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# EDITORIAL

## *There Are Places We Just Shouldn't Go*

**T**here has always been a percentage of the population that can be classified as free spirits, as in having the urge to visit strange and far away places. And that's a good thing. Exploring the mountains of Costa Rica, the Arctic glaciers or maybe even the remote regions of our own Rocky Mountains are adventures worth taking if you have the time and the money it takes- but Iran and North Korea? No.

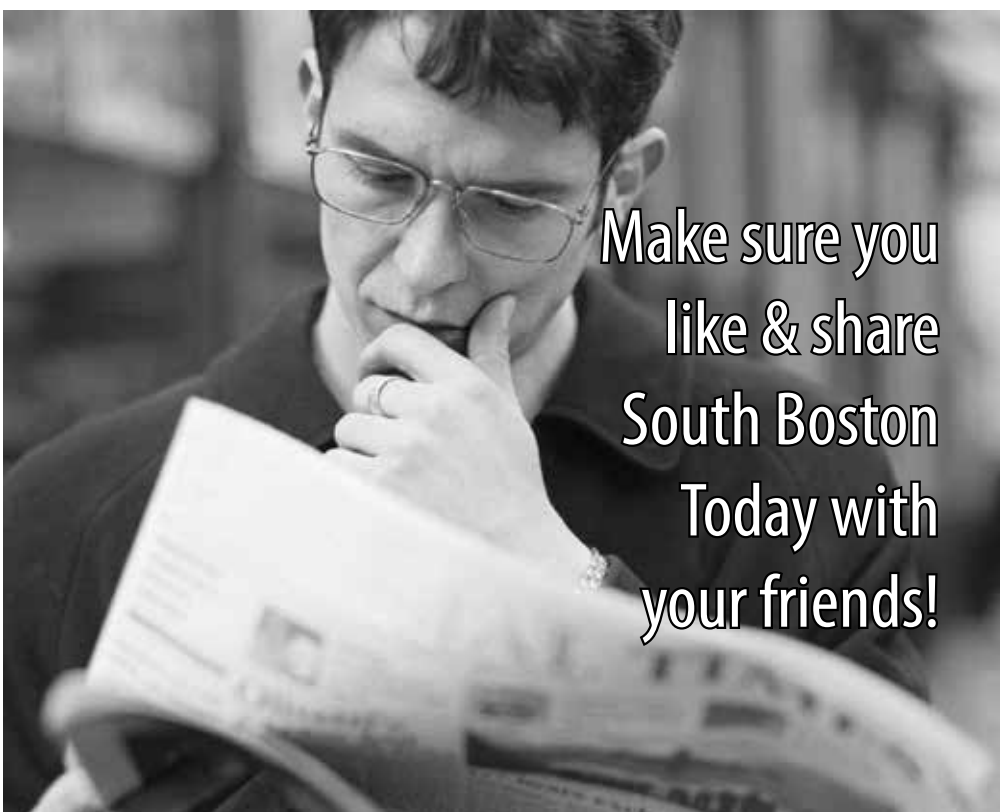
That's taking it to a crazy level, completely devoid of common sense. It was reported this week that North Korea has detained yet another American - the third in just a few months. What would possess anyone to go there knowing the political situation now, as well as the history of that country throwing

Americans in prison for - well, just being Americans? Iran has done the same thing many times. Those Americans are used as leverage to get concessions, usually in the form of a lot of money from this country, with the unspoken threat of pay up or you just might not get your citizens back - ever.

The selfish acts by our wandering countrymen and women, who travel to these hotbeds of Anti-Americanism puts our nation in difficult positions of paying up or else, and sometimes could even lead to military confrontations. It should be made clear to those, who disregard the dangers that they know exist, that if you insist on going to these places, you are on your own. Don't expect Uncle Sam to come charging to your rescue.



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## L.T.E. Letter to the Editor

There is a lot at stake in the upcoming election for Boston City Council. I will be supporting Ed Flynn for District Council, because he is the most qualified candidate for the job.

As a mom raising a family in the city, I've seen the incredible work Ed has done to support families. Whether it's coaching youth sports, advocating for our schools, or working to make our community safer, Ed has been there -- and he will continue to be there.

As a lifelong Bostonian, Ed understands the issues facing the entire district. It's important that our next City Councilor is responsive, brings people together, and knows how to get things done. That person is Ed Flynn, and I'm proud to be supporting him.



**Maria Blasi**

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## *Sometimes The News Can Make Our Eyes Roll*

**SOUTH BOSTON TODAY**  
John Ciccone

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**T**his week's column will be one of those 'short take' articles, commenting on several issues that made the news around the country.

First up - the 'Border Wall'. The purveyors of Fake News – CNN, MSNBC, NBC, CBS, ABC, New York Times etc., etc. were almost hyperventilating with excitement, when they reported that President Trump was backing down on his promise to build a wall on our southern border. They were beside themselves with glee, not so much because the media and the Democrats don't want the wall built - they don't - but because they hoped it would cause the President's voter base to turn on him. It didn't.

