begun circulating a petition in favor of the planned Labor Day race in South Boston, Travis Andersen of the Globe reports. Grand Prix of Boston said it has collected 1,000 signatures in favor of hosting the event. City-owned car policy steers discussion toward residency rule About 200 city employees receive city-owned cars that they are allowed to take home, and 106 of them live outside of the city, one as far as the Cape, reports the Globe's Andrew



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David Casper **Funeral Directors:** Joe, Dave & Ken Casper Ryan. The cars serve as perks for employees who are "frequently on call," a city spokesperson said, although Ryan pointed out several workers who don't have emergency responsibilities but still receive a car. For advocates of a city residency requirement, it's more evidence that the policies need to change.

DCF hiring spree

The Department of Children and Families could hire as many as 600 new personnel over two years, Linda Spears, the head of the agency told legislators in Springfield yesterday. "Spears said Gov. Charlie Baker's budget proposal -- which would give the child protection agency an additional \$30.5 million in a lean budget year -- would support a director for each of the department's 29 area offices," Andy Metzger of the State House News Service reports. Aloisi: Put T riders first

Writing in CommonWealth magazine, former Transportation Secretary James Aloisi calls on MBTA management and its unions to set aside their differences and direct their energies toward improving the experience for T riders. "We ought to be in this together. T riders, T union officials, T employees, and T managers should all be pulling on the rope in the same direction. Our common, shared objective should be building a modern reliable public transportation system that is responsive to our needs and worthy of our city and region. It shouldn't have to be this hard," Aloisi writes. GE pushes back on new EPA demands More on Boston's new favorite company: General Electric. We learned last week that GE aggressively contests real estate assessments, which form the basis for its property tax bills. GE's is also in a dispute with the Environmental Protection Agency over its pollution of the Housatonic, into which the company dumped polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs, for 50 years. The company already has spent \$500 million cleaning up the river; a recently announced EPA plan would cost GE an additional \$613 million, writes the Globe's David Abel. Part of the dispute stems from the EPA wanting GE to remove polluted sediment out of Massachusetts, which GE claims is not necessary.

Suffolk President McKenna: 'Totally astounded' by board

Suffolk University President Margaret McKenna, who recently agreed to leave the school next year after a faction of the board of trustees pushed to have her resign, said she would sometimes be "totally astounded" by some of the board's decisions, which has been criticized for its tendencies to micro-manage university business. McKenna decided to exchange board of trustees' reform for her own position. "It was very clear that the deal could not be had unless I was part of the deal," McKenna told the Globe.

Plainridge has strong January Revenue at Plainridge Park Casino rose by 12 percent in January, ending a five-month trend of declines, Sean Murphy of the Globe reports. Plainridge brought in \$12.5 million in January, its best month since October. Even on the new pace, however, and with business expected to pick up as spring arrives, the state's only casino will likely fall well short of original projections that it would see \$300 million in revenue for its first full year. **Retirements may stress** Mass. economy

A wave of Baby Boomer retirements -- delayed by the recession that began in 2007 -- may pose the biggest threat to the continued health of the Massachusetts economy, Deirdre Fernandes of the Globe reports. Already older than the rest of the nation, Massachusetts' aging workforce may begin bogging down the Bay State economic by the second half of 2018, the New England Economic Partnership has predicted.



ReadingBetween TheLines

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian R. Mahoney

hose who forget the past are condemned to repeat it". That quote, attributed to philosopher George Santayana, is a well-worn phrase, used by many over the years to clarify or justify a particular course of action based on previous experience. The longevity of that quote is the timeless wisdom it contains. The reason it constantly resurfaces perhaps is due to its wisdom constantly being ignored.

Today is the 50th anniversary of the Senate Viet-Nam hearings. While 50 years is a long, long time ago, it is relevant today for the lessons it revealed as well as the reality that we ignored the truth, back then, in an earlier form of political correctness and wishful thinking.

