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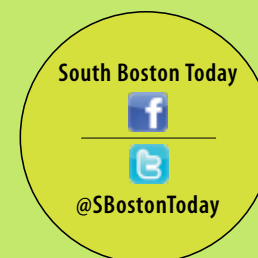
As the House of Representatives was about to debate the issue, Gov. Charlie Baker said Tuesday that he would sign transgender anti-discrimination legislation crafted by House leaders.

“No one should be discriminated against in Massachusetts because of their gender identity,” the governor said in a statement. “After hearing from all sides and carefully reviewing the two separate proposals that have been working their way through the legislature, I believe the House version addresses the concerns that some have with the bill by requiring the Attorney General to issue regulations to protect against people abus-

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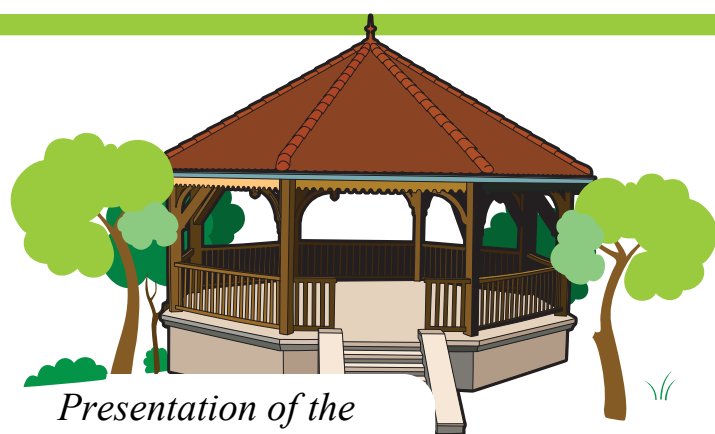


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EDITORIAL

“War’s Horror”

“Dec. 7th, 1941, a date which will live in infamy”, should be all that President Obama’s speech at Hiroshima contains. A pointed reminder that everything which followed was a result of that infamous act. A Japanese survivor of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima told an interviewer that the President should come to the “Atomic Dome” Memorial to “see the horror of war”. He did and saw the end result, when you launch a war of aggression

to murder, rob and enslave your neighbors, as Japan did.

There are a few other points to consider regarding the bombing. Japan began research and development for an atomic bomb in 1939. More than 2 years before their Dec. 7th 1941 attack and two years after Nazi Germany began their atomic program in 1937. For those who insist it was racist because we didn’t bomb Germany, they might want to consider that Germany surrendered in May and the bombing was more than 3 months later.

Which comes to this final point.

On May 7th 1945, the German Submarine U-234 was escorted into Portsmouth, New Hampshire Naval Base after surfacing and surrendering. The sub was carrying U-235, the uranium element needed to split the atom for an explosion. Since 1942, Japan had been requesting Germany share the rare substance. One of Hitler’s last orders was to ship U-235 to Japan. The war ended while the sub was en route and it decided to surrender to America. The U-235 captured was added to America’s small supply and used for the first and only atomic



test at “Trinity” in Los Alamos and was part of the bomb’s used for both Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It could be said Japan received the German U-235 that it wanted after a slight detour. The same U-235 they wanted to use on us. Is this what is meant by Karma?

“Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June” - Al Bernstein

To the editor,

Letter to the Editor

Kudos once again to South Boston Today on its Memorial Day weekend edition with that Hard-Hitting “V.A. Disneyland” editorial. Talk about insensitivity from the V.A. director comparing the waiting lines at the V.A. with the waiting lines at Disneyland. It would appear our government agencies are all for long waiting lines. Just look at those TSA lines at our airports but at least at places like Logan Airport, no one is dying in line. However, the long waits for V.A. services for our veterans have been known to kill American veterans.

Our federal government should be treating our aging veteran population with more respect without making a Mickey Mouse joke over it. I can remember back in my youth when families used to flock to the South Boston Naval Annex to tour the many ships moored there on Armed Forces Day. As a kid I so enjoyed going on the USS Wasp from World War II and many other ships. Back in the 1950s and early 1960s most Americans remembered well the sacrifices of those many World War II veterans who died in that war and to the many others who survived.

We were a patriotic nation then but not so much today. Thanks to some horrible leadership over the years including today, duty, honor and sacrifice are words that apparently have gone MIA. As the quote by Jeffrey Miller beneath the editorial stated, “The willingness of our veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our eternal gratitude.”

Sincerely, Sal Giarratani East Boston

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John Ciccone

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Last weekend being the Memorial Day holiday it caused many of you, most of us really, to reflect on the tribute that America's fallen soldiers from every war receive - and most certainly deserve - on this sacred day set aside specifically to remember. The parades, the solemn services and ceremonies are cherished traditions that are repeated each and every year with the deepest respect and sincerity for America's heroes, who made the ultimate sacrifice on our behalf. This year, in addition to the long standing tributes, The Massachusetts Fallen Heroes organization honored all with 'Patriot Week', which, as we know, now was made up of a series of first class events to not only remember the fallen, but also raise awareness and funds to assist the families of our veterans across the state. Dan Magoon, Mary Ellen Callahan and all the dedicated folks on the committee, and those who worked in support and toiled tirelessly on this effort, are to be congratulated for a job well done.