The real story is that asking for

funds for the wall to be put into the budget will be put on hold for a few months in an effort to keep the government from being shut down in a suggested bipartisan compromise. Here's the reasoning for the delay. The flood of illegal immigrants that was surging across our border under Obama's open border policy has now turned into a trickle. The first month under the Trump Administration's policy of letting the US Border Patrol and Homeland Security do their jobs saw a 40% drop in those trying to cross illegally. A month later that went to 60% and the latest data from border officials is that the number is now down by 70%.

In addition, those who do manage to sneak across are caught at a much higher rate and either

immediately deported or if they are known criminals, arrested and put in jail. The word is spreading to illegals around the world that to paraphrase a quote by Attorney General Jeff Session's message to potential illegals everywhere "The border is now closed, don't even think about it". Hence, there is a bit less urgency in putting up the wall, but it will be built.

Several months ago, members of the Congressional Black Caucus publically displayed a painting in the Halls of Congress showing police officers as pigs. Conservative Members of Congress, infuriated by the anti-police painting, took the painting down. It turned into a tug of war of sorts and it went to court. A federal judge has now ruled that the painting cannot be

put back up on the wall. Score one for the good guys.

Some liberal activists; including the shrews on the TV show called 'The View', are beside themselves because President Trump invited former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, along with rockers Ted Nugent and Kid Rock to the White House last week. Joy Behar, Whoopie and rest were incensed, because they say the trio of guests are 'extremists and radicals' and should not be allowed into the Oval Office. Predictable hypocrisy was on display by the libs, as it usually is. They thought it was just fine when Obama would host rappers like Lil Bow Wow and Rick Ross along with Al Sharpton and so many other cop haters as his

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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.

### Twelve-hundred reasons why the House will be burning the mid-night oil this week

The House begins budget deliberations today, tackling more than 1,200 budget amendments that are expected to keep lawmakers busy through the evenings this week, the AP is reporting at WCVB. One of those amendments would slap a “sugar tax” on soft drinks, an idea pushed repeatedly by former Gov. Deval Patrick, to no avail, reports SHNS’s Michael Norton

#### Encouraging revenue signs

Knock on wood, but it appears state tax collections over the first half of April were quite strong, surging by 31 percent over last year’s numbers and marking a “break from

the long-running pattern of slow growth,” reports SHNS’s Michael Norton at the Lowell Sun. But administration officials, as well as a director at the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation, are cautioning not to jump to any conclusions about whether the final monthly numbers will be enough to plug a looming budget gap.

#### Baker commits \$78M toward demolishing crumbling UMass-Boston garage

This was fast: Only a day after the Globe reported on UMass-Boston’s crumbling underground parking garage that could cost \$150 million to \$260 million to fix, the Baker administration has committed \$78 million to start demolishing the struc-

ture that sits below several campus buildings and plaza, reports the Globe’s Laura Krantz and SHNS’s Katie Lannan at WGBH.

#### House rejects sales-tax holiday, plows ahead on new budget

House Democrats today resume their budget deliberations, after legislators spent most of yesterday methodically plowing through various proposals, including a GOP call to establish an annual sales tax. Democrats rejected that plan, as well as proposals to increase taxes to pay for spending programs, reports SHNS’s Matt Murphy at the BBJ. **Neal: ‘We have an arithmetic problem’**

The Globe’s Joan Vennoch has a good column this morning on how Democrats’ ideological ‘purity’ tests are harming, not helping, progressive and party causes. From U.S. Rep. Richard Neal: “If you consider today that one-third the Democrats in the House come from Massachusetts, New York, and California, we have an arithmetic problem.” Bottom line: Dems need more moderates to reach majority status.

#### Moderate Dems, including Moulton, open to working with Trump -- on some issues

Some progressive Democrats want nothing to do with Republican Donald Trump. But members of the New Democrat Coalition, a group of moderate and pro-growth Dems who include U.S. Rep. Seth Moulton of Salem, signaled yesterday during a swing through Boston that they’d be willing to work with the president on tax reform and transportation, reports Shira Schoenberg at MassLive. “Having a guy in the Oval Office who’s transactional in nature and willing to be ideologically flexible, that opens some doors,” said Connecticut U.S. Rep. Jim Himes, chair of the group. “Absolutely, I would go and talk to him,” said Moulton, citing the importance of infrastruc-

ture to Massachusetts.

#### Kraft, casinos, Murdoch and the NFL

We have no way of confirming this Deadspin story, obviously. But the online site is reporting that Patriots owner Robert Kraft has allegedly been violating the NFL’s zero-tolerance ban on casino investment among its owners since 2015, as the Deadspin’s Bart Hubbuch writes, citing reporting he did before being fired from the New York Post earlier this year. Kraft holds a ‘backdoor investment’ in Caesar’s Entertainment through his seat on the board of Apollo Global Management, reports Hubbuch, who wrote about sports for the New York Post for a decade before being fired after sending a critical tweet about the inauguration of Donald Trump. Hubbuch says his Post story on the casino connection was spiked by the paper’s owner—media mogul, and Kraft friend, Rupert Murdoch.

#### Baker files \$1.3 billion housing bill

From Andy Metzker at SHNS: “A \$1.3 billion, five-year housing bill filed by Gov. Charlie Baker on Monday would enable local housing authorities to enter public-private partnerships and make it easier for those public housing providers to finance maintenance backlogs, according to the governor’s office. The bill (HD 3911) was referred to the Housing Committee by the House during a lull in its budget deliberations Monday afternoon.”