It is clear now, as never before, Viet-Nam and our involvement in it was, from top to bottom, a creation of President Kennedy and General Maxwell Taylor. Taylor was a particularly close associate of the President. In fact, Robert Kennedy named a son after the General. The General was one of our outstanding military leaders in both WWII and, more prominently, Korea. He was also advisor to Kennedy, Chairman of Joint Chiefs, Ambassador to Viet-Nam and Special Advisor to President Johnson - all between 1961-1966.

When he appeared, our commitment was still a subject of national debate. No where near the acrimony that would follow. Of course, Americans dying hadn't begun yet and the country was not convinced that troops should be in that danger. Retrospectively, it is nostalgic to know how much more open our system was back then.

During at least 3 days, the Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Ambassador George Kennan, General James Gavin and Taylor, among others, were testifying in public and being questioned by Senators Fulbright, Morse and Aiken and other Senators. It is refreshing to see supporters and opponents drawn from both parties in stark contrast to today's, "my party right or wrong".

Gen. Taylor maintained we were bound by our agreements and America's commitment to Democratic self determination to aid South Viet-Nam. Senators Fulbright and particularly Morse questioned Taylor's assertion that we had committed to military aid in letters from President Eisenhower in 1954. The former President was quoted as saying "not military aid but economic aid in the form of roads, bridges schools". Taylor continued to insist that the 17,000 military advisors Kennedy had sent to Viet-Nam were a continuation of the "Eisenhower Plan".

Morse pointedly asked what the Viet-Nam conflict was classified as. A "Communist war of Liberation" Tavlor answered. Morse next asked if both North and South Vietnamese had fought the French and, if so, wasn't that a war of independence to rid Viet-Nam of a Colonial Power, just as America had ousted England? Taylor who it must be remembered was determined to protect the legacy of his fallen leader, insisted it was a Communist war. Morse countered that in fact the war was to oust the colonial power and that the present conflict actually was an issue of self determination for either a Communist or Democratic system of government. In fact, long after our departure from the disaster, Viet-

"Lessons of the Past"

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Nam fought China to preserve its independence.

Looking back, virtually every justification that Taylor offered was proved to be wrong and every fear and concern voiced by Fulbright and Morse was proved correct and prophetic. Remembering the nearly 60,000 Americans and countless Vietnamese lives lost is both painful and terrifying. Terrifying, because the same parsing of language, political correctness or "Kumbaya" mindset is back upon us like a plague.

Isis killers, infiltrating masses of those refusing to defend their own country, are being described as, "hungry women and children refugees" in an effort to silence legitimate concerns. For at least 20 years, we have been bombarded with phrases like, "undocumented workers", to describe illegal immigrants, who actually are criminal aliens. Unlike Vietnam, 15 thousand miles away, we don't have the luxury of fifty years later to find out what damage obscuring reality **CONTINUED ON page 6**

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don't have to tell you how cold it got here in Southie...baby baby it was cold outside!!! I hope everyone was warm and thank God that there were no major fires here. Spring training is almost ready to begin and Sully's opening is getting closer and closer.

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Bellflower Street from 10:30-11:00 February 25- Msgr. Powers Apts. 120 L Street fro, 12:00-12:30

Kristen McGosh Commissioner of **Disabilities** for the City of Boston will be at the SB Neighborhood House on Wednesday February 24 at 10:00 to talk about future programs and goals the city has for the disable & handicapped people. Hope you will be able to make this meeting. Painting Party: At the SB Neighborhood House on Friday, February 26 at 11:00. Janet Harrold will be the instructor. The cost of this class is \$12.00 per person...lunch and supplies are included. Sign up is a must...please call Carole Sullivan at 617-269-1619

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WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong First Justice of this Court Date: February 3, 2016 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate February 18, 2016

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will do our country. The danger is here and now.

No matter how rough and tumble the language in this campaign, the citizens' response is "no more". No more are those mouthing establishment positions listened to. Truth and telling it like it is and dealing with the world and life the way they are, and not the way that we wished it was, can save our nation. Politically correct Vietnamizing of our situation can only destroy us.

Take care till next week.