This year, on Memorial weekend, there was controversy across the nation in regard to where President Obama went and what he said. He was in Japan laying wreaths for those killed in World War II. And while it's true, he didn't actually use the word 'apologize' for the American bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, most Americans are smart enough to know that apologizing was exactly what he was doing.

Right up front, I'll say that I'm well aware that the Japan of today is much different from what it was during that war. Today, the Japanese are a free people. They work hard,

raise good families and are great allies to our country. In the 1940's, if you read your History books, and yes, it is History - not Social Studies - you know that Japan was dominated by a warlike dictatorship, which whipped the populous into a bellicose frenzy. Their armies attacked mainland China, the Philippines and other areas, with the goal of conquest. They massacred and tortured thousands. But the most important thing to remember is that it was they who attacked us. The sneak attack on Pearl Harbor, which killed and wounded many thousands of our soldiers and sailors, was unprovoked and dragged us into that war. But you don't need me to tell you that. Too bad Obama just doesn't care.

It is estimated that dropping those two atomic bombs actually saved well over a million lives, many of them American lives. But for many families, mine among them, it's personal. My Father and two of my uncles fought in the Pacific in some of the fiercest battles of any war. My Dad was a Marine and though that war happened before I was born, I still remember how he painfully carried shrapnel in his body from two wounds, until he passed away in 1993 and how he suffered recurring bouts of malaria from being in the jungle over there. Looking at the big picture and what could have been, our family was more fortunate than many others. All our warriors made it home from the war that our country never started. And like every service member in that war, my Dad, my Uncles Jim and John were glad to serve. The freedom of this country was at stake and millions

dutifully answered the call. It was necessary because again - a brutal enemy attacked our homeland. So no, America has nothing to be sorry for and certainly should never apologize for defending itself. If Obama should have been anywhere laying wreaths at the graves of the fallen it should have been at Arlington National Cemetery not in the country that started it all. But that's who he is.

Moving on, we hear a lot of talk

about Socialism as of late. Starry eyed college students, manipulated by their leftist professors think that it's the best thing since the invention of the I-phone and Safe Spaces. As with most issues, many of these students don't know their eyes from their elbows and like mindless robots are caught up by the rantings of a wild eyed political candidate.

I'll share an experience with you. A while ago, several of us from Southie

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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 government activity, as well as links to other news.

'It seemed like a good place to be on Memorial Day'

There were so many moving events, ceremonies and the occasional non-washed out parades yesterday commemorating Memorial Day. But one quote in particular caught our attention, from Gov. Charlie Baker, who visited the Holyoke Soldiers' Home. "It seemed like a good place to be on Memorial Day," said Baker, as reported by Mike Plaisance at MassLive. Yes, it was a good place to be on Memorial Day. And it was nice to see the veterans touched – and more than a little surprised – by the governor's visit.

House takes up transgender bill that everyone has long known will pass

Finally, the House will vote on a

transgender anti-discrimination bill that most everyone has long known would eventually pass and that most people are now sick of hearing about at this point. There. We said it: We're sick of hearing about this bill. And we'll bet you are too.

For the past month or so, the only question in this legislative faux-drama has been whether there would be enough House votes to override a possible veto by Gov. Charlie Baker, who yesterday not-so-shockingly said he could support the House version of the bill, as reported by WBUR. So after today's expected House approval, the legislation will head to conference committee. The Senate will likely cave on its minor differences with the House. A bill

will be sent to the governor's desk. The governor will then likely sign it. Any remaining drama or questions? **Milton rivals line up for Sen. Joyce's seat**

For a while there, it looked like Rep. Walter Timilty might not face a primary rival for the state Senate seat being vacated by embattled Sen. Brian Joyce. "But now the conservative Democrat will have a primary challenge from his left from a fellow Miltonian," reports State House New Service's Matt Murphy. "Nora Harrington, the chief operating officer of a behavioral health group practice she helped start in 2004, announced her campaign kickoff on Tuesday ahead of a controversial vote looming for the House on Wednesday on a transgender rights bill."

Tribe holds out hope for gambling on Martha's Vineyard

The Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head was back in court on Tuesday, hoping to convince a federal court that it has the right to open a gambling facility on Martha's Vineyard, George Brennan of the Cape Cod Times reports. The tribe, which began work to convert a community center into a bingo hall before being shut down, is seen as having low odds of prevailing in the case.

Close races up north

They're really battling it out up north, as New Hampshire's U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte, the Republican incumbent, tries to fend off a very strong challenge from Gov. Maggie Hassan, a Democrat. A new Franklin Pierce University/Boston Herald shows the two in a statistical dead heat, the Herald's Joe Battenfeld reports. As Joe notes: "The Ayotte-Hassan fight is one of the marquee Senate races this fall and along with a closely-fought presidential contest should make New Hampshire a critical battleground in November."

Also in New Hampshire, the same poll shows Donald Trump and Hill-

ary Clinton almost running neck and neck in their unpopularity, Battenfeld also reports. That's not the way normal campaign contests are measured in polls. But this isn't a normal campaign. So it will do.

