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GE Stock Is Rocking And Reeling

ews reports and financial analysts, stock brokers and advisers are all of the map with advice on whether to buy, sell, hold or 'scream'. It seems that General Electric has been on death defying and company defining kamikaze path, but will it pull up at the last minute and take flight?

Fidelity Investments has sold off 25% of their investment. A CNBC analyst suggests that, despite its plummet this week, General Electric shares remain a likely value trap for investors until the company can execute its turnaround plan. A drop of 13 percent still left GE trading at a higher multiple than both the S&P 500 and the industrials sector. Investors were shaken when CEO John Flannery called 2018 a "reset" year, indicating the changes will take a while.

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EDITORIAL Positive Campaigning Pays Off

hat Mayor Marty Walsh would win reelection in last week's municipal race was no surprise. The polls were not even close from the very beginning. And two of the other big winners were South Boston residents Ed Flynn and Michael Flaherty. Along with the Mayor, Flynn and Flaherty ran positive campaigns throughout and can be proud because of it. They also worked hard and seemed to be everywhere. Negative campaigning, which seeks to mislead the voters about the opposition, may work in some locations, but

not in this community.

South Boston voters have the ability to be able to see through the distortions. When a candidate's record and positions on issues are twisted and edited to make it appear that they are something and someone that they are not, it angers engaged voters and tends to backfire.

And now, finally, we all get that post-election welcome break from the endless phone calls, social media posts and leafletting that are so much a part of every election.



"You can't rely on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus" – Mark Twain



GE Stock Is Rocking And Reeling Continued from front page

A lonely Wall Street analyst is 'sticking' with General Electric even after its poor guidance. Bank of America Merrill Lynch reiterates its buy rating for General Electric shares, saying the company can create value through better expense management and asset sales. They believe, "that GE has significant cost cutting opportunities under the new leadership. We note that the company has undergone a significant reinvestment cycle, positioning the company well from a competitive standpoint," according to their firm's analyst.

cents a share. The dividend yield will that dividend where it needs to be.

still be considerably above its peers. Investors looking for signs of when to get back into GE should be watching how the value equation plays out.

"As value investors, but we do like to incorporate momentum," Burns McKinney, a portfolio manager for dividend value products at Allianz Global Investors said. "We're not trying to bottomfish. We'd rather be six months too late than six months too early."

GE CEO Flannery told CNBC in a Tuesday interview that he is "not surprised by the investor reaction" as investors had to digest a lot of "tough news."

GE is still a mega-corporation and Given the company's reputation as the nose dive will be precipitous for a reliable income source and a cor- a while, but expect the Company to nerstone of American capitalism, in- pull on that lever as it approaches vestors might be tempted to dive in earth and start the steady climb back after the steep slide in the stock price. to its place in the world markets. Per-Investors now also have to factor in haps it will be just big enough not to that dividend cut, which will see the fail, once the new plan delivers value quarterly payout slashed in half to 12 back to its loyal investors and gets

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Yet MORE Celebrities Acting Inappropriately? Shocking

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elebrities, actors, actresses, musicians, TV hosts tell us 'Walls are racist, guns are bad, and we must protect the environment'. Yet, they 'live in gated communities, have armed security and fly around in their private jets'. This is a statement that is still running wild across social media and with good reason – it's true. And I know, it's a subject I've touched on before. But with all the latest revelations, it's worth touching on again.

It might be impossible to count all the times the preachers of morality from Hollywood and the media outlets have taken to their stages and news desks and scolded us common folk about how to live our lives. Americans continue to smirk as these 'stars' stand on their soapboxes to inform the rest of us how wrong, unworthy and evil the rest of us are if we don't live, think, speak and vote how they tell us we must. Yet, though most people have always suspected as much, the recent news coming out exposing the sexual harassment, and the cover-ups along with it, going on in Hollywood pretty much confirms those suspicions. But the magnitude of the problem is even bigger than most people thought. It seems like each day brings another celebrity caught with his or her hands where they shouldn't have been. I have to admit, it's kind of enjoyable watching it all come tumbling down and seeing the high and mighty that once looked down on everyday Americans, squirming in the floodlights that they used to thrive in. The pleasure that so many observers are taking from watching the unravelling of the celebs world comes, because for too long, these people - not all of them but quite a few of them - with their arrogance and contempt for

every day Americans, have believed themselves to be morally superior to the rest of us. It's plain to see, now that so much is coming out in the open, that they are anything but.