Investigation Discovery; Watching Amy Lord

10pm ET, Investigation Discovery's hit series SEE NO EVIL will feature the July 23, 2013 homicide of Amy Lord. The episode includes the first interview ever with Kayleigh Ballantyne, whose attacker was also Lord's killer.

Amy Lord was a 24-year-old South Boston resident whose abduction was captured by surveillance cameras all over South Boston. Police discovered her bank accounts had been emptied, and later that afternoon, the worst was confirmed when her body was discovered in a nearby park. The heart-breaking CCTV footage led to the arrest of Edward Alemany who, hours after killing Lord, targeted Ballantyne in a random stabbing in the doorway of her South Boston home. Ballantyne miraculously survived and helped put him behind bars. She has never told her story outside the courtroom.

- This episode includes interviews with:
- Kayleigh Ballantyne
- Carly Lord, Amy's sister
- Sgt. Det. Paul McLaughlin, Boston Police Department
- Det. Jamie Sheehan, Boston Police Department
- John Pappas, Suffolk County prosecutor

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ABOUT EPISODE: "Watching Amy Lord" premieres Tuesday, February 23 at 10pm ET

24-year-old former cheerleader Amy Lord is reported missing in South Boston. Police discover her bank accounts have been emptied, and when her car is found burned.

n Tuesday, February 23 at alarm bells start to ring. Later that afternoon, the worst is confirmed when a young woman's body is discovered in a nearby park. With the help of surveillance footage from 5 ATMs and from outside Lord's apartment building, the Boston Police Department urgently pieces together just who is responsible for her murder. It's a race against time before the killer can strike again ...

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At the time of its premiere in 2015, the first season of SEE NO EVIL was Investigation Discovery's #1 series.

"With so much of our lives spent tethered to screens of one kind or another, SEE NO EVIL serves as a poignant reminder that technology has the potential to capture crucial evidence, and deliver justice when a heinous crime has been committed," said Kevin Bennett, executive vice president and general manager of Investigation Discovery. "The invaluable impact of surveillance footage on criminal investigations is powerful knowledge to remember the next time we find ourselves alone and vulnerable."

Statement From Hon. Raymond Flynn About Accident

hank God nobody got hurt. After working out at the Boston Athletic Club for a couple of hours in the morning, I drove home and while parking my car on my street, I got weak and completely passed out. Minutes later I woke up, but my car unfortunately had crashed into another house on my street. No neighbors around at the time. I received a concussion with many more tests to follow. EMT's, Firefighters, and Police were terrific and our South Boston neighbors were just great. Thanks to Mayor Walsh, my family and so many Boston citizens for their sincere and kind expressions of concern.

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Justification is a loosely used term here. There is absolutely no justification for these increases on property owners, who are tired and getting more ticked off by the day as they are being treated like ATM machines by the 'ruling class' in this city.

In regard to officials who think the answer to every problem is to raise taxes on working families, I say 'enough!' The well is running dry and

the people whose families have built this city are being forced out in an irreversible flood. By this constant and, yes, callous disregard for the financial limitations of working families, hardships are being caused to the people who can least afford it. It's time for these officials to look elsewhere to raise the funds they always seem to so desperately need and get off the backs of the average taxpayers who are having a pretty rough time just trying to survive.

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BRA Approves Two South Boston Projects

Former rivet factory at 69 A residential projects in recent years. Street South Boston to be renovated and expanded for commercial office space, retail, and fitness club

Total Project Cost: \$25,000,000 Total SF: 78,700

Construction Jobs: 48

A three-story brick and beam building in South Boston that used to be home to the Standard Rivet Company will be renovated and expanded as part of a project that will result in nearly 52,000 square feet of new commercial office space and 12,000 square feet of ground-floor space to be used for retail tenants and a fitness club. Located within walking distance of Broadway Station on the Red Line, the project at 69 A Street will feature a three-story addition atop the existing structure and a six-story extension at the rear. A two-story building will be demolished to make way for the rear extension.

The developer expects the project to meet a unique need for commercial office space in the neighborhood, which has seen a flurry of RODE Architects designed the addition and extension of the building with a sufficient setback so that it fits comfortably within the context of the surrounding area.

