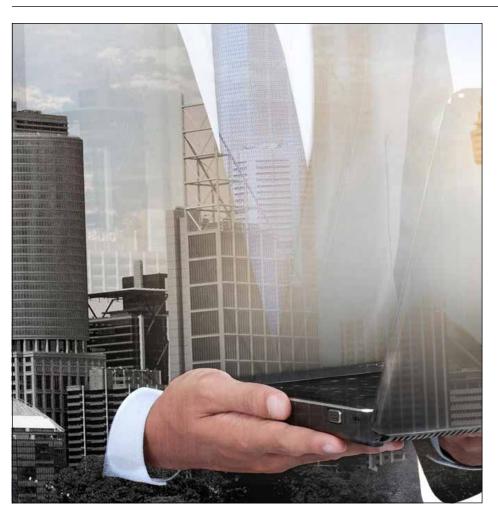
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EDITORIAL

The 'Pats' Again Earned Super Bowl Spot

or more than half a century, the Super Bowl has been thrilling Americans like few events can do. The sheer size and spectacle of it all is impressive on a massive scale. That it is a sports event that is uniquely American can bring even more excitement to the tens of thousands of fans who are fortunate enough to actually be at the game, as well as the millions that view it on screen.

But when the home team makes it through a hard-fought

season and winds up as one of the two top contenders; the best of the best, the Super Bowl is something that takes that excitement to an almost blissful frenzy.

The New England Patriots work hard and deserve to be playing in this Sunday's game. And many fans are convinced, with good reason, that the chips were deliberately stacked against them from the start and yet they STILL made ing us one of the best seasons it. Despite what perhaps

some officials in the NFL hoped would be an impossibility, it makes this season all the more satisfying.

We are anticipating a win this weekend by 'The Pats', simply because they are the best team in the league. Add to that how each player puts his heart and soul into every game, it just increases those odds. But win or lose, we say THANK YOU Patriots for givin memory.



"The February sunshine steeps your boughs and tints the buds and swells the leaves within" - William C. Bryant





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Protestors and their Selective Compassion

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segments of humanity. I'll explain.

us understand and cherish recently too, it was about the concern about these issues. Why, stores, you make no new friends, Amendment Keystone Pipeline and the border because they couldn't care less. It but quite a few new enemies. But rights, which certainly include wall etc. While we understand doesn't fit with their 'progressive' this is who the radical liberal and the right to protest, if we believe they have the right to demonstrate political agenda. something is not as it should be. and protest, many of us feel But many of us have a difficult time their sincerity and concern for streets do themselves no favors have done. believing in the sincerity of some of others would be more credible, and garner limited support, when the United States until properly And it's a sure bet, we won't in the turmoil you cause, while CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

s Americans, the majority of vetted. A while back and more see these protestors raising any smashing windows and looting leftist portion of the population The leftist protestors in the is. It's what they do and always

This brings me to last weekend's those protesting, as of late. I call it if they put as much time, effort they dress in obscene costumes Screen Actors Guild or SAG award 'selective outrage'. By that I mean and passion into the plight of like many did in the Women's show. It was the typical boring people who protest what they say homeless veterans, the genocide march on Inauguration weekend gathering, where insufferable are injustices against fellow human and slaughter of Christians in the and carry signs laden with Hollywood actors, the so-called beings while not caring about or just Middle East and the denial of rights F-Bombs. When they chant things elites show up to give each other completely ignoring some of the for women at the hands of radical like "F the veterans, they deserve awards, heap praise on one another undisputable wrongs affecting other Islamists, the victims of the Boston to die" as was heard at several and put themselves on display to Marathon bombings (committed airports during last weekend's be worshipped by what they feel Crowds are carrying on about also by radical Islamists) and the pro-refugee protests, people who are the common folk. And as all of President Trump's election. Now carnage taking place on the streets may have been open to siding with these Hollywood snooze fests are they are screaming about refugees of Chicago, which is under siege them are turned off permanently. becoming predictable and identical from certain terrorist infested and now considered the murder And certainly, when you include to each other, and as the viewing counties being denied entrance to capital of the nation. But we don't. the burning of the American Flag crowds in the TV audiences

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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.

Lawsuit threatened over Native American nicknames bill

A Virginia law firm is warning that a bill filed by state Sen. Barbara L'Italien that would ban the use of Native American monikers for school nicknames could bring a federal lawsuit, Kori Tuitt of the Lowell Sun reports. The letter was written on behalf of the Native American Guardians Association and says the bill would be discriminatory because it only addresses Native American names. So a bill designed to eliminate bias is biased? It's tough being a progressive these days.

Lawmakers eye state takeover of troubled Reggie Lewis center

From the Herald's Dan Atkinson: "State legislators are looking to take control of the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center away from Roxbury Community College after a series of high-profile controversies last year, a move one state track official says is long overdue." State Rep. Russell Holmes is co-sponsoring a bill that would create a new state board that probably would be appointed by Gov. Charlie Baker and the Legislature, Atkinson reports

Higher pay, newly renovated chamber. What more can you ask for?