#### Law enforcement officials: Sex trafficking worse than thought in Massachusetts

The Herald has another big package on illegal sex trafficking in Massachusetts. The upshot of Matt Stout’s main bar story: The problem is more vast and complex than previously feared. Attorney General Maura Healey, Suffolk District Attorney Daniel F. Conley and others gathered at the Herald’s Seaport offices yesterday to discuss the crisis.

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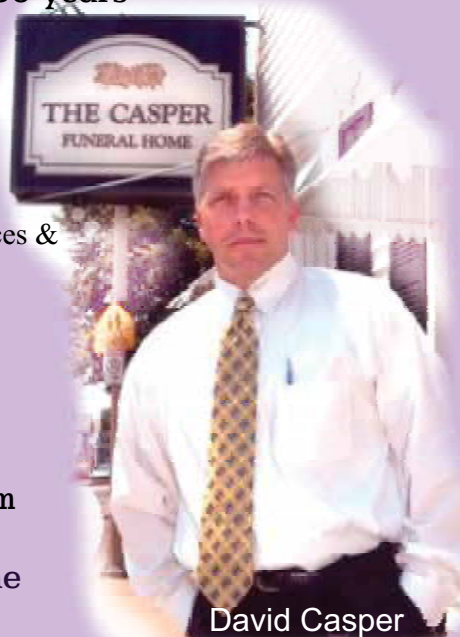
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## SJC CLERK MAURA DOYLE ENDORSES ED FLYNN FOR COUNCIL

*First female SJC clerk cites Flynn's justice system experience, community 'passion'*

**S**uffolk Supreme Judicial Court Clerk Maura S. Doyle, the first woman to ever hold the SJC clerk's position, has endorsed her longtime friend and colleague

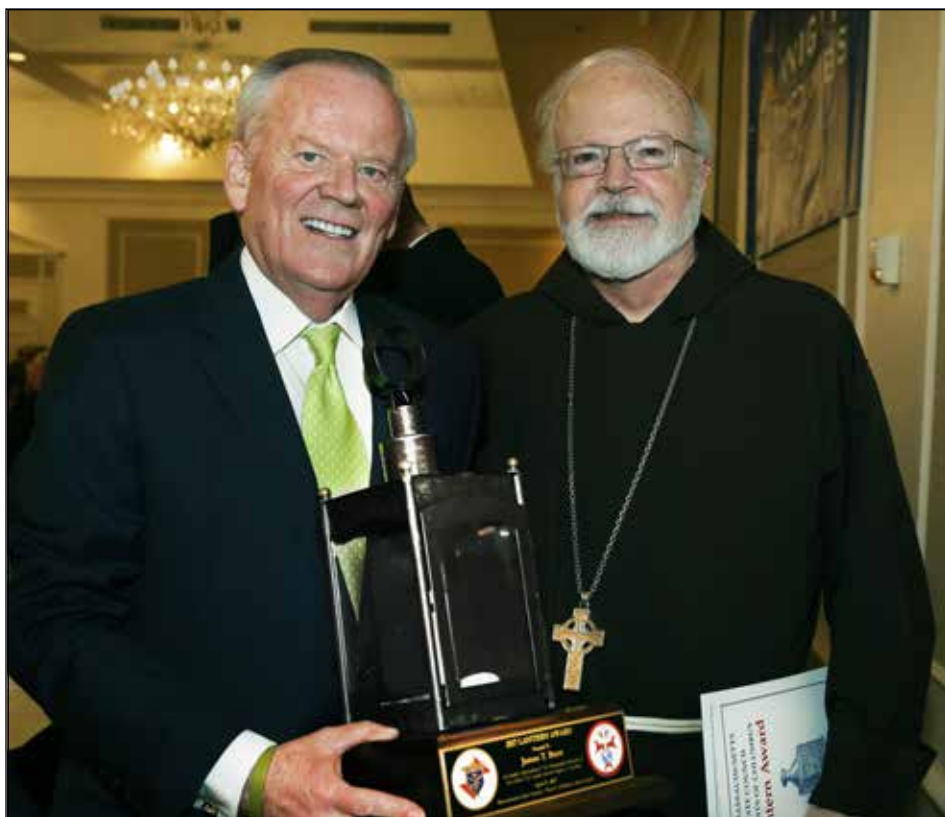
Edward M. Flynn for the District 2 Boston City Council seat.

"I have known Ed for many years and his experience in the courts, his passion for community and his understanding of the issues that impact his neighborhood and the city make him the best choice for District 2 City Council," Doyle said. "Ed has been a tireless advocate for the people of his community, including coaching youth sports, answering the call when volunteers are needed, advocating for quality of life improvements, and fighting the opiate epidemic. He's shown a deep understanding of the real work that needs to be done to not only help those in need, but also to ensure that the district is vibrant and thriving for working families, businesses and residents -- old and new."