Condos set to take the place of tavern and diner at 92-98 A Street **South Boston**

- Total Project Cost: \$4,600,000 Total SF: 21,677
- Construction Jobs: 16

A triangular shaped parcel of land at the intersection of West Third. West Second, and A Streets in South Boston will soon be cleared for construction to begin on a six-story condominium building near Broadway Station. Williams Tavern and My Diner, which currently occupy the site, will be replaced with nine condominium units and a small ground floor retail space that could be used for a restaurant. The building will contain eight two-bedroom units and one four-bedroom penthouse.

Residents will have access to a common roof deck, and the penthouse will have its own private roof deck.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
37 Marine Road	\$850,000	11/6/16	10	1.5	2192
Single Family 48 gold St UNIT 201	\$849,000	11/2/16	4	2	1274
Single Family 615 Eaast Sixth St UNIT 1	\$845,000	11/5/16	6	3	1850
Condo 172 N Street	\$780,000	11/3/16	9	2	1951
Two Family 48 Gold St UNIT 102	\$732,500	11/5/16	3	2	1330
Condo 341 K St Unit 2	\$615,500	11/3/16	5	2.5	1318
Condo 494-496 East Fourth St UNIT 2	\$590,000	11/2/16	4	2	1352
Condo 364 E Street	\$578,000	11/2/16	8	2	1774
Condo 1788 Columbia Rd UNIT 1	\$559,000	9/30/16	5	1	1905
Condo 881 East First St UNIT 203	\$540,000	11/2/16	3	1	1053
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Boston Redevelopment Authority, in collaboration with the Mayor's office and your local elected officials, has initiated a community conversation regarding South Boston's zoning. This process has included a presentation to all South Boston civic groups in the fall of 2015. The BRA now intends to expand the conversation and initiate a community wide dialogue focusing on the current state of South Boston's zoning regulations, as well as potential future changes. The BRA is seeking community wide input for zoning change recommendations.

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Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. M394-C4, CONLEY TERMINAL DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR GUARDHOUSE, SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 2095 - Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2016, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

Sealed filed sub bids for the same contract will be received at the same office until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2016, immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00 AM LOCAL TIME ON THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2016. The work includes CONSTRUCTION OF ONE-STORY, 1,600 SQUARE FOOT GUARDHOUSE BUILDING AT THE NEW TRUCK ENTRANCE TO CONLEY CONTAINER TERMINAL, AND ASSOCIATED IMPROVEMENTS.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES: A STEEL FRAMED VEHICULAR CANOPY APPROXIMATELY 4,500 SQUARE FEET IN AREA (ADD ALTERNATE), INTEGRAL WITH THE GUARD HOUSE ROOF AND COVERING ADJACENT DRIVE LANES; SECONDARY PRE-FABRICATED GUARD BOOTH; CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS; MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL, COMMUNICATIONS, FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS; CONNECTION OF BUILDING UTILITIES; AND 250 KW DIESEL STAND-BY GENERATOR AND DISCONNECT SWITCH. Bid documents will be made available beginning **WEDNESDAY**, **FEBRUARY 24**, **2016**.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION. The estimated contract cost is ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000) for the Base Bid and FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$500,000) for the Add Alternate.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract, filed Sub-bidders must submit with their bid a current Sub-bidder Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance and a Sub-bidder Update Statement. The filed Sub-bidder must be certified in the sub-bid category of work for which the Sub-bidder is submitting a bid proposal.

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44H inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

Bidders must submit a Buy American Certificate with all bids or offers on AIP funded projects. Bids that are not accompanied by a completed Buy American Certificate must be rejected as nonresponsive. The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U. S. Secretary of Labor and /or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of ONE MILLION DOLLARS (\$1,000,000). Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

Filed sub bids will be required and taken on the following classes of work:

MASONRY	(\$20,000)
MISCELLANEOUS AND ORNAMENTAL IRON	(\$26,000)
ROOFING AND FLASHING	(\$133,000)
ELEVATORS	(\$32,000)
FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER SYSTEM	(\$109,000)
PLUMBING	(\$48,000)
HEATING, VENTILATING, AND AIR CONDITIONING	(\$51,000)
ELECTRICAL	(\$419,000)

The Authority reserves the right to reject any sub bid of any sub trade where permitted by Section 44E of the above referenced General Laws. The right is also reserved to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals and General Bids.