Discrimination suit shines embarrassing spotlight on Conley's office tensions

It must be one of the more humiliating things that can happen to a politician: Getting dragged into court and forced to testify in an embarrassing legal case. That's the situation Suffolk District Attorney Daniel F. Conley has found himself in, as he defends his office against charges he paid a former prosecutor less than her male colleagues and then fired her when she complained, reports the Globe's Milton Valencia and Maria Cramer in a front-page story.

Christina Corda, who worked as a prosecutor in the gang unit of the Suffolk district attorney's office, apparently wasn't the first to complain about unfair treatment in Conley's office. From the Globe: "In May 2013, a group of top female prosecutors met with (chief of staff John) Towle and other supervisors to complain about how raises and promotions were decided."

Fyi: Conley testified Corda was shown the door because she was drunk, cursing, and hostile when she approached his chief of staff, the Globe reports.

What do Warren, Romney and Weld have in common?

The answer to the above question: They've all from Massachusetts, they've all thrust themselves into today's presidential politics and they've all recently traded insults with Donald Trump, the unofficially official GOP nominee for president. What is it about Massachusetts politicians that keeps landing them on center stage? The local pols in Idaho don't do this.

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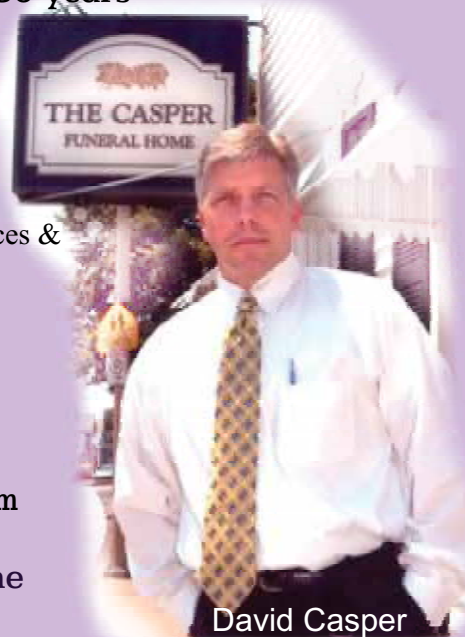
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Reading Between The Lines

“Where It Began”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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As we look forward to summer and down the road to the political conventions and future direction of our country, we have an opportunity to look back, literally, from where we've been. On Saturday, June 4th, at 11:00 A.M., a dedication to our Revolutionary beginnings will be held up on the Dorchester Heights. The speaking portion will be brief from 11am-noon, featuring a brief history by South Boston Historical Society President and Suffolk History Professor Bob Allison and the National Parks Service Julia Mize. Master of Ceremonies will be Superintendent of National Parks Boston Michael Creasy. There will also be a recognition of veterans past and present and their respective branches. There will be a presentation of colors.

The centerpiece of the dedication will then be unveiled. Through the hand work and funding of the National Parks Service the goal was reached to create a replica 18-pounder cannon. This is a big gun. The cannon itself is aluminum. It was created by the Steen Cannon and Ordinance Works of Ashland, Kentucky and designed by TAAVI, LLC of Ludlow, Mass. And is a true work of art. The 18 pounds is not its weight but how heavy the cannon ball is, that is hurled over a mile distance. It will be permanently mounted on a solid granite gun carriage.

Amazingly, the archaeological experts have been able to map out the star shaped fortification or “fort” where the cannons were positioned. There will also be a “dig” on this site for those inter-

ested. There will be other activities presented and light snacks will be offered. The activities will run to 4:00 PM and should have something for everyone.

At the beginning of the column the word “literally” was used because, perhaps, for the first time since that frigid March night in 1776, it will be possible to see from the same perspective as our ancestral rebels. The cannon will be there facing the same way. The “fort” will be there outlined with markers. The Heights, as always, will be there. The same view into the (slightly different) City will be there. Perhaps, the mind will try to wander back and wonder what it was like for these patriots. We know that Washington himself walked those very Heights exhorting his Army to greater labors by telling them, “Remember the men of March the 5th” meaning, of course, the victims of the Boston Massacre.

What, though, of the lesser known, but no less important, builders of the fortifications? That winter was particularly cold and the ground hard, as cement was poured down to a depth of 6 feet. Besides the near impossibility of penetrating the ground to start with, the whole undertaking had to be accomplished in strict silence. How did they do it? Meet Rufus Putnam. He too walked the Heights that night. Six days earlier the Lt. Colonel had been asked to stay behind, by Washington, after the officers' dinner on Feb. 26. Washington told the much younger man that he had watched and listened and felt

confident Putnam was the man to find a solution to building the necessary fortifications on all the Heights. With that, Washington bid him good night. Putnam walked, trying to find a solution and found himself at a friend's house where he was invited in. While there, he spied a book on military engineering, borrowed it and reading through the night and had his solution by morning.

He ordered 10 ft. by 4 ft. skeletal tubs called “chandeliers”. Once in place they were filled with twigs, small tree branches and kindling until filled, making them sturdy as solid timber. These were called “fascines”. It was this simple but ingenious solution that allowed the rebels to overnight, quickly and quietly, erect the defenses that convinced the British they had lost.