Flynn, 48, has enjoyed strong support from elected

officials, residents and businesses in the district, as he embarks on his campaign for the District 2 city council seat. A lifelong resident of South Boston and 25-year veteran of the United States Navy, Flynn has built a strong coalition of supporters across the entire district, including in the South End, Chinatown, Bay Village and South Boston.

"Maura Doyle is a pioneer in the courts, and she has done so much for District 2 and Suffolk County as a whole," Flynn said. "Having her support is an honor, and I look forward to working with her on a variety of issues, including identifying more treatment options for those in recovery, creating better re-entry opportunities for the formerly incarcerated, and building alliances that will make our community stronger."



## Jim Brett Receives Knights of Columbus Highest Award

**J**im Brett received the 2017 Lantern Award, the Knights of Columbus highest award, at their annual Patriots Day dinner on April 17, 2017 held at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel. The Knights of Columbus honor recipients for their extraordinary leadership to their church and community.



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## Michael F. Flaherty Announces Candidacy for Re-Election

**B**oston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty has announced that he is running for re-election. As an At-Large City Councilor, his office works diligently to address community concerns that impact each neighborhood in Boston.

"I'm proud of the work I've accomplished ever since coming back to the Boston City Council four years ago. To name a few: I've advocated for residents who have lived in our city longer and are more familiar with our communities

to have equitable access to our civil service jobs; I've called for innovative methods to address school safety concerns; I've held recurring discussions with seniors on quality of life issues," Flaherty stated. "Further, I've worked with community groups across the city on various fronts – most recently, the Community Preservation Act, an initiative that is on the next stage of implementation after gaining support from 74% of the voters in Boston last November."

Flaherty also highlighted his role on the City Council, particularly on how it relates to passage of legislation. "As the Chair of the Committee on Government Operations, I've worked with the Walsh Administration, my colleagues on the Council, and advocacy groups to hold public hearings," he said. "Recently, as Chair, I've held committee meetings on an array of proposed matters: housing stabilization solutions for tenants seeking protections from eviction, reducing the use of plastic

bags in our city, strengthening the Boston Residents Jobs Policy, and calling for better safety measures for construction workers."

Flaherty noted that while much has been accomplished, there are still challenges that need to be addressed. "As I often say: We boast about having the best colleges and universities in the world, but what difference does it make if our own kids can't get into those schools? Our school system needs to be given the tools and resources so that our children can compete on a global level. Further, residents across the city are looking for workforce development programs that would allow for living-wage jobs. And needless to state that the substance abuse epidemic – coupled with violence on our streets – need long-term solutions," he said. "I look forward to earning the confidence of voters once again to work with individuals and organizations to address these issues and more."

As a husband, father, former Assistant District Attorney, and proud lifelong Bostonian who has served this city in a variety of roles, Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty is committed to ensuring Boston continues to be a place we can all live, work, and raise a family. He looks forward to kicking-off his re-election campaign at Amrheins in South Boston on May 2nd, and plans to once again earn the support of voters in the months ahead. For more information, visit [www.MichaelFlaherty.com](http://www.MichaelFlaherty.com).

**John Ciccone**  
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guests. Not to mention giving the Muslim Brotherhood and other suspected terrorist groups the run of the place.

It kind of tells us where many members of today's news media stand, when they get upset at the sight of Old Glory. At a recent Atlanta Braves game, the team proudly unfurled a massive American Flag to the delight of the thousands of fans, who stood and enthusiastically sang God Bless America and the National Anthem. This was just too much for NBC's sports writer Craig Calcaterra to take. He im-

mediately tweeted that the flag at games is 'too political' as was the singing of the National Anthem and a flyover of military jets. I'm guessing that he and others, who think as he does, might be more comfortable in a different line of work, rather than covering professional sports where the over whelming number of fans love the country, the flag and our National Anthem and consider military jet flyovers to be the frosting on a delicious cake. Maybe Mr. Calcaterra would feel more at home in a different country. We hear the bus leaving for Canada, which is reserved for Hollywood actors who had promised to leave

America after the election, is still waiting to depart with a lot of empty seats.

And finally, a look at the State of California is always an amusing adventure. Officials there, who so often claim to be champions of clean air and water and are always quick to lecture and criticize the rest of the country as being anti-environment and behind the times, got some bad news recently. Results of the latest study have shown that 6 out of the 10 most polluted and smog encased cities in America are in, now wait for it, California. Oh, but there's more.

In addition to having among the

highest taxes, they are drowning in debt. To overcome that debt, they continue to raise taxes, which then put them even deeper in debt. They also continue to toughen their gun laws, because of rising crime rates in that state. And the tougher they make their gun laws, the more their rate of violent crime increases. There was a time long ago, when some Americans wanted their own states to be just like California. Now, most people would prefer that along with that wall being built on the Mexican border, building one to keep Californians away from the rest of the country is sounding like a good idea.



# Remembering South Boston's WW I Heroes This Saturday – 10am

By Staff

It seems like just yesterday that a committee of dedicated people, who feel that the service and contributions that South Bostonians made in WWI should be remembered and honored was formed and began working hard to put together an event that will be memorable. Well, time certainly does fly and this Saturday, April 29th, the dedication will take place in the courtyard and in the auditorium of Excel High School, which is of course the South Boston High School building on G Street. This will be South Boston's part in the 100-year anniversary of the United States entry into that conflict by highlighting the 104 local residents, who gave their lives in defense of freedom in what had been called 'The War to End all Wars'.