This contract is subject to a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than FOUR AND SEVEN TENTHS PERCENT (4.7%) of the Contract be performed by disadvantaged business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds \$10,000.

A Contractor having fifty (50) or more employees and his subcontractors having fifty (50) or more employees who may be awarded a subcontract of \$50,000 or more will, within one hundred twenty (120) days from the contract commencement, be required to develop a written affirmative action compliance program for each of its establishments.

Compliance Reports - Within thirty (30) days of the award of this Contract the Contractor shall file a compliance report (Standard Form [SF 100]) if:

(a) The Contractor has not submitted a complete compliance report within twelve (12) months preceding the date of award, and

(b) The Contractor is within the definition of "employer" in Paragraph 2c(3) of the instructions included in SF100.

The contractor shall require the subcontractor on any first tier subcontracts, irrespective of the dollar amount, to file SF 100 within thirty (30) days after the award of the subcontracts, if the above two conditions apply. SF 100 will be furnished upon request. SF 100 is normally furnished Contractors annually, based on a mailing list currently maintained by the Joint Reporting Committee. In the event a contractor has not received the form, he may obtain it by writing to the following address:

Joint Reporting Committee

1800 G Street

Washington, DC 20506

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

> **MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY** THOMAS P. GLYNN **CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



The Team Opportunity Foundation Vision

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

I n response to the wide spread and growing epidemic of substance abuse that's plaguing the entire United States and certainly here in South Boston and other Boston neighborhoods, some sincere and dedicated residents have decided to step in and do something about it. The 'Team Opportunity Foundation' is a New, Innovative Program to Combat Substance Abuse. Founded by South Bostonian Tom McCarthy, along with a group of other equally dedicated adults, it is designed to be a unique concept in helping those whose lives are being ravaged by substance abuse. It's being heralded as a reverse action plan on alcoholism and heroin addiction. The motto is 'Where a Fellow Man Will Lend A Helping Hand'.

Startup meetings are now being held weekly at the Seapoint function hall at 367 E. Eighth Street in South Boston. Each Wednesday, beginning at 7pm the gathering is held; which includes guest speakers to showcase these new concept ideas for this program. The crowds get larger with each gathering as the Information shared gets thumbs up from experts and others willing to help address this crisis.

The program itself is a 2 year live-in project at a home that has already been purchased. This will be a highly structured program unlike no other in a comfortable and welcoming location but with the solid intent and ability to finally make progress in helping those in need of professional assistance.

Most residents are well aware of how bad the substance abuse problem is getting and that the standard types of programs in place for so long in some cases; though intentions are good and resources are available, often don't work. New ideas need to be tried at this point and this is the goal of the Team Opportunity Foundation.

South Boston Today sat down with founder Tom McCarthy and he explained the long term goals of this program. Tom is encour-

aged by the outpouring of support that is being shown by so many concerned residents. As he says, this crisis is having a negative impact on countless families; actually ripping them apart and action needs to be taken now. He's asking that all those willing and able to help at least attend a meeting to learn about the Team Opportunity Foundation to see for themselves the promise that a program like this has to offer. All are welcome at the meetings which again are held on Wednesday Nights at the Seapoint at 7pm.

Look for updates and progress reports about the Team Opportunity Foundation in the coming weeks as the program develops. There will be announcements about fundraisers and upcoming guest speakers as well as in depth details on what this worthy and much needed effort and cause is all about.

In the meantime, you can find more information at www.teamopportunityfoundation.org and you can also follow them on Facebook.

The Book that has people talking and is making waves from the Streets of Boston to the Halls of Congress. Action packed intrigue – a page turner from start to finish

Want To Have A Meaningful Marriage?

ew Covenant Church is hosting a 12-week marriage workshop. The workshop is designed to help strengthen and give meaning to your marriage. Registration is open to both married and engaged couples.