Putnam personified the American ideal of citizen/soldier by his activism for veterans after leaving the military. He might be called an inspiration for the G. I. Bill and Veterans Administra-

tion. He was the first to advocate remembering those who served and assisting them in health and financial issues. As a civilian, he pushed for legislation granting veterans land to build homes and farms. While unsuccessful, it planted the notion that eventually resulted in Veterans' benefits.

The Citizen/Soldier tradition is carried on to this day. Among the honored guests, who are veterans dating from WWI to those who presently serve and defend us, are fire chiefs, postal workers, teachers, union workers and businessmen, all who see service to our nation as an honor and duty. So come up to the Heights June 4th. See what the rebels saw. Take a trip back in time, return to the present, and see those same veterans with the same purpose to preserve and honor our history. At 10:00, the famed Waltham American Legion Band will begin playing for an early crowd warm up. So please, grab the kids make every effort to attend.

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Senator Forry on Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

The Senate passed a \$39.558 billion budget for Fiscal Year 2017, investing in key areas related to local aid, housing, education, children's health and safety, health and human services, and economic development. Senator Forry secured \$150,000 to support St. Mary's Center for Women and Children of Dorchester's 'Women at Work' program which offers women with multiple barriers to employment course curriculum, including college credit courses, and a real job where women learn and practice work readiness skills that lead to permanent work.

"I am pleased that my colleagues and I passed a fiscally responsible and comprehensive budget that provides the necessary resources and capital to maintain a prosperous and viable Massachusetts," said Senator Linda Dorcena Forry (D-Boston).

Senator Forry secured \$100,000 in public safety funding to supply the Boston Police Department's Area B-3 with security cameras for neighborhood parks such as Almont Park, Robert Park and more. Senator Forry gained a large victory for South Boston by garnering support and funding for the South Boston Neighborhood House and South Boston En Acción.

Recent increases in the number of individuals contracting HIV/AIDS in Massachusetts is astonishing. For that reason, Senator Forry secured \$250K for HIV/AIDS prevention medicine. The Senator was able to get other Senators to commit to funding the Prostate Health Education Network (PHEN) which has been the leading organization addressing the men's health prostate crisis.

In order to strengthen families and prevent homelessness, Senator Forry, who is also the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing, introduced an amendment to improve the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program (MRVP). Senator Forry also acquired \$750,000 dollars for the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, an organization that seeks to end homelessness in MA and the Senate provided a total of \$44.8M for assistance for homeless individuals.

Lastly, the Senate's budget increases funding for health and human services in a range of areas to improve access to high quality health care and enhance services for individuals with disabilities, seniors and other vulnerable groups that are often underserved. The designated \$136.4M for substance abuse prevention and treatment, allowing for 150 new residential treatment beds and other lifesaving programs, and \$2M for the Substance Abuse Services Trust Fund supporting detox, clinical stabilization, residential treatment, outpatient treatment and counseling services.



BMC Adult, Pediatric Trauma Centers Re-Verified

Boston Medical Center's (BMC) Trauma Center has been re-verified as a Level I adult trauma center and a Level II pediatric trauma center by the Verification Review Committee, an ad hoc committee of the Committee on Trauma (COT) of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). The re-verification confirms that BMC's Trauma Center meets the essential criteria that ensures trauma care capability and institutional performance.

BMC has the longest continuously verified Level I trauma center in New England and is the busiest provider of trauma and emergency services in the region, with more than 130,000 emergency visits and approximately 2,000 trauma activations per year. It is the only trauma center in Boston that has full-time, dedicated trauma and critical care attending surgeons and physicians who are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"Our Level I verification is a true testament to the lifesaving care that our Trauma Center, in collaboration with all of the disciplines and specialties we collaborate with, provides every day," said Peter Burke, MD, chief of acute care and trauma surgery at BMC and professor of surgery at Boston University School of Medicine. "We're proud of our long history of excellence in this narrow field and our

ability to provide the best care to each and every trauma patient."

Established by the ACS in 1987, the COT's Consultation/Verification Program for Hospitals promotes the development of trauma centers in which participants provide not only the hospital resources necessary for trauma care, but also the entire spectrum of care to address the needs of all injured patients. This spectrum encompasses the prehospital phase through the rehabilitation process.

The ACS COT's verification program does not designate trauma centers. Rather, the program provides confirmation that a trauma center has demonstrated its commitment to providing the highest quality trauma care for all injured patients. The Massachusetts Department of Public Health is the agency that designates all trauma centers in the Commonwealth and has made ACS verification (along with other criteria) a requirement.

There are five separate categories of verification in the COT's program, each with specific criteria that must be met by a facility seeking that level of verification. Each hospital has an on-site review by a team of experienced site reviewers who use the current Resources for the Optimal Care of the Injured Patient manual as a guideline in conducting the survey.

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Massport summer jobs Last summer, a total of 320 area high school and college students earned a paycheck through our Community Summer Jobs Program. We funded more than 40 summer jobs in South Boston organizations including: Condon Community Center, Curley Community Center, Laboure Center, McDonough Sailing Center, South Boston Boys & Girls Club, South Boston Neighborhood House, Stretch Walsh Community Center, Tynan Community Center, and West Broadway Task Force. For many young people, these summer jobs marked the start of an educational path and a career.