The South Boston World War I Commemoration Committee invites all to be part of this historical event which will honor those South Bostonians, who made the ultimate sacrifice a century ago. Because it doesn't matter how many years pass, this community never forgets its veterans. The events in the courtyard/school yard will begin at 10am. There will be an actual WW I tank on display along with a Boston Fire Dept. Ladder Truck hoisting a giant American Flag. There will also be WWI reenactors dressed in authentic military uniforms of the period mingling with the crowd and other attractions. At 11am, the official program begins inside the building with brief remarks by a couple of very impressive guest speakers.

The South Boston Boys and Girls Club Band known as the 'Harmaniacs' will be performing some of their patriotic songs. There will be an invocation, The South Boston High Jr. ROTC will be there to add to the ceremonial atmosphere and other features sure to please history buffs of all ages. Suffolk County Clerk of

Court Michael Donovan will be the Master of Ceremonies. There will be refreshments on location.

As most know, the photographs of more than 100 of South Boston's WWI service members who lost their lives during the conflict have been prominently displayed in a wood carved glass encased kiosk in the corridor of the high school for generations. A roll call, calling out the names of all of them will be a major part of the commemoration which is so often done during the most solemn of military ceremonies. The playing of 'Taps' will follow. The entire schedule of events; including the outside displays and the official program in the auditorium will last approximately 2 hours and will wrap up shortly after 12 Noon. Admission to the event is free of charge.

Note: Neighbors are reminded that there will be no parking in the school yard that morning and area neighbors who do use the school yard to park are urged to move their cars out of the yard at least by the night before. There will be free transportation to the event by the 'Southie Shuttle' for anyone who wants it. Reservations for the Shuttle need to be made on or before this Friday, the 28th and you can do it by calling 617-268-4110.

America honors and remembers it's veterans from every war and era and proudly holds them in high esteem. It's an American tradition and that tradition is a cherished one among South Bostonians whether you still live in the community or have since moved on. It would be out of character for this proud community if it were to let the 100-year anniversary of WWI pass without an official event to remember our fallen from that conflict. The South Boston WWI Commemoration Committee stepped right up, put it all together and sincerely hopes that you will join them this coming Saturday in honoring these American heroes.



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training in 2017.

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## Toddler Program Expansion at St Peter Academy

**T**he toddler program at St. Peter Academy is growing and we could not be happier! St Peter Academy supports children and their families by providing a high quality year round program of early care and education for toddlers ages 15 months to 3+ years old in a nurturing and caring environment.

The toddler program consists of the Green Room (15-21+), the Blue Room (21-36+), and for those students continuing on to our Pre-K Class, the Transition Room where the students begin to model the Pre-K schedule and curriculum, so their transition to Pre-K is seem-less. Our program introduces activities and learning opportunities that foster the social, emotional, physical and intellectual development of each child. The curriculum, Opening the World of Learning and Building Blocks Mathematics, enriches a child's communication and social skills and provides opportunities for fine and gross motor development. Teachers develop lesson plans based on the emerging skills and interests of the children in their

classroom. Classrooms are spacious and well-equipped with a range of age-appropriate materials for Art, Music, Dramatic Play, Sensory Exploration, Fine and Gross Motor Play and Cognitive Development. The physical environments are designed to promote learning and self-discovery.

A visit to the Toddler Classrooms at St Peter Academy are a joyous event. Children are busy at their learning centers exploring how things move, involved in dramatic play, ensconced in books with rich illustrations, working with letters and numbers and building with blocks while chattering away to their friends and teachers with activity explanations and about their accomplishments.

The goal of the toddler program at St. Peter Academy is for the students to obtain both educational knowledge and social/emotional growth. This group of students eagerly position themselves on the round rug to participate in a read aloud story anticipating and calling out the next page of the story with excitement. The excitement continues

as the children break into song and dance with happy enthusiasm! Learning is all play for the toddlers at St Peter Academy – And learn they do! Our most recent unit, OWL unit 4, titled “The World of Color” was a great learning experience. The curriculum unit included rich read a louds, math and STEM activities, and curriculum extension activities that encompassed nature walks and creating a world of color where students used blue and green finger paint to make a giant globe surrounded by people of all different ethnicities. The World of Color curriculum expresses many rich meanings and we delighted in showcasing them all to our students and families.

Saint Peter Academy strives to have every child reach their full potential and make each student feel at home even while at school. We hope you visit us during our open house, and choose to grow with us over the years.