The workshop will cover topics such as the meaning of marriage, forgiveness, the roles of husband and wife, physical intimacy, marriage and children, and more.

The meetings will take place on Sunday nights and last about 90



minutes each. There is no cost to attend, but space is limited so you must register in advance.

If you'd like more joy and meaning in your marriage, then enroll now for **The Meaning Marriage Workshop.** http:// www.nccsouthboston.org/go/ meaningful-marriage



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SB Dental Associates Instruct the 'Laboure Kids' on Dental Hygiene

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

ast week, the Laboure Center's Youth Tutoring Youth Program for Grades 3-5 were visited by hygienists Erika and Mary, the experts and professionals of the South Boston Dental Associates (SBDA) for an in depth and very educational learning session on the proper care of teeth and gums. Demonstrating how the enamel of our teeth breaks down when we eat sugar opened the discussion about plaque, plaque removal and cavities. SBDA explained to the kids why they need to floss daily, toothbrush instructions were given for both a manual and electric toothbrush using handheld models of teeth and also why fluoride is an important addition to the homecare routine to prevent cavities.

Questions about the consumption and amount of soda, juice and sports drinks were high on the priority list of the students, who were kids shown by using sugar cubes, how many teaspoons of sugar were in each drink. The American Heart Association recommends we limit our daily sugar intake to less than 25 grams of sugar. This is equal to 6 teaspoons. The kids were shocked that the amount of sugar in a12 oz. can of Coca-Cola is 10 teaspoons, root beer is 11 teaspoons, and Gatorade is 5 teaspoons. Some natural juices such as orange juice has 10 teaspoons and grape juice has 15 teaspoons of sugar. Just because a juice is all natural doesn't mean we should drink unlimited amounts. They contain natural sugar called fructose that just like table sugar will eat through the outer layer of the enamel on our teeth to cause a cavity. A serving size of juice is 1 cup, not a large glassful. When having the option, eating a piece of fruit is a better choice because of the fiber it has and it also contains less fructose than a concentrated drink made from the juice. Drinking a natural juice is fine, but as with most things do so in moderation and watch the serving size. It is easy to eat and drink more than the 6 teaspoons of sugar recommended.

'How to read a nutrition label' was discussed. It will show the serving size which most people are unaware that an item could have a few servings and the numbers on the label are specifically for a single serving. If an item contains two servings, then all the numbers listed must be doubled if you eat or drink the whole product. Looking to see how many servings, how much sugar and how many calories a product has will give us a lot of information before we ingest or purchase them. Companies spend a lot of money on advertising to fool us into believing a product is healthy when it is not. Gatorade is marketed as a sports drink that is healthy to drink after exercise and sports. A regular 32 oz. bottle of Gatorade contains 56 grams of sugar. This is equal to 13 teaspoons of sugar. This is more than double the amount of sugar recommended from just one drink. Water is a better option to drink and stay hydrated.

After being given all the above information which they listened intently to, the kids were then asked if they had any dental questions that were not discussed. They were interested in silver fillings, how many of them lost baby teeth recently and also how many teeth we all have. They were interested to find out that we have 20 baby teeth that will all be exfoliated to make room for up to 32 permanent adult teeth. Many kids in their generation will be born without all of the 4 tooth buds for wisdom teeth, or 3rd molars, because we are evolving and our jaws are becoming smaller. Among the other questions the kids had were 'Is





After the session, South Boston Today got to speak to some of the kids to see how they thought the lesson went. 11-year-old Nathan said "I had fun and I learned not to drink a lot of soda because it can give you cavities. 10-year-old Madison said "I found out that juice boxes have 7 grams of sugar in them and I should cut back." Geonie, age 11 said "Now I know that an electric tooth brush is better than a regular toothbrush. I'm going to get one." And Luis, age 8 said "I learned not to drink Mountain Dew because it's bad for you and to brush more."