State senators will be moving out of their third-floor chamber in April for a planned \$20 million-plus renovation of the historic legislative meeting place. Or as SHNS's Colin Young puts it at the Lowell Sun: "State senators angling for higher paychecks this week will have to wait a while longer for a renovated clubhouse."

Governor to forgo generous housing perk tucked into pay-raise bill

Speaking of the pay-raise bill and plush accommodations, Gov. Baker yesterday made clear he plans to forgo a \$65,000 housing allowance tucked into the legisla-

tion, reports Frank Phillips at the Globe. Well, if he ever changes his mind, the money will always be there, for Senate President Stan Rosenberg is expressing confidence that the Legislature has enough votes this week to override Baker's veto of the pay-raise bill, reports Matt Stout and Chris Villani at the Herald.

FYI: Peter Lucas, veteran writer at the Lowell Sun, is now referring to Rosenberg and House Speaker Robert DeLeo as the Cheech & Chong of Beacon Hill. Lucas almost has sympathy (repeat: almost) for freshmen lawmakers recently forced to cast votes for the payraise bill as one of their first official acts on Beacon Hill.

Baker revisits the ancient battlefield of tourism funding

From Shira Schoenberg at MassLive: "Gov. Charlie Baker is again - fighting with regional tourism councils over how much money tourism will get in the annual budget and how that money will be allocated." Shira explains how less is technically more, depending on which fiscal-year figure you use as a base and where the allocations go and don't go.

Harvard retains its grip over U.S. Supreme Court

Acting like a television host introducing a new game-show contestant, President Trump announced last night that he was nominating conservative federal judge Neil Gorsuch of Colorado to the U.S. Supreme Court. The Globe's James Pindell quickly notes that, yes, Gorsuch is a Harvard Law School grad: "For those keeping track, this means that if Gorsuch is confirmed, Harvard Law School graduates will retain their majority on the court with five justices having attending the school." And Gorsuch was also classmate of former President

Obama at Harvard Law School, as the Herald's Chris Cassidy notes. Meanwhile, U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, a former Harvard Law School professor, is vowing to fight Gorsuch's nomination., as the Globe reports. So much for non-Ivy League diversity on and around the high bench.

Ratepayers' solar subsidies slashed under Baker plan

From Bruce Mohl at Common-Wealth magazine: "The Baker Administration unveiled a next-generation solar incentive plan on Tuesday that is expected to cut in half the subsidies paid by the state's electric ratepayers while giving developers more certainty about how much money they will receive under the program." We'll see how this plays out on Beacon Hill, where the solar industry is known for making its views (and complaints) quite clear.

Healey takes lead in immigration fight, as Baker brings up the rear

As expected, Attorney General Maura Healey yesterday sued President Trump over what she called his "startling and chaotic" immigration executive order, reports Jack Sullivan at Common-Wealth magazine. Sullivan notes that Gov. Charlie Baker is giving Healey's lawsuit "his unequivocal backing," though that may not be enough for the Globe's Shirley Leung. Meanwhile, faith leaders in Boston yesterday were bashing Trump's executive order, as the Herald reports, while officials at UMass and Boston University were also lending their support for Healey's legal action, as reported at MassLive.

State's Congressional delegation sounds off on immigration move

It's not just the ubiquitous U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Attorney General Maura Healey sounding off against President Trump's immigration policies. Other members of the state's Congressional delegation – including U.S. Reps. Richard Neal and Jim McGovern and U.S. Sen. Edward Markey -- are also hopping mad, reports Shannon Young at MassLive. And so is U.S. Rep. William Keating, as reported by SHNS's Andy Metzger at the Herald News.

Civilized debate: 'We are better off if we collectively stick our fingers into a bowl of ebola and lick them'

They must have been plants by anti-Trump folks out to discredit sanctuary-city foes at a recent Newton meeting. How else to explain the remarks cited by Gabrielle Emanual at WGBH? Excerpt from Emanuel's piece:

"Those against sanctuary city status voice anxiety about undocumented immigrants causing machete attacks and a spike in tuberculosis. 'You want to take a chance that our water supply might be poisoned? Our bridges blown up?' asked one resident. Another man took the podium, stating, 'One wonders if there was a fire in an apartment building, if any of the sanctuary city folks would have a moral dilemma deciding about saving their own family before strangers.' 'We are better off if we collectively stick our fingers into a bowl of ebola and lick them. Our deaths will be quicker and less painful,' said another."

Dana Farber pressed to scrap lavish Mar-a-Lago Club fundraiser

Hundreds of medical students, doctors, and other medical personnel aren't happy with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute's planned fundraiser at President Trump's Mar-a-Lago Club in Florida, not when he's busy cracking down on immigrants, reports the Globe's Liz Kowalczyk



Straight from the Mayor

Standing up for our Values

ooking back on this week, I am so proud to be a Bostonian -- and to be your Mayor. Last Friday, President Trump made good on his divisive campaign rhetoric, and signed a series of executive orders that are designed to promote American isolation, intolerance and fear. Boston didn't sit back and accept these orders -- our residents stood up against harming immigrants and refugees, and stood up for our values.