**Meet the exemplary teaching staff of St. Peter Academy at their Spring Open House on Wednesday May 3 from 9:00-**

**11:30 am and 3:00-6:00pm. Can't make the open house but want to learn more – Private tours are available upon request.**

*St Peter Academy, an independent community based private school, is South Boston's only Toddler through Grade 8 School. It is privately funded, enriched with extended learning hours and summer programs, and fosters a nurturing, safe and individualized environment. The student/teacher ratio is 6:1 which is ideal for creating exemplary instructional models filled with interactive learning opportunities. The school is located at 371 West Fourth Street and is currently accepting applications for the year round toddler program for students 15 months and above and 2017 school year for Prekindergarten through Grade 8 – To learn more about the school and all programs visit [www.stpeteracademy.com](http://www.stpeteracademy.com) or schedule a private tour by contacting Ms. Doreen Brown or Ms Maria Blasi at 617-268-0750 or email [SPA@StPeterAcademy.com](mailto:SPA@StPeterAcademy.com).*





## SECRETARY PEYSER TO SPEAK AT NDEC'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY

**J**ames Peyser, Massachusetts Secretary of Education, will be the keynote speaker at the Notre Dame Education Center's 25th anniversary celebration, to be held Thursday, May 4, at the Venezia Restaurant in Boston.

Navy Veteran and prominent resident Ed Flynn will serve as master of ceremonies.

"We're very pleased that Secretary Peyser can join us for this special celebration," said Mary Rose Durante, Esq.,

NDEC's Executive Director and CEO. "He's a respected advisor and policy-maker. We're honored to have him with us as we celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary."

Secretary Peyser is Governor Charlie Baker's top advisor on education and helps shape the Commonwealth's education reform agenda. Prior to his appointment as Secretary of Education, he was Managing Director at New Schools Venture Fund, a non-profit grant-making firm that is working to transform education in high-need urban communities. He has also served as Chairman of the Massachusetts Board of Education, and has been Education Advisor to Governors Bill Weld, Jane Swift, and Mitt Romney.


As Executive Director of the Pioneer Institute for Public Policy Research, Secretary Peyser helped to launch the Massachusetts Charter School Resource Center, which supported the development of the state's first charter schools.

Prior to joining the Pioneer Institute, Secretary Peyser had held positions at Teradyne, Inc. in Boston, an electronic test equipment manufacturer.

Located in South Boston, the Notre Dame Education is a non-profit education center that has been providing goal-driven education for adults and youth since 1992. Classes are available in three departments: Adult Education Services, Youth Education Services, and Workforce Readiness and Career Pathways Model. In addition, NDEC offers the Student Opportunities Initiative, Cyber Café, Distance and Online Learning, and Citizenship Preparation. For more information, visit the Center's web site [www.ndecboston.org](http://www.ndecboston.org).

To order tickets for the 25th anniversary celebration, visit the website [www.ndecboston.org](http://www.ndecboston.org) and click on the icon on the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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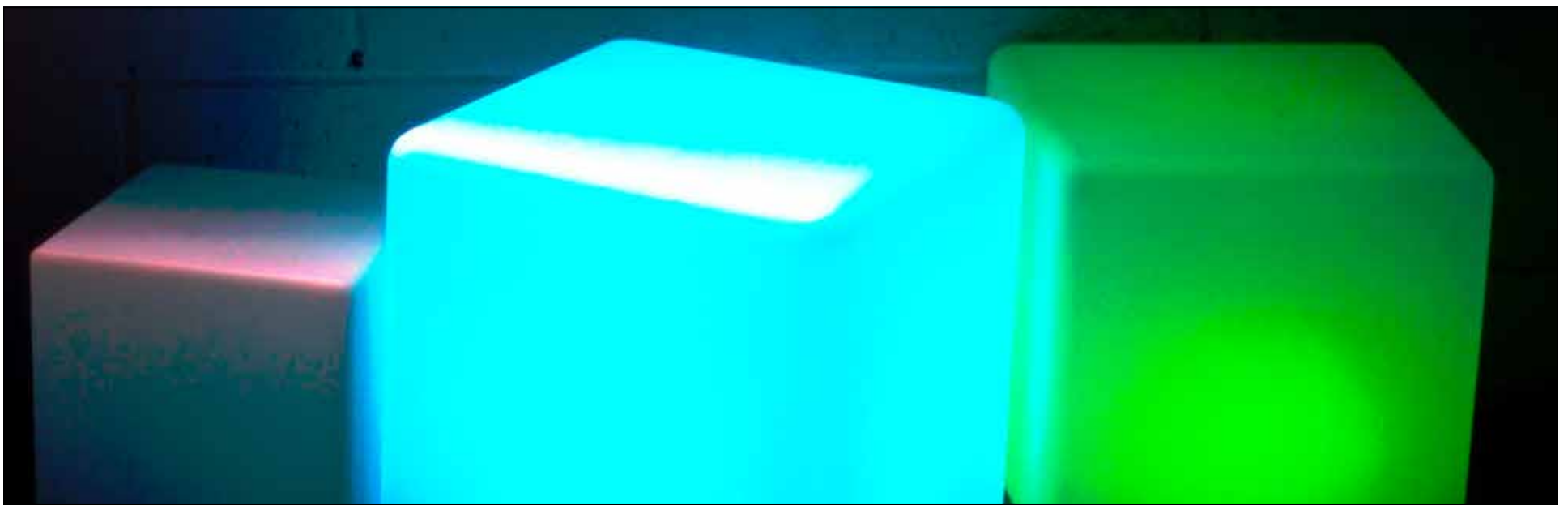
## Hearty, Arty, Party

**S**outh Boston, MA.... The South Boston Arts Association announces an event to be held at Restaurant CAPO in South Boston on Wednesday May 3, 2017 from 6-9 pm. Enjoy a night of music by Hogan's Goat, appetizers, silent auction (lots of original art and more), cash bar and friendly conversation.