Massport scholarships Next fall three high school graduates from South Boston will begin their college education with a scholarship from Massport including the Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship named in honor of Massport's Director of Community and Government Relations who made extraordinary contributions to the community during his years at Massport.

Athletic and youth enrichment programs Already this year, Massport has provided approximately \$180,000 to support summer jobs as well as Youth Soccer, Youth Hockey, Pop Warner Football, Babe Ruth League, Gate of Heaven CYO along with tutoring, literacy and art programs at Laboure Center, Julie's Family Learning Program, Medicine Wheel Productions, and Artists for Humanity.

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COMMUNITY MEETING

THOMAS J. BUTLER FREIGHT CORRIDOR & MEMORIAL PARK

WHO: The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)

WHAT: Massport will present an update of the Thomas J. Butler Dedicated Freight Corridor and Memorial Park construction. Massport will also present an overview of future Conley Terminal revitalization projects

WHERE: Tynan Community Center
650 East 4th Street
South Boston, MA 02127

WHEN: Monday, June 13, 2016
6:00PM



The Massachusetts Port Authority will be constructing the **Thomas J. Butler Dedicated Freight Corridor**, a new 2/3-mile dedicated truck haul road (Dedicated Freight Corridor) that will allow Massport to remove all Conley Terminal container truck traffic from East First Street and portions of Summer Street. As part of this project, the Authority will also be constructing a new 4.5-acre community open space to be built and maintained by Massport. The **Thomas J. Butler Memorial Park** will serve as a significant noise and visual buffer for the adjacent residents and create a significant new amenity for the neighborhood. The Park will be primarily passive in nature and will include an end-to-end multi-use path, varied and extensive plantings, a concrete sound barrier along the northern edge, a security fence enclosure, and seating, lighting, bike racks, and other amenities. As part of the park and in conjunction with the community, Massport will reconfigure existing parking along the north side of East First Street to provide 95 parking spaces (13 parallel and 82 angled) along East First Street, which would serve both open space users and neighboring community. Massport's contractor for this phase of the project is SPS New England, Inc. (SPS). SPS is currently constructing the Butler Freight Corridor and the Butler Memorial Park. This project completion date is expected to be in the Fall of 2017.

If you have any questions about this meeting please feel free to call Michael Vatalaro in the Office of Community Relations at 617-568-3735.

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Save the Harbor/Bay's 2016 Beach Water Quality Report Card

In 2015, overall water quality on all of the Boston Harbor Region's public beaches was down from a high of 96% in 2014 to 92% in 2015, primarily as a result of frequent summer storms. Though total rainfall was actually up slightly from 2014, in 2015 there were more than 30 summer days with some rain, which adversely affected water quality on beaches in Lynn, Revere, East Boston, Dorchester and Quincy.

"Though the overall numbers are down a bit this year, the report card still contains good news for many of our beaches, including those in South Boston which are still the cleanest urban beaches in the country," said Save the Harbor's spokesman Bruce Berman. "However the persistent pollution problems at King's Beach on the Lynn/Swampscott line and at Tenean Beach in Dorchester and other area beaches continue to jeopardize the public's health and prevent residents from enjoying the benefits of our \$5 billion investment in clean water. While we are pleased that Boston Water and Sewer has identified several significant sources of bacterial contamination in Dorchester, we look forward to working with local state and local government to finish the job we began together 30 years ago."

City Point, M Street, and Pleasure Bay in South Boston and Nantasket Beach and Winthrop Beach topped the list this year, with perfect scores of 100%. Of the 15 beaches in the report, which was based on data collected during the 2015 swimming season, 7 earned primary beach safety scores of 95% or more

while 6 scored 85% or higher.

King's Beach in Lynn and Swampscott scored just 75% and Tenean Beach in Dorchester scored just 71%, failing to meet the state swimming standard more than once every 5 days during the 2015 swimming season.

"Scores like this are simply unacceptable to the people who rely on these beaches for recreation, especially given the public's \$5 billion investment in clean water. We hope this report will provide decision makers the information they need to begin the next round of investments in improved water quality on beaches that consistently lag behind," said Patricia A. Foley, President of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay.

Funds to improve water quality in beachfront communities and waterfront neighborhoods from Nahant to Nantasket were authorized in the 2014 Environmental Bond Bill but have not yet been appropriated.

"The Baker-Polito Administration remains committed to ensuring the state's beaches remain not only accessible for all to use, but also safe for public enjoyment," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Matthew Beaton. "The Water Quality Report Card serves as a good barometer of the excellent results the state and its partners are achieving to ensure the Commonwealth's beaches remain among the cleanest and most beautiful in the nation, and we remain committed to work with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay and other stakeholders to protect and improve these spectacular natural resources for generations to come."