Forty-eight percent of Boston's children have at least one parent who was born outside the United States. I identify with those kids because I was one of them. My mother and father came to Boston from Ireland looking for opportunity. They found their American Dream, and I got to live mine by becoming mayor of the city that embraced us.

In Boston, immigrants make up nearly one third of our population. We welcome and we cherish those who are fleeing persecution or simply seeking a better life. Boston, and the United States, is a proud nation of immigrants. We know our success -- and our nation's success -- has always depended on the drive, talent, community, and culture of newcomers from around the world.

Last week, we held a press conference at City Hall, with a message for immigrants in Boston, fearful of the Administration's threats: our City will continue to support you. When I visit schools and have young children tell me they are afraid of having their mother or father taken away, some-

thing is wrong. I will do everything lawful within my power to protect our immigrant neighbors.

To do this, we'll continue to build trust between law enforcement and immigrant communities. For everyone's safety, both documented and undocumented immigrants need to know they can report crimes without fear of being targeted over minor issues or mere suspicions. The Boston Police Department has worked hard to build this trust, and cities with "Trust Acts" are among the safest in the U.S.

On Saturday, we joined advocates, lawyers and elected officials at Logan Airport to protest the new Administration's anti-immigrant and anti-refugee policy. Lawyers worked for free throughout the night to assist those trapped in airports throughout the country, including Boston. With their hard work, the courts took action to temporarily halt the ban.

On Sunday, we joined thousands and thousands of Bostonians in Copley Square to show our support for our Muslim brothers and sisters who have been targeted by the Trump Administration. Organized by the Council on American–Islamic Relations, we voiced our support for the Muslim people that live and work in our City, and those who come to Boston hoping for a better life. Looking out across the square, Reverend Laura Everett asked who in crowd was Muslim -- every hand went up, united.

President Trump wants America to become a nation that will turn its back on immigrants seeking a better life, on families who have risked their lives to leave a warzone, on bright young men and women coming to America to make our world better.

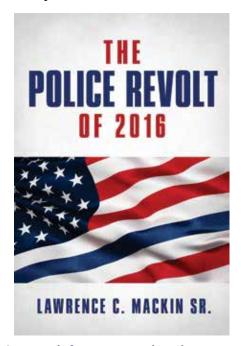
But we will not back down from our values that make us who we are as a city. We will fight for our residents, whether immigrant or not, and provide the best quality of life for all Bostonians. I will use all of my power within lawful means to protect all Boston residents -- even if that means using City Hall itself as a last resort.

The next four years will be hard. But if this week has been a preview of what's to come, I know Boston will not change its essential character of inclusiveness. We have American values, common sense and the United States Constitution on our side, and we won't quit -- I hope Washington takes notice. And as Boston holds the Trump Administration accountable, I will be standing next to you.

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What I've Been Up To

Dear Friends,

2017 is off to a busy start for Team Flaherty. As we continue to listen to constituent concerns and

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Community Preservation Committee: As a follow-up to the success of the Community Preservation Act ballot referendum last November, Councilor Campbell and I refiled the ordinance that would create the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Should the ordinance pass and be implemented, the CPC would consist of 5 members appointed by the Mayor and 4 appointed by the City Council, serving 3 year terms. The Committee would be responsible for recommending expenditures from the Community Preservation Fund. The matter has been assigned to the Committee on Government Operations and a public hearing has been scheduled for Monday, February 13th.

Health Insurance Benefits for Surviving Spouses: I filed a home-rule petition that would grant access to health insurance for spouses of City of Boston employees – who died in the line of duty – who later remarried to receive City of Boston health insurance. For the past seventeen years, the state legislature has allowed for a surviving spouse to have access to pension benefits should he or she remarry. However, there has still been the issue of surviving spouses not having access to or the option of purchasing health insurance (should they choose not to remarry). This home rule petition would eliminate the "remarriage penalty". The matter has been assigned to the Committee on Government Operations, and a public hearing will be scheduled. **Boston Police and Fire Residency Preference:** I filed a home rule petition that sought to increase the existing Boston residency preference on the Civil Service Exam from 1 year to 3 years. I am a firm believer that our City's police officers and

firefighters do a better job when they are more familiar with our communities. The proposal gained support from the Firefighters Local 718, Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers (MAMLEO), Boston Police Patrolmen's Association (BPPA). and the Boston Society of Vulcans. I had initially filed the matter as an ordinance in 2014, but was advised to refile as a home rule petition to avoid any legal complications. With no change in language with regards to its intent, the matter was voted upon unanimously by the Council. The home rule petition is now awaiting approval from Mayor Walsh so that it can make its way to the state legislature.