Being held in the Supper Club at CAPO restaurant, 443 West Broadway, South Boston. Some of the proceeds will be donated to Medicine Wheel and the Young Ambassadors Program of the South Boston Health Center.

Tickets are \$10 ahead of event or \$15 at the door. Link to tickets at <http://www.southbostonartsassoc.org>





## Multi-Media Light And Sound Sculpture Invites The Public's Creativity

The New England Foundation for the Arts' Creative City program announces **Sound Sculpture**, an interactive, physical, light and sound installation by Ryan Edwards and Andrew Hlynsky. It will be on view for two nights only: April 28 and 29, 2017 from 7:30 to 11pm at The Innovation & Design Building, located at 21 Drydock Avenue, Suite 110E, in Boston. The events are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit <https://www.soundsculpture.space/>. There will also be special family programming on Saturday, April 29 from 12noon to 2pm.

Sound/Sculpture is a multi-media installation that meets at the intersection of sculpture, sound composition, and dance. Through the creation and fabrication of a participatory, life-sized set of

building bricks, each fitted with an illuminating device and an assigned sound, Edwards combines visual and performance art elements. The orientation of the bricks in space determines the order of sounds, duration, and illumination. The public is invited to play, by arranging and co-creating a sculpture that in turn creates a sound score. Short dance vignettes by 360 Ensemble will help explore the relationship of the sound sculpture to movement unlocking the dynamic possibilities for the bricks in this unique space.

"I was inspired to develop this project from a love of music, building things, and the interesting intersection of sound and shape," shares Edwards. "We are excited to reveal ways that music is made through physical structures and also attempt to reveal what some shapes 'sound' like."

"Often, when composing music," Edwards continues, "I would step away from the piano or drum and create something by painting or building to start to tease out a form, direction, shape, texture. These discoveries, through the physical arrangement of media, were then very helpful to me when returning to the piano to write. I then had a starting point, some basic outlines, and a few 'colors' to play with."

### About Artist Ryan Edwards

Ryan Edwards is a Boston-based inter-disciplinary artist with a background in West African drum and dance, jazz and new music composition. He composes extensively for contemporary dance and produces multi-media performance works and installations through the studio he co-directs - Masary Studios. For more information, visit [www.ryanedwards.com](http://www.ryanedwards.com).

### About Artist Andrew Hlynsky

Andrew Hlynsky is an interdisciplinary creative technologist, interaction designer, and musical instrument builder based in Boston, MA. His work spans a wide variety of digital, interactive, and physical mediums. For more information, visit [www.andrewhlynsky.com](http://www.andrewhlynsky.com).

### About New England Foundation for the Arts' Creative City Program

Creative City supports individual artists, artist collectives, and artistic collaborations in all disciplines and with roots in diverse cultures, forms, and aesthetics. Grants range from \$2,500-\$10,000, and an additional stipend will be available for community partners to help support presentation costs. For more information about funding priorities, eligibility, and criteria, visit [www.nefa.org/creative-city-grant](http://www.nefa.org/creative-city-grant).

# 2017 South Boston Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading Registration Information



South Boston Pop Warner football and cheerleading will be holding registrations on:

**Every Wednesdays in May**  
**4:00 PM to 7:00 PM inside the Murphy Skating Rink**  
**1880 William J. Day Blvd**

A through E registration fees will be \$150 and F players will be \$100. Registration Fee decreases by \$25 for each additional child

This registration is for both football and cheerleading. Players from previous years must sign up each year. No player or cheerleader is guaranteed a spot on a roster. The maximum team size is 35 and registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis. Waiting list will be formed once we reached 35 per team.

**Paperwork needed to participate**

1) An original birth certificate (no copies). Certified copies are on-

file for players who participated on the A through E teams. No Tiny Mite players' birth certificates were certified.

2) National Registration Form can be downloaded from our website [www.SBPW.com](http://www.SBPW.com). The form has to be totally completed with both the parent and players' signature on the backside of the form.

3) National Medical Waiver can be downloaded from our website. The form has to be completed by a doctor or nurse practitioner and has to be dated after January 1, 2014. Physicals prior to January 1, 2017 will not be accepted.

4) Registration fee.

5) Copy of the June 2017 report card – which will be collected in the summer.

You can still register if you do not have all items but you will need to submit all paperwork before your child will be all to practice.

## Football - Age & Weights

Team	Ages	Weight
A	11-14	105-Unlimited
B	10-12	90-155
C	9-11	75-130
D	8-10	60-115
E	7-8	45-100
F	5-7	35-75

Age	Weight
*14	105-170
13	90-109
12	75-94
11	60-79
**9	45-75
No Older / Lighter	

## Cheerleading Ages

Team	Ages
A	11-15
B	10-12
C	9-11
D	8-10
E	7-8
F	5-7

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dential units, and office space, a hotel, retail, restaurants, parking and 1.5 acres of open space next to the Reserve Channel. The price tag - \$700 million.