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225 Dorchester St UNIT 29 Condo	\$699,000	4/21/16	4	2	1161
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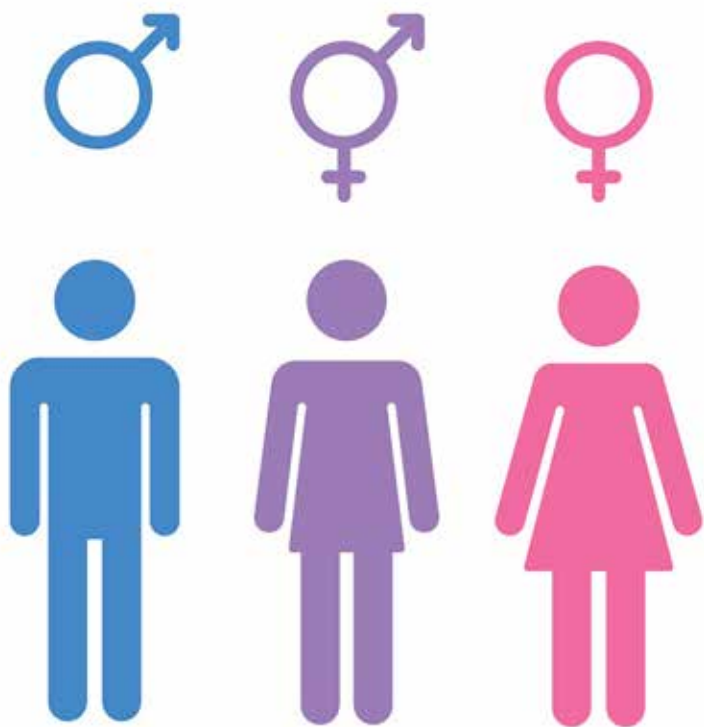
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TRANSGENDER CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

ing the law. I would sign the House version in its current form should it reach my desk.

The House version of the bill “supplies the right amount of clarity with respect to the public safety questions that other people have raised,” Baker told *The Boston Globe*, which first reported on the governor’s vow to sign the House bill.

The House bill, as first reported in April, would require Attorney General Maura Healey’s office to “issue guidance or regulations for referring to the appropriate law enforcement agency or other authority for legal action any

person who asserts gender identity for an improper purpose . . . “

That language was not included in a bill that cleared the Senate on May 12 on a vote 33-4 vote. Key senators viewed the “improper purpose” clause as unnecessary but not objectionable and supporters favored the language as a safeguard against predators who might take advantage of the bill’s bathroom and locker room access provisions that are tied to gender identity.

The bill would ban discrimination against transgender people in public spaces, and would allow transgender individuals to use the public restroom or locker room that matches their gender identity.



MAYOR’S GARDEN CONTEST DEADLINE JULY 8

Mayor Martin J. Walsh is alerting Boston’s green thumbs that they have until Friday, July 8, to register for Mayor Walsh’s 2016 Garden Contest presented by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department with a grand prize provided by JetBlue.

Now in its 20th year, the contest recognizes gardeners who have landscaped, planted flowers, trees, and shrubs, and, in the process, helped beautify Boston’s neighborhoods. Gardeners or those nominating their favorite gardeners may find printable and online nomination forms at www.cityofboston.gov/parks/gardencontest. First place winners

will receive the coveted “Golden Trowel” award from Mayor Walsh and prize packages from the Parks Department, Mahoney’s Garden Centers of Brighton, and other sponsors at an awards ceremony in August in the Public Garden.

First place winners in this year’s Garden Contest will also be entered into a drawing for a JetBlue Grand Prize consisting of roundtrip flights for two to any nonstop destination from Boston. Terms, conditions, and blackout dates apply.

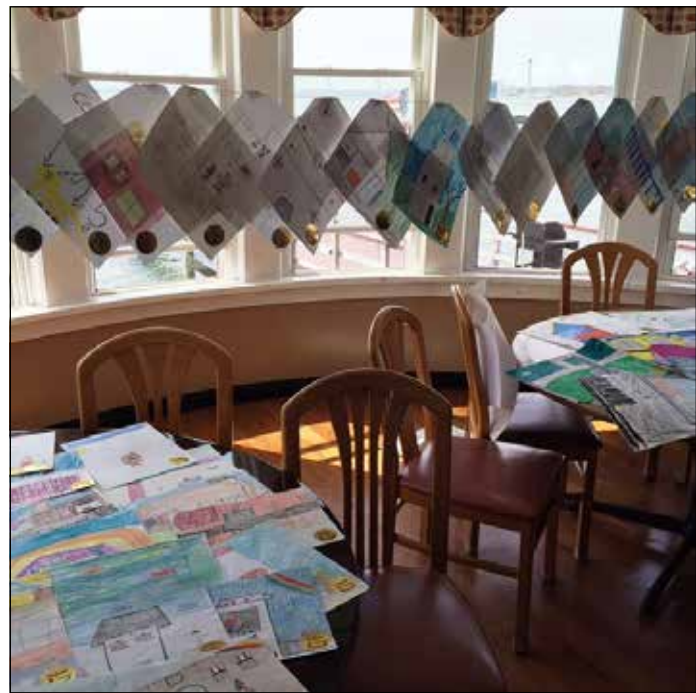
Gardeners who have won three or more times in the last ten years will be automatically entered into the Hall of Fame and will be recognized at the awards ceremony in late August. These distinguished Hall-of-Famers will be ineligible to enter as contestants but are welcome to return as judges.