Human Trafficking Awareness Day: I introduced a Resolution to establish January 25, 2017 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day in the City of Boston so that it coincides with January being National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Since 2005, over 450 children from Boston have been identified as victims of human trafficking. As public servants, it is our responsibility to not only enforce punishment on those who lead in such illicit, horrendous activity; but also to support survivors who are in need of resources and guidance. The Resolution was voted upon unanimously by my colleagues.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if I can ever be of assistance to you or your family. Whether it is to discuss a constituent request or a policy issue, Team Flaherty is ready to help.

Michael F. Flaherty is one of your Boston City Councilors At-Large. His office can be reached by phone (617-635-4205) or email (Michael. Flaherty@Boston.gov).



REPRESENTATIVE COLLINS ANNOUNCES LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Renews focus on transportation, job creation, housing, public safety, and the environment

ecently sworn in for his fourth term representing the Fourth Suffolk District. State Representative Nick Collins (D- South Boston) announced his legislative agenda for the 190th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To begin the new legislative session, Collins filed and co-sponsored several bills that continue his focus on several core issues, including transportation, job creation, workforce development, housing policy, public safety, and the environment.

Continuing his leadership on transportation reform, Rep. Collins plans to leverage the growth on the South Boston Waterfront to strategically invest funds from the 2014 bond bill in accordance with the South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan. Primary goals include increased and improved bus service, road and signal improvements on Day Boulevard, and activating rail connections into the Waterfront via the unused Track 61.

Rep. Collins has also co-sponsored a bill for a light rail pilot program on the Fairmount commuter rail line. The pilot program would mean more frequent and reliable rail service connecting Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury and Hyde Park to the city's thriving economic centers. Legislators hope the increased connectivity will lead to more economic opportunity for those living and working in this crucial public transit corridor.

Prioritizing public safety, Collins filed legislation which would

streamline benefits for first responders by presuming that contagious diseases were acquired in the line of duty unless proven otherwise. And showing his ongoing commitment to the safety and quality of life for the elderly, the Representative moved to cut caseloads for social workers working with seniors to ensure they get the quality care they deserve, and that caseworkers can more effectively do their jobs.

Additionally, Rep. Collins has filed housing legislation that would establish a commission to study best practices for elderly and disabled housing and ensure that seniors in the Commonwealth are safe and comfortable in their housing communities.

Bills filed by Rep. Collins pertaining to job creation and workforce development include a live theater bill which incentivizes productions in the Commonwealth, including helping fund small, local theaters. This bill supports the creative economy by bringing in more theater jobs while boosting the hotel and hospitality industries. Another bill requires the Commonwealth and its contractors to employ individuals with disabilities at a level of 10%, reflecting federal guidelines. This would ensure that the Commonwealth provides equal opportunity and access to good jobs and benefits for all.

Finally, in an ongoing commitment to the environment, Rep. Collins has co-sponsored a number of bills which would protect the environment, incentivize renewable energy usage, and establish Massachusetts as the national leader

in energy efficiency information for home buyers. The last of these bills promotes local energy service jobs, increases transparency in energy efficiency, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

"I have heard loud and clear that our public transportation is not sufficient for our neighborhoods" said Rep. Collins. "My agenda this session sets out to find innovative solutions to our transportation troubles, while also looking out for our first responders, caring for our elderly, protecting the environment and continuing to build



our economy for everyone. I look forward to my fourth term as your State Representative and I hope to make real progress on these important issues."

Legislative hearings begin this spring and will continue throughout the session.



How is Massport working to address South Boston transportation needs?



Architect's rendering of view from World Trade Center Avenue

The once abundant surface parking lots in the South Boston Waterfront are rapidly disappearing. The last thing South Boston residents need is more cars circling through the neighborhood in search of parking.

Massport is building the multi-modal South Boston Waterfront Transportation Center (SBWTC) to help to address the parking shortage in the district. Slated to be completed in 2018, the \$85 million SBWTC will include:

- Direct access to/from highways for people who work in the South Boston Waterfront or visit reducing the traffic impact on local streets;
- 1,550 shared public parking spaces for area employees, restaurant and retail customers, and visitors. Massport intends to make parking spaces available to South Boston residents during snow emergencies;
- Real-time transportation schedule and information center, ride sharing hub, Zip cars, electric vehicle charging stations, a Hubway bike station, and a weather-protected access to the WTC Silver Line Station;
- Sustainable design including roof top solar panels, LED lighting, and climate change resilient design features.

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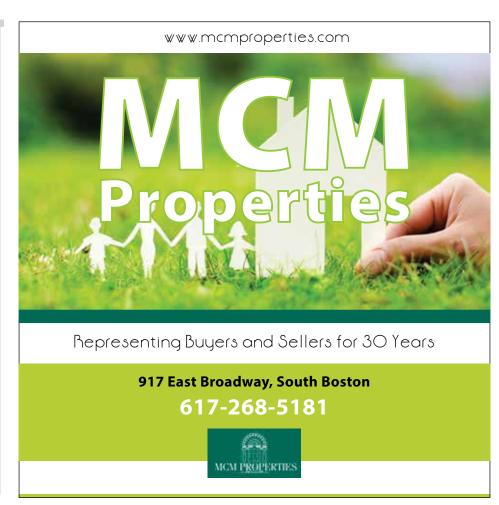


Revenue from the SBWTC will support Massport's maritime operations in the Port of Boston, which is the City's 6th largest employer with 7,000 jobs.