It was very clear that the information the kids got from the excellent hygienists from South Boston Dental Associates enlightened them on the importance of taking care of their teeth and just as important – they enjoyed the session very much. Having fun while learning is definitely the way to go and all of the children took home a dental goodie bag to help reenforce what they learned today.

The Laboure's Youth Tutoring Youth Program is for Grades 3-5 and is held there Monday – Thursday. Special thanks to Katie, the program coordinator, Martha, the social worker and Hillary who is a teacher and the Assistant coordinator.



First in War, First in Peace, First in the Hearts of his Countrymen A Salute to George Washington

J oin the South Boston Historical Society for a special program on George Washington, featuring Professor William M. Fowler of Northeastern, author of American Crisis, former director of the Massachusetts Historical Soci-

ety, and one of the foremost scholars of the American Revolution. Monday, February 22 6:30 to 7:45 South Boston Library 646 East Broadway Free to all—Refreshments

SB Leadership Initiative Spring Youth Programs

he South Boston Leadership Initiative and BCYF-Curley Community Center have recently partnered to offer a variety of free youth programs and workshops to be held at the Curley Community Center in South Boston. The programs are open to any South Boston resident or student, unless an age specification is in place. Some highlights include:

- Youth Fitness and Nutrition Program
- SAT Prep Course
- Math Olympics (Team Competition)
- Baseball/Softball Clinics
- Materials will be provided by the South Boston Leadership Initiative

All Spring Programs (with the exception of the baseball/softball clinics) will take place at the M Street Entrance of the Curley Community Center and will be held from March to May. For more detailed information and to sign up, please go to: www.SouthBostonLeadership.org.



LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY (Authority) is soliciting consulting services for **MPA CONTRACT NO. M495-D1, REFRIGERATED CONTAINER STORAGE IMPROVEMENTS, CONLEY TERMINAL, 940 EAST FIRST STREET, SOUTH BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS.** The Authority is seeking qualified multidiscipline consulting firms/teams, with proven experience to provide professional services including planning, design, and construction related services, including resident inspection, relative to refrigerated container (Reefer) storage rack design and pavement design. The Consultant must be able to work closely with the Authority and other interested parties in order to provide such services in a timely and effective manner.

The contract will be work order based, and Consultant's fee for each work order shall be negotiated; however, the total fee for the contract shall not exceed \$1,000,000 (One Million).

A Supplemental Information Package will be available, on **Wednesday**, **February 24, 2016**, on the Capital Bid Opportunities webpage of Massport <u>http://www.massport.com/doing-business/ layouts/</u> <u>CapitalPrograms/default.aspx</u> as an attachment to the original Legal Notice, and on COMMBUYS (<u>www.commbuys.com</u>) in the listings for this project. If you have problems finding it, please contact Susan Brace at Capital Programs <u>SBrace@massport.</u>com The Supplemental Information Package will provide detailed information about Scope Of Work, Selection Criteria and Submission Requirements.

In recognition of the unique nature of the project and the services required to support it, the Authority has scheduled a **Consultant Briefing to be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 3, 2016** at the Capital Programs Department, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128. At this session, an overview of the project will be provided, the services requested by the Authority will be described, and questions will be answered.

By responding to this solicitation, consultants agree to accept the terms and conditions of Massport's standard work order agreement, a copy of the Authority's standard agreement can be found on the Authority's web page at <u>www.massport.com</u>. The Consultant shall specify in its cover letter that it has the ability to obtain requisite insurance coverage.

This submission, including the litigation and legal proceedings history in a separate sealed envelope as required shall be addressed to Houssam H. Sleiman, PE, CCM, Director of Capital Programs and Environmental Affairs and received no later than 12:00 Noon on **Thursday, March 24, 2016** at the Massachusetts Port Authority, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, Suite 209S, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128-2909. Any information provided to the Authority in any Proposal or other written or oral communication between the Proposer and the Authority will not be, or deemed to have been, proprietary or confidential, although the Authority will use reasonable efforts not to disclose such information to persons who are not employees or consultants retained by the Authority except as may be required by M.G.L. c.66.