Two weeks ago, it was mentioned here that liberals/progressives planned to protest the one-year anniversary of the election of President Trump by gathering in cities around the country and 'scream helplessly at the sky' as they put it. Well, last Wednesday, November 8th, they made good on their promise and actually did scream helplessly at the sky. The videos of these protests are everywhere. It reminded many of toddlers in sandboxes, who don't get their way taking tantrums and was just as immature. But hey, the way many see it, it was a change from their usual habit of howling at the moon.

The attacks on America's traditions continue from the left. We all know about the demand to remove statues of people various political groups find offensive and of course racist. It went from just being Confederate statues and has now expanded to George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and even Abraham Lincoln. Not to be outdone by some pampered NFL players, who only want to disrespectfully kneel when the National Anthem is played before games, a California branch of the NAACP wants the Anthem completely removed - gone. Why? Because it's racist of course. Ah, NO! Allow me to quote a line from an old Rolling Stones song: "You can't always get what you want" and the NAACP is definitely NOT getting our National Anthem removed - ever. These latest efforts once again beg the question be asked: Is there anything the disgruntled among the population

DOESEN'T find racist?

To close this week on a local topic, many homeowners in Boston are walking around in a state of near shock each time their property tax bill comes in. They are asking how high will it go and how long till even more longtime residents will be priced out of their homes because of the steady increases in taxes? One reader had a question of his own that's worth repeating. She asked why, if the city is in need doesn't make sense, please send me of so much more revenue that it feels it must continue to raise taxes, interested to hear both sides.

doesn't it change the policy and start taxing the colleges? Boston's several colleges are located within the city limits, yet are not required to pay taxes on their expansive campuses. If these colleges paid their fair share of the tax burden, homeowners could be given a much-needed break, which could then be passed on to renters who are also being priced out. If anyone can give me reasons why this an email and tell me why. I'd be

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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.

Baker outlines latest legislative initiative to fight opioid crisis

From Felice Freyer at the Globe: "Governor Charlie Baker proposed Tuesday a sweeping package intended to boost the state's battle against opioid addiction, including an effort to ensure higher-quality addiction treatment and a new provision allowing doctors to commit unwilling patients to 72 hours in a treatment facility. Noting that the state has added 1,100 treatment beds since 2015, Baker said it is now time to address some of the gaps, particularly in the care provided after detoxification."

The price tag has been pegged at \$30 million, even more spread out over times, and the bill includes other provisions, as Shira Schoenberg at MassLive and Bruce Mohl at CommonWealth magazine report.

Trooper-gate fallout: Second State Police commander steps down Now the second in command at State Police has suddenly announced his retirement, amid calls for an internal investigation into how and why an arrest report about the daughter of a Worcester judge was changed, reports Andrea Estes at the Globe, Jeanette DeForge at MassLive and Matt Stout and Bob McGovern at the Herald.

As it so happens, State Police chief Richard McKeon, who previously announced he was retiring, moved up his retirement to yesterday to coincide with Deputy Superintendent Francis Hughes's retirement departure. It sure looks like the two are trying to keep one step ahead of an internal-investigation posse, as Estes makes clear in her Globe story.

So where are we in this scandal? This is no longer a DCF-level scandal. This is something more serious – and theoretically more serious for Gov. Baker as he gears up for re-election next year. ... Btw: We've reverted back to referring to the controversy as Trooper-gate, under headline pressure from the Herald, rather than Scrub-gate.

Poll: Easy paths to re-election for Warren, Baker in 2018

Speaking of re-elections: Gov. Charlie Baker and U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren are enjoying massive leads over potential rivals in next year's elections, a new poll from WBUR and MassINC finds. Warren polls in the high-50s and enjoys double-digit leads over all potential GOP and independent challengers, with Republican Geoff Diehl faring the best, if you can describe it that way, trailing 58 percent to 32 percent, Benjamin Swasey reports WBUR.