Throughout the project, Massport will continue to work with community members and their elected officials to balance our roles as a good neighbor and an economic engine for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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78 H Street Two Family	\$760,000	12/28/16	6	3	2208
882-884 East Broadway UNIT 1 Condo	\$739,000	12/28/16	5	2.5	1420
488 Dorchester Ave UNIT 3G Condo	\$735,000	12/23/16	3	2	1314
488 Dorchester Ave UNIT 2E Condo	\$729,000	12/28/16	3	2	1331
589 East Second St UNIT 3 Condo	\$672,000	12/28/16	5	1.5	1024
215 Athens St UNIT 401 Condo	\$645,000	12/22/16	4	2	1200
159 O St UNIT 3 Condo	\$615,000	12/21/16	4	2	778
319A St UNIT 504 Condo	\$580,000	12/22/16	2	1	527
91 Baxter Street Single Family	\$500,000	12/20/16	7	1.5	1300
134-136 West Ninth St UNIT 4 Condo	\$490,000	12/28/16	3	1	715
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754 East Broadway UNIT 3 Condo	\$429,000	12/23/16	4	1	800





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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Boston Planning & Development Agency will be holding public workshops the evening of February 8th and the morning of February 11th as part of a planning initiative for the Edison Power Plant site in South Boston. Both workshops will consist of the same material and program. The workshops are intended to engage the community and determine their interests and aspirations related to housing, transportation, public realm improvements, cultural facilities and placemaking at the Edison Power Plant site. The process will inform the development plan for the property and future zoning.

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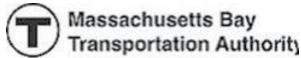
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MBTA Youth Pass Program Launched February 1

he MBTA's Youth Pass program launches Wednesday, February 1, 2017, providing affordable transit access for low-income young people.

Distributed through municipal and community partners, the Youth Pass is a card that can be used at MBTA Fare Vending Machines or at retail sales terminals to purchase a reduced-price LinkPass for \$30 a month. The card allows users

to add stored value and ride the MBTA's bus and subway systems at the reduced-fare rate. However, the Youth Pass does not provide a reduced fare on the Commuter Rail.

In order to qualify for the Youth Pass, a young person must:

- Not be enrolled in middle or high school (these students may receive a Student CharlieCard through their school).
- Be born after November 1, 1991.
- If born after November 1, 1991,

but before November 1, 1998, a young person must also show that he or she is enrolled in one of the MBTA's accepted GED or job training programs or state/federal income based benefit program.

• Live in a participating city or town (currently Boston, Chelsea, Malden, or Somerville)

To join the Youth Pass program, young people must fill out an application once a year and bring it with required documentation to their city for verification (young people must contact their participating community for exact locations and operating hours). Youth Pass cards expire on November 1 and require re-enrollment.

For more information about the Youth Pass, please visit mbta. com. For more information on how to enroll, please contact the participating community partner or City Hall 617-635-1389 youthline@boston.gov

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continue to decline, the 23rd SAG awards was no different. What viewers do remain had to endure the political rantings of these self-absorbed egotists, so in love with themselves, bloviate about their cause of the day. This time it was attacking President Trump, the policy of vetting refugees and of course all the 'un hip' and stupid people, which is of course everyone that doesn't think, live and vote like they do.

But there actually was something new added to the tiresome array of rants this year. The oh so tolerant liberal actor David Harbour proclaimed that some people - anyone who does not take Hollywood's advice - might have to be "punched in the face", to which his fellow 'stars' cheered and roared their approval. Word of caution to these actors: Doing so isn't advisable. You might be able to get away with punching someone in the face on stage following a script in your makebelieve world. But in the real world, it could get you a trip to the ER.

In closing this week, I just want to comment on someone who has become a new American hero to millions of people across our country. His name is Matt Uhrin. Many saw the video footage of Mr. Uhrin; who works for Fed Ex delivery in action last week. Matt was driving his Fed Ex truck on a street in Iowa City, when he came upon a group of protestors burning an

American Flag. It seems Matt has had enough of seeing this going on and being the patriot that he is, pulled his truck over, grabbed the vehicle fire extinguisher, pushed his way through the crowd of flag burners and took action. First, he blasted the fire out with the extinguisher and then he picked up the flag, cradled it in his arms and pushed his way back out of the crowd carrying Old Glory. Oh yes, he may have also accidently blasted a protestor and physically jostled one or two who attempted to stop him. This news footage went viral all over the world and has inspired many.