To enter the contest, apply online at www.cityofboston.gov/parks/gardencontest or pick up entry forms at Boston City Hall, Boston Community Centers, and Boston Public Library branches. For more information, please call (617) 961-3051.

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went to Puerto La Cruz on vacation. It’s an island just off the coast of Venezuela and part of that country. Not content to spend our whole vacation lounging around the resort, we took a ferry to the mainland and toured the country itself for several days. It was a beautiful place with happy people, many of them prosperous. Food and other goods were plentiful and the economy was in pretty good shape. Years later, the Socialists took over and today we only have to watch the news to see the results. The population is in revolt with anti-government demonstrations and riots in the streets. They want the Socialist leaders ousted. The shelves in the grocery stores are bare and clean water is rationed along with sugar, one of Venezuela’s biggest products, as is nearly everything else. Millions have no jobs and poverty is everywhere. The education and healthcare systems are in near collapse. If you think Socialism is some sort of utopian system, look at Venezuela and be aware that as a system it’s a nation killer and failure.

Ok, to close, we’ll update our readers with this week’s proclamation of what’s now considered to be ‘racist’. We should make this a regular feature in this column. Readers seem to be getting a kick out it. Louisiana State Representative Barbara Norton, a Democrat of course, has decided that the Declaration of Independence is now racist and she is opposed to school children in her state reading and reciting it. But the one who gets the candy cigar this week is ESPN’s columnist Howard Bryant, who insists that having police or military personnel sing the National Anthem before a professional sports game is – yes – racist. Oh, and Mr. Bryant also has proclaimed that when jet fighters do those flyovers at the stadiums, well, that’s racist too and even ‘Authoritarian. I’m guessing that if you asked these people to list anything that is NOT racist, they might have a problem answering. I do believe many of these characters are potential candidates for a strait jacket. But hey, they keep us laughing.



3 Local Students Receive Stephanie Uftring Scholarships

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

On Sunday, May 22nd and Monday, May 23rd, three deserving local kids were the happy recipients of the Stephanie Uftring Scholarships in presentations held at the South Boston Yacht Club. Wil Patrick Hingston received \$2500 to be used toward tuition at the prestigious Archbishop Williams School in the Town of Braintree. Nyla Anderson, who attends St. Peter Academy and Maxwell Nilan, who attends South Boston Catholic Academy each received \$1000.

The selections for the awards were based on the content of essays that had to be written on what they liked most about growing up in South Boston, a choice of a most admired person in their lives, information on that person and why they chose that particular individual and how Stephanie Uftring may have influenced their lives if they knew her personally and if not, to base it on what they had heard about her life.

Stephanie Uftring was by all accounts from all who knew her a truly wonderful person. Kind hearted and caring, she would always be there to help someone in need.

She had a wealth of many good and close friends who loved her dearly and a family that meant the world to her and she to them.

Pleasant, outgoing and just fun to be around and have around, she brought joy to people where ever she went. But in 2014, tragedy struck and she was taken by Colon Cancer at far too young an age. Her passing was devastating news to the South Boston Community and beyond because of the way she touched so many lives in such positive ways.

The scholarship fund was set up to keep the memory of Stephanie

Uftring alive forever and certainly to help others further their education. This is something that would have made her very proud. The work that she did on behalf of so many and the joy she brought to all who knew her is something that should always live on in the hearts and minds of a community that misses her greatly.

She was an inspiration while she walked among us in life as will her memory be forever.

Congratulations to Wil Patrick Hingston, Nyla Anderson and Maxwell Nilan. You all did a great job and deserve very special praise.

20th Annual Rose Garden Party

Tickets are still available for the Rose Garden Party fundraiser being held on Monday, June 13, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the James P. Kelleher Rose Garden in the Back Bay Fens. The event, hosted by honorary chairs Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Ms. Lorrie Higgins, benefits year-round, family-friendly arts and science programs, as well as special events in City of Boston parks.

Celebrating its 20th year, the Rose Garden Party is an elegant fundraising event featuring gourmet food and refreshments, live music, and a spirited hat contest. Guests will also be invited to bid on a wide variety of premium auction packages and items.

Please note that the ticket purchase deadline is Wednesday, June 8.

Located directly opposite the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) in Frederick Law Olmsted's renowned Emerald Necklace park system, the Kelleher Rose Garden is the largest of its kind in Boston and the ideal location for this summer garden party.

Bank of America is the lead event sponsor with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Harbor Cruises serving as key sponsors. Other core patrons include People's United Bank, N.A., Sara Freeman, Boston University, Emmanuel College, Lee Kennedy Company, Swan Boats, Inc., and the Friends of Post Office Square.

Additional in-kind donors include

Boston Beer Company, Barefoot Wine & Bubbly, Boston POPS, the Museum of Fine Arts, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Design New England Magazine, Zoo New England, Boston Lyric Opera, House of Blues, Rouvalis Flowers & Gardens, and Atent for Rent. A red carpet backdrop will be donated by Stepan dRepeat.com. Frank Costantino and Paul McMahan will return to paint en plein air – French for “in the open air” – in this bucolic garden setting.