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Men's Hockey League Loves The 'New' Murphy Rink.

he newly renovated and much improved Murphy Skating Rink is open and operating to the delight of Ice skating/ Hockey loving neighborhood residents. Last Saturday, the South Boston Men's Hockey League hit the ice and showed off their speed and hockey skills, not only to each other, but to some sports loving spectators that stopped in to check out the many upgrades. The hockey talent displayed on the ice each weekend by the members of the SBML athletes is impressive to say the least. But the best part is that every player on the ice seemed to be having a great time, whether their team won or lost.



Rink. This was all made possible by the BRA Grant. Helmets with cage are required. Please arrive early to allow time to register. Registration is also available at the Murphy Rink Skate Shop Wednesday - Friday from 10AM - 3PM. There will be 4 sessions, February 21 and 28 and March 6 and 13. We hope to see you all at the new and improved Murphy Rink!

SB Democrats To Hold Annual Caucus This Saturday

emocrats in Wards 6 and 7 will be holding caucuses at the Curley Recreation Center, 1163 Columbia Road, South Boston (M Street Entrance) on Saturday February 20th at 9:00 am. Doors will open at 8:30 am for check in.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Wards 6 and 7. Candidates for Delegate and Alternate must consent to nomination in writing and must be present at the caucus.

Those not elected as a Delegate and/ or Alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates.

Keeping Southie Safe CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

longtime residents being pushed out, or bought out, by developers, it has seen its housing developments deteriorate to where drug busts are being frequently made within them. Longtime South Boston residents of McCormack Housing are basically those senior citizens, who are living out their final days among drug dealers and other criminal elements. The saying, "you can't put a shine on a sneaker", applies to the attempt by the Boston Housing Authority to upgrade its properties.

While the new housing along West Broadway and D Streets and the Old Colony Development looks attractive, what goes on inside tells a quite different story. Dedicated tenants, who are involved in Task Force programs, do their best to promote safe and respectable living conditions, but crime never takes a holiday.

With the headline that draws immediate attention - Neighborhood Drug Control Unit Seizes Significant Quantities of Illegal Narcotics in South Boston – the names of Tahkeese Brown, Khalea Morrison and Latoya Bradley do not ring a bell with any longtime South Boston residents. As far as they are concerned, these names are those of transients, who have found a market for their illegal drugs within and around the housing developments.

According to news reports and posted on the Boston Police Department website, on Monday, February 15, 2015, members of the District C-6 Neighborhood Drug Control Unit executed several warrants in South Boston, which enabled officers to see and seize significant amounts of various illegal drugs including heroin and crack cocaine.

A Search Warrant executed at 433 Old Colony Ave enabled officers to seize close to 600 bags of heroin (Class A Drug) and over \$1,000 in US Currency (see photo). Officers arrested Tahkeese Brown, 44, of Boston and charged him with Trafficking a Class A Drug (Heroin). A Search Warrant executed at 419 Old Colony Ave enabled officers to confiscate 14 plastic bags a Crack Cocaine (Class B Drug), seven plastic bags of Marijuana (Class D Drug) and over 300 rounds of ammunition. Officers arrested Khalea Morrison, 24, of Boston and charged him with Possession with Intent to Distribute Class B Drugs (Cocaine) and the Unlawful Possession of Ammunition. A Search Warrant executed at 21 O'Callaghan Way enabled officers to seize 25 plastic bags of Crack Cocaine (Class B Drug) and 17 bags of Heroin (Class A Drug). Officers arrested Latoya Bradley, 31, of Boston and charged her with Possession with Intent to Distribute Class A (Heroin) and Class B Drugs (Cocaine). Until and unless the Boston Housing Authority, working with the Boston Police roots out this criminal ele-

Authority, working with the Boston Police, roots out this criminal element, the headlines will continue to paint South Boston accordingly. The proposed conversion of the Mary Ellen McCormack Development into mixed use and income housing can't happen fast enough. When it does, perhaps the legacy and memory of Mrs. McCormack and her son can rest peacefully once again.





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