God bless you Matt Uhrin and a big well done goes out to the Fed Ex company, which has said Matt will absolutely be keeping his job.



Topics for the 2017 Evacuation Day Essay and Poster Competitions

outh Boston Citizens'
Association President Tom
McGrath announced today
that because of the tremendous
success of the past several years'
contest, the Association, along
with Mass Bay Credit Union and
Comcast will once again sponsor
the 2017 Annual Essay and
Poster Contests.

Once again, after last year's outstanding effort put forth by past President Bernie O'Donnell, he has once again expressed an interest of taking on the challenge of chairing The Essay and Poster Contests. Bernie always taught me that these contests are a great way to educate and strengthen the interest of the children of the community, I was more than pleased when Bernie offered to once again, head up this Event for the children of South Boston', Remarked McGrath.

Bernie further expressed "One of the missions of the SBCA is to reach out to the young children of this historically rich community, joining the SBCA in promoting, organizing, and judging the Evacuation Day Poster and Essay Competitions is a most fitting way

to improve on that mission."
Subject matter has been specifically chosen

The Poster Competition is open to all students in grades 3, 4 and 5 who are either South Boston residents or who attend school in South Boston. This year's theme is Illustrate Historical events in the City of Boston during the Revolutionary War, such examples can be of the following: Boston Massacre, Boston Tea Party, or Henry Knox and the Noble Train of Artillery. Posters should be original compositions, in any medium, at least 8 1/2" x 11", but preferably larger. Prizes are as follows first prize \$100, second prize \$75, and third prize \$25.

The Essay Competition is open to all students in grades 6 through 12 who are either South Boston residents or who attend school in South Boston. The Essay themes are broken down according to grade, as follows: For students in grades 6 through 8: Who is Henry Knox and what was his contribution to Dorchester Heights and the American Revolution? Essays should be at least 500

words, prizes are as follows first prize \$100, second prize \$75, third prize \$25.

The Topic for students in grades 9 through 12: Who were the Sons of Liberty and what was the role

of Sam Adams leading up to the American Revolution? Essays should be at least 1000 words, prizes are as follows; first prize \$150, second prize 100, third prize \$50.

As in years past, the SBCA, Mass Bay CU and Comcast are generously sponsoring the competitions. All prizes will be presented during the Historical Exercises on Friday, March 17, 2017 at Dorchester Heights, following the 9:00A.M. Mass at St. Augustine's Chapel, weather permitting.

All entries should bear, in an attached envelope, the contestant's name, school and a means of contacting the entrant, and should be submitted no later than Friday, March 10th, 2017 At 5 PM. All entries may be mailed to South Boston Citizens' Association, P.O. Box 74, South Boston, MA 02127, or can be picked up at schools by a representative of the Citizens' Association. Entries can also be dropped off at 170 M Street.





MAYOR WALSH HIGHLIGHTS FREE TAX SERVICES

ayor Martin J. Walsh joined the Boston Tax Help Coalition and community partners for National Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Awareness Day, to launch the 2017 tax season at Dorchester House. The event highlighted the free tax preparation and asset building services offered by the Boston Tax Help Coalition.

The Boston Tax Help Coalition, a public-private partnership of

over 30 organizations, managed by the Mayor's Office of Financial Empowerment (OFE), provides free tax preparation and comprehensive asset building opportunities to low and moderate-income residents in Boston. The Coalition seeks to maximize the EITC and provide access to savings strategies to help taxpayers build wealth and pay down debt.

"I am grateful to the Boston Tax Help Coalition for their assistance in providing residents with the expert help that's needed during tax season," said Mayor Walsh. "The Coalition has been providing free tax assistance by IRS certified volunteers for 16 years and since its founding, over 150,000 free tax returns have been prepared for our city's residents."

The free tax services provided by the Coalition are available to Boston residents who earned \$54,000 or less in 2016. It is the Coalition's mission to broaden pathways from poverty to financial empowerment by maximizing the impact of the earned income and other tax credits through quality, free tax preparation, financial education and economic stability opportunities. In 2016 the Boston Tax Help Coalition served over 13,000 residents and returned \$24 million dollars in refunds and credits directly to taxpayers.

There are 35 tax sites throughout Boston's neighborhoods, with support in the following eight languages: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, Cape Verdean Creole, Somali, Arabic, and Portuguese. Free tax services in American Sign Language are also available by appointment.

"The Boston Tax Help Coalition shares our commitment to building brighter futures and improving economic outcomes for underserved individuals and business owners," said Gwen Robinson, Director of Corporate Responsibility at Santander Bank, as she joined Mayor Walsh for today's launch event. "As this tax season begins, we are especially proud to play a role in supporting the work of the Boston Tax Help Coalition. The free tax preparation assistance is an essential component to building the financial capability of low- and moderate income families and small businesses in Boston."

For more information, including locations and hours of tax sites, can be found at http://www.bostontaxhelp.org/.