Proceeds from the Rose Garden Party directly support free quality programming including concerts, arts and crafts for children, puppet shows, painting and photography workshops, children's festivals, movie nights,



fitness classes, and much more in Boston parks. Everyone is welcome to support these programs by purchasing a ticket to enjoy this signature event.

Tickets are tax deductible as allowed by law and available by calling (617) 635-4032 or online at www.cityofboston.gov/parks/rosegarden/rosegardenparty.asp.

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SB Dental Associates Welcomes Dr. Bassima Bashour

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who chooses to live in the city, there is no place better than Southie.

In addition to what's mentioned above, our neighborhood is also very fortunate to have by far, one of the finest dental care businesses that can be found anywhere. Call it 'state of the art' or 'cutting edge' or call it what you will, South Boston Dental Associates Inc. has created the perfect mix of the best professional care possible by a top notch and pleas-

ant staff with that personal touch, all complemented by a welcoming environment and pleasant atmosphere that makes going to the dentist actually an enjoyable experience.

To add to the list of the already top notch team of dental care professionals, SBDA is proud to welcome Dr. Bassima Bashour as its newest addition. And like the rest of her new colleagues, she comes with a very impressive resume in the field.

Dr. Bashour received her undergraduate training at Albion College and her Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Detroit

Mercy School of Dentistry in 2000. She has taken extensive post graduate training at the world renowned Dawson Academy at St. Petersburg Florida. Dr. Bashour was also accredited with the American Academy of Facial Esthetics and was a clinical associate professor for prosthodontics and Operative Dentistry at Tufts School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Bashour's practice emphasis is comprehensive Restorative and Cosmetic Dentistry for both adults and children. To say she is talented would surely be an understatement of her incredible accomplishments and knowledge of her field that she possesses and has worked so hard to attain. In her spare time Dr. Bashour enjoys skiing, being a hockey mom and spending time with her husband Michael and their six beautiful children.

Along with Dr. Phillip Barber DMD, who is the proprietor and the entire team at SBDA, the South Boston Community also welcomes Dr. Bashour. She'll be an integral part of a business that has served people both from this neighborhood and many surrounding areas so well for so many years. She will also be part of a business; South Boston Dental Associates Inc., that this town is rightly proud of and fortunate that is located here. We hope Dr. Bashour enjoys her new position and we wish her well.



Chris Loves Dogs And They Love Him Back

It started as a way to be nice to the neighborhood dogs and their owners who travel L Street on their way to their favorite coffee shop. It has turned into a mini dog canteen that has caught the attention of the MSPCA. Christopher P. Gregorio is a lifelong Southie Boy, now retired and a resident of Monsignor Power's Apartments. He can frequently be seen frequently his classic bicycle around town when he's not scratching lottery tickets.

Folks will soon see a donation box, the proceeds from which will go to the MSPCA. Be sure to stop by and sign his guest book.



SB Students Graduate From Boston College High

On Sunday, May 22, 2016, at Boston College High School's 152nd Commencement, President William Kemeza and the Board of Trustees presented diplomas to 304 members of the class of 2016. General Joseph

F. Dunford, Jr. a 1973 graduate of BC High, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, gave the address. Among the graduates were South Boston residents: Gehrig Louis Acquista Michael Coleman Arcadipane

Michael Francis Flaherty III Paul Alexander Gordon William Patrick Higgins Matthew James McDonnell Xavier James Minnifield Jack A. Sobchuk Boston College High School is a

Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men in grades 7 to 12. Founded in 1863, the school enrolls approximately 1,600 students from more than 140 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more <http://www.bchigh.edu>



Murphy and Pagel graduate from Elizabeth Seton Academy

Tara Murphy and Tatum Pagel of South Boston graduated from Elizabeth Seton Academy, Dorchester May 26. Dressed in traditional white caps and gowns, the 29 graduates who assembled at Boston College High School for the commencement, were challenged by Valedictorian Maya Alexander to follow the advice of St. Ignatius of Loyola who said "go forth and set the world on fire." Looking at her classmates she suggested, "Why not take those words and go be bold?" Caitlin Darcy, Salutatorian speaker, still regrets waiting until her junior year to try out for soccer, which she

then fell in love with, so she advised her classmates to take risks to grow. "One of the biggest changes we'll face is putting ourselves out there. Trying something new will never be easy, but sometimes, to make ourselves comfortable we have to get uncomfortable first."

Scheduled commencement speaker State Senator Linda Dorcea Forry, a graduate of the former Monsignor Ryan High School, the girls high school that was a predecessor to ESA, was not able to make the graduation because of a mandatory senate budget hearing, but her speech was read by ESA Trustees

chair Frances Birmingham.

"I'm first generation American and when my parents emigrated here (from Haiti), they did not speak much English, but what they did know was the importance of education," Birmingham read. "They knew that education would be the key for their children to have more opportunities in life. And they were right!"

Elizabeth Seton Academy, Boston's only all-girls Catholic high school, is an independent, urban school that provides a nurturing community which serves learners from 25 communities in the greater Boston area.

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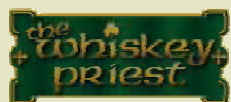
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