Meanwhile, the Republican Baker enjoys even more comfortable leads over Dem rivals, topping Setti Warren by a margin of 58 to 24 and up even more against other potential Democratic challengers. That's a more than a 2-1 margin for Baker over the best the Dems can offer, assuming one can term the headlinechasing Setti as the "best."

Rep. Collins Votes For Veterans Protections Bills



n Wednesday, State Representative Nick Collins joined his colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives to pass a set of bills focusing on municipal Veterans services and funding for memorials and commemorative monuments. "We should be thankful for the contributions of our Veterans every day, but especially around Veteran's Day" said Rep. Nick Collins. "I am proud that the House of Representatives is continuing its commitment to give something back to those who have given so much on our behalf."

The first of the two bills enable municipalities to more easily collect optional contributions to funds dedicated to creating and restoring memorials and monuments. The municipality may elect to include an optional check-box on its tax bills, and tax payers can choose to donate any amount towards these causes if they so choose. The second bill requires that all City and Town Halls across the Commonwealth provide designated parking spots for veterans. This bill not only shows respect to our veterans, many of whom have a wide range of disabilities, but it also makes municipal services more accessible to them.

The legislation comes just weeks after the House passed a law to authorize the RMV to investigate charges of handicapped parking fraud in an effort to reduce improper usage and reserve these spots for those who need them. "Fraudulent use of handicapped parking placards is dangerous, disrespectful, and offensive" said Rep. Collins. "This law will guarantee that individuals with disabilities will have better access to the accommodations and services they deserve." These bills all passed the House with unanimous support.

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU17P2240EA

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court **Probate and Family Court** Estate of: John Joseph Bowen Date of Death: 10/06/2017 Suffolk Probate and Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 To all interested persons: A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Anne M. Lawrence of Wakefield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Anne M. Lawrence of Wakefield MA Be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **an** unsupervised administration. IMPORTANT NOTICE You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 11/29/2017. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you. UNSUPERVISED **ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE** MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM **PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A Personal Representative** appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the **Court. Persons interested in** the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal **Representative and may** petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, **First Justice of this Court** October 18, 2017 Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

November 16, 2017

ED FLYNN THANKS THE RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT 2



n behalf of me and my entire family, let me extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to all of our volunteers and supporters for your help on this campaign. Our election night victory happened because of all your hard work and I am incredibly grateful to have your support. You made donations, held signs, stuffed envelopes, knocked on doors, made phone calls and greeted voters at polling places. No one could have asked for a better team. You are amazing, and I am humbled by your support and friendship.

Our campaign was based on my commitment to social and economic justice and a belief that no matter who you are, where you come from, or what your background - all people should be treated with respect and dignity. Our message resonated across the district with working people seeking fair wages, the less fortunate, our seniors, the disabled, our immigrant communities and communities of color.

For those of you that did not support me, I promise you that I will represent everyone in District 2 regardless of your zip code. Now, I start the work of doing just that. I want you to know that my door is always open to you. I am excited to move forward and represent all of the people of this district on the issues that matter the most to them: • Making sure housing is affordable and that residents have a voice in commu-

• Calling for a Bus Rapid Transit extension

of the Silver Line so residents have increased mobility through their neighborhoods.

• Remaining dedicated to my plan to reopen the Long Island Treatment Facility and help those seeking services get on the road to recovery.

• Calling for the creation of a Special Services Division to monitor our city parks and playgrounds. We must ensure the safety of our children and families, especially after recent reports of more than 63,000 needles found in parks this past September.

Boston is a great city; not only because of its architecture, sports teams, and restaurants. Boston is a great city because of its people. It is a city where we treat everyone with kindness and respect. District 2 is a special place within Boston because of the diverse backgrounds represented here. Neighbors from all walks of life work together and respect each other's commonalities and differences. We know there are issues in District 2 that need to be addressed, both big and small, and I respectfully ask for your support as I work to resolve them at City Hall. No one person can solve these problems alone, but if we work collaboratively and listen to each other, I know there is a great deal we can accomplish together.

Thank you for the honor to serve you as your District 2 City Councilor. I look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Ed Flynn

City Councilor-Elect District 2

MassHousing Names Thomas J. Lyons Acting Executive Director

nity development.