Corporate America Continued from front page Point and A Street near the Convention Center. A real-estate development firm that has shaped much of South Boston has plans to build a mid-rise office and R&D property

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According to the BPDA website, the property, in close proximity to the new GE Headquarters, is proposed to contain 1,600 square feet of ground floor space on West First Street for retail, café or restaurant use and 2,400 square feet of convener space on West First Street, 10,000 square feet of innovation space fronting on West Second Street, and 3,000 square feet of tenant amenity space. The retail/ restaurant/café use and innovation space on West First Street and West Second Street respectively are designed to activate the ground floor level of the building.

The Project will also include ap-

proximately 35 parking spaces in an underground parking garage accessed from West First Street, as well as wider sidewalks and related streetscape improvements along both West First Street and West Second Street.

The potential for professional or administrative and other job opportunities from the targeted corporate tenants should be part of the consideration as this property moves through the public review process. Mr. Galvin presumably has had enough experience with the South Boston community to know that cooperation and reasonable accommodation will go a long way to garnering support. This is an election year incidentally.



Heliport Meeting Revealed Opposition To Plan

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

I he proposed helipad to accommodate General Electric and other businesses was a hot topic at a meeting held at the Boston World Trade Center last Monday night. All indications are that if community input carries any clout in 2017, the final approval of the plan could be in for some rough sailing. A crowd of people turned out to share their views on the project, including City and State officials, business owners and a large representation of neighborhood residents from South Boston.

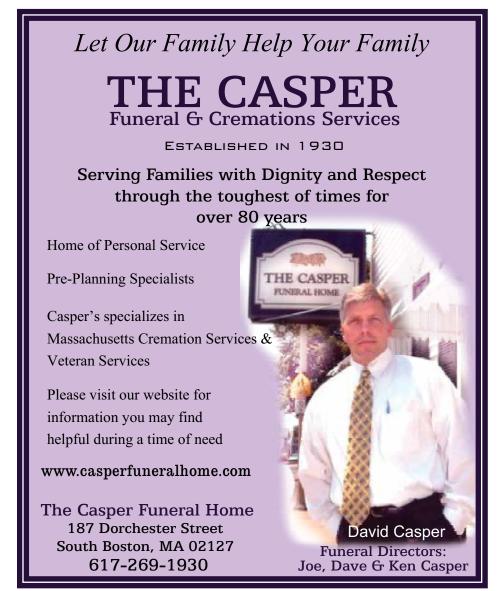
If approved, the helipad would be located on a site near the Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park near the South Boston Waterfront. The estimated cost comes in at as low as \$2 million dollars and as high as \$12 million. State funding would go towards the construction. These funds are said to be part of a \$120 million-dollar incentive that has been designated in an effort to lure GE and all the potential jobs it could possibly bring to Boston.

The meeting, though controlled and civil, became a bit hot at times with passionate opposition being expressed from a wide array of interests and concerns. Boston City Councilor and potential candidate for mayor Tito Jackson who is opposed to the plan stated "If they want a helipad, they can build it with their own money (a reference made to GE), not with our money and not on our watch." His statement brought applause from many in the crowd.

Laura McDonagh, a South
Boston resident who has been a
vocal opponent of the helipad also
made a statement which brought
applause and support from many
in the crowd when she said "It's
a five-minute ride through the
damn tunnel and if we can use the
tunnel, GE can use it." This was
in reference to the Ted Williams
Tunnel which is a direct route from
the airport to the waterfront area
and the site in question.

Some of the other stated reasons for the opposition were that Helicopters don't obey the designated flight plans and the noise would be a detriment to area businesses and the cost to taxpayers which some believe is not needed because of the close proximity to the airport.

A statement from Mayor Marty Walsh's office as reported in the Boston Herald regarding the issue reads as follows: "The city looks forward to engaging in a conversation with state officials and the community about bringing a public heliport to Boston as part of a comprehensive effort to support business growth and prioritize public safety and emergency preparedness". But Joe Slavet, the former head of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau stated that he doesn't believe that building the proposed helipad would be a benefit to the general public. At this point it's not known, at least officially and publically if the heliport will become a reality. Will both sides dig in their heels and hold firm to their positions? Can a compromise be reached on the issue? It seemed apparent at Monday's meeting that a wide gap remains and further discussions will hopefully be forthcoming.