The power plant site includes 11 buildings, and all but the turbine halls would be razed. Eight new buildings are planned. Residential units could include market-rate apartments, condos and over-55 housing. Ground-floor retail and other amenities could include a day care center and dry cleaner.

“We are so enthusiastic and

passionate about this project,” Redgate principal Ralph Cox told the Boston Herald. “We’re going to live right through it and live up to the things we said we’re going to do to make this a good part of the South Boston community. We see the retail as being very neighborhood-oriented.”

The companies filed a project letter of intent with the Boston Planning & Development Agency this week. If they win needed approvals, they plan to start in two years or so with the renovation and reopening of three soaring connected turbine halls that are the

“heart and soul” of the project, Cox said. The halls are expected to feature a farmer’s market with fruit and vegetable purveyors, a butcher, fish monger, bakery, other grocery products, possibly a flower shop, cafes, a wine bar or brew pub, artists creating and selling their work and so-called “maker-space” for small-scale manufacturers. Creative office space also may be included. Indoor and outdoor spaces are planned for artists, artisans and small manufacturers. The developers have met with 15 to 17 arts and cultural groups and plan to continue collaborating with

them over the next year, Cox said.

Cox and his partners are being acknowledged for their outreach to the neighborhood. Mothballing an arcane structure such as this, challenged by the environmental impact of having been a power plant for decades and the economic cost to develop it, is a speculative venture to say the least. Among all that is going on, South Boston residents will feel the impact of 10-15 years of construction all around it. Hopefully, the sons and daughters of this community will be able to enjoy living here affordably. We shall see.





*This week, Danny talked with ESPN NFL insider Field Yates:*

**DANNY PICARD:** The NFL Draft begins Thursday night. Do you enjoy the primetime format, or did you like it better when it was just on the weekend?

**FIELD YATES:** There was something to be said for that NFL Draft weekend, when it was just Saturday and Sunday. I used to just basically bury myself in front of the TV for two straight days. It was all there, and I used to get a major kick out of all that. When I was working in the NFL, the first year they did the primetime draft, I was in Kansas City working for the Chiefs at the time. And we had the fifth pick in the draft that year. So, we ended up taking Eric Berry. And because of the excitement of having a top-five pick in what was considered a very strong draft, we were already buzzing about the possibility of adding a player like him. The primetime only amplified the excitement. So I'm OK with it. Covering it now, in some ways, the trade-off is, look, if you're going to have to work consecutively for three straight days, I suppose I'd rather have the possibility of a quieter Sunday, because of the way the draft is formatted now,

versus having it Saturday and Sunday no matter what. This is just splitting hairs here. At the end of the day, no matter when it takes place, it's exciting.

**DP:** Now you're doing a lot of TV for ESPN. You're in Bristol, you're always on NFL Insiders and SportsCenter. Put on ESPN, you're on there. And so you were part of ESPN during Deflategate. And I have to ask you, because, back here in Boston, we crushed ESPN, and I was part of that. I looked up at the screen and I saw, on ESPN, people that were taking Deflategate to a level that I never thought it would be taken. And so, we crushed them for that. You were part of that, but, you're also a Massachusetts native. So, I just want to know, where was your head at during that time, and what was your reaction to both things: where ESPN was taking it, and the criticism that ESPN was receiving from back home?

**FY:** The first thing I would say about Deflategate -- which, I think we're all glad it's over -- is that there isn't a playbook for how you handle something like that. There's nothing we are juxtaposing this against. We're talking about PSI's, Danny. I

mean, I can't tell you how many people asked me what PSI even meant, as we're talking about it with these strong opinions and these debates and all the trickle-down impacts of it. So, both locally, and national networks, I think everybody was sort of figuring it out along the way, how you cover this. Of course, I was following the coverage locally, on radio and TV, etc, even on the written side as well, and then also what was going on at ESPN. I'll just say that, with the NFL, we tend to draw things to the extreme. That just seems to be the way things are. Like, immediately after the Super Bowl, we're crowning someone as a Hall of Famer, or the greatest of all time, in the case of Tom Brady. So, the NFL tends to elicit extreme emotions. I found myself being disappointed, not in someone specifically, but just the idea that we're talking about the PSI of footballs and it's overshadowing the fact that the Patriots put a hurting on the Colts that day and the appreciation of what they have done for 15 years now. That's the part where you're like, "Are we really still talking about these guys? Can we just give this

a rest?" If you think the magic behind the Patriots' greatness is 12.5 PSI versus 14.5 PSI, you're nuts. You probably don't know if the football is pumped or stuffed. It's just ridiculous to think that.

**DP:** Your colleague at ESPN, Adam Schefter, he's adamant that the Patriots aren't trading Jimmy Garoppolo.

**FY:** And they're not. They're not. I'm just telling you they're not. They're not moving him. It won't happen. He'll be on the roster this year. People are saying you could turn him into the 12th pick in the draft. Maybe that's true. But the Patriots also look at it as, "We have the most important position in football accounted for accordingly with the greatest player, perhaps ever, in Tom Brady, and a backup in Jimmy Garoppolo who's going to make about \$920,000 next year." If something did happen to Tom Brady, and he missed a game or games, the Patriots are just ready to keep rocking and rolling with Jimmy Garoppolo.

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