Gate of Heaven CYO League Standings

Boys Cadet League

Won

Loss

Jack McDonough Club	4	1
Nick Collins Club	4	1
Metro Energy	3	3
PS Deli	3	4
Boston Home Inspectors	0	5
Boys Midget League	Won	Loss
Iron Worker Local #7	7	1
East Boston Savings Bank	4	3
Joe Evans Club	3	4
Blasi's Café	3	4
Ryan Club	1	7
Girls Cadet League	Won	Loss
Kelly Collins Club	4	0
Hoop Dee Doo	2	2
Sister Pat Club	2	1
Barbara Caputo Club	1	2
J.R. Solutions	0	4
Travel Teams		
Boys	Won	Loss
3rd & 4th Grade	6	7
5th & 6th Grade - Massport	5	4
8th Grade	0	13
9th Grade-O'Brien's Funeral Home	5	4
10th & 11th Grade	8	1
12th Grade	9	2
18 & Under	4	8
Girls	Won	Loss
5th & 6th Grade	7	6
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2017 March 17th Boxing Show Tryouts

es it's back, Tommy
McGrath, President of the
South Boston Citizens
Association along with Peter
Welch, owner of Peter Welch's
Gym at 371 Dorchester Ave. South
Boston, will again be sponsoring
this year's March 17th Boxing
Show. After a one year absents
this year's show will take place
on Saturday Night, March 11th at
the Peter Welch's Gym, in South
Boston. Admission is free of
charge to all.

The South Boston Citizens' Association March 17th Boxing Show has been part of the events put together by the Citizens' Association for over 75 years, and at the request of many past and present South Boston residents, it was clear the Boxing Show has been missed, and needed to be returned.

This year's Boxing Show

Chairman, Newly Elected Suffolk Register of Deeds, Stephen Murphy, along with Peter Welch, Owner of Welch's Gym will be looking for young boxers of all ages to participate in this year's show. Every young man or ladies who participates in this year's show will be awarded a trophy.

Tryouts will be held on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 3:00pm, starting Tuesday February 7th at 3pm at the Peter Welch Gym, 371 Dorchester Ave. South Boston.

All young man or ladies will be trained by expert staff such as Peter Welch, Tommy Connors, Danny Long, Jimbo Curran. All tryouts and training are free to every young man or ladie participating in this year's show. All boxers will be matched, by age, weight, and experience and must report to the Peter Welch's Gym with a mouthguard, shorts and sneakers...





This week, Danny talked to Boston Globe columnist Chris Gasper:

DANNY PICARD: Let me play the role of Boston Globe sports editor for a minute. You come into my office and I ask you, "When you go down to Houston for Super Bowl LI, Chris, what's your No. 1 story line? If I gave you a choice to write one thing all week, heading into the big game, what would it be? What is the top story line for you in this Super Bowl between the New England Patriots and Atlanta Falcons?

Patriots and Atlanta Falcons? **CHRIS GASPER:** I think, for me, Danny, it's where the Patriots are on their precipice of history. I think if they win this one, if Brady and Belichick win this, a fifth championship together, I think that they solidify themselves as the greatest dynasty in NFL history. And that, to me, is the most interesting thing here, that they can sort of put that away. I know a lot of people want to talk about Roger Goodell and all this. I'm interested in that too, but I think people forget that there was a lot of animosity when they were in the Super Bowl the last time. Remember, Robert Kraft

shows up and the Patriots showed up at Super Bowl XLIX, and the first availability, Kraft said he believes Tom Brady and Bill Belichick and that they never lied to him, and that the league should apologize. It was a little awkward even then. So I know there's that whole angle with Deflategate and Brady sitting out the first four games. That's interesting, we've been talking about that all year long. But I'm someone who likes history. I consider myself a student of history. So for me, it's that ability to take it to another level, to win that fifth one. That's the thing I'm most interested in.

DP: The top story line for me in this Super Bowl is that Belichick and Brady; this is the season, the perfect season in which they are just driving their critics nuts. Because think of all the things that have gone wrong for the Patriots. Brady was suspended the first four games because of his Deflategate suspension. Meanwhile, you've got Rob Gronkowski missing games at the beginning of the season. And

not only that, Jimmy Garoppolo the backup quarterback gets hurt in Week 2 — and you still go 3-1. With all of that going on at the beginning of the season, they still find a way to weather that storm. Then, during the bye week, you trade one of your best defensive players, in Jamie Collins. And you had a lot of people saying that was the trade that would do Belichick and the Patriots in. And they weathered that storm. Then you had the Jabaal Sheard situation, where he was a healthy scratch, and people were wondering what was going on in the Patriots locker room. Well, they get through that. And then Gronk gets injured again against Seattle, and then is placed on season-ending injured reserve a few weeks later. So, think of all this stuff that has gone wrong for the Patriots, yet, best record in the league at 14-2, No. 1 seed in the AFC, and now they are rolling into the Super Bowl. I just think that the top story is; the people who hate Belichick and Brady, they hate this season. The critics hate this season. This is the

season that the Patriots have really stuck it to their critics.

CG: I would agree with you. And I think this is probably, to be honest with you, the last thing the league wanted. And when I say the league, I don't mean just 345 Park Avenue, I think the other owners. Look, let's be real. This suspension, for a quarter of the season, was intended to try and prevent this. It was supposed to put the Patriots at some sort of disadvantage. And I'm sure it's maddening for people in the league to look and see that it was really no disadvantage at all. If anything, it's probably going to help them in the long run, because now Jimmy Garoppolo has more trade value. People have seen him. They saw the way he played for about six quarters there. So that's going to help them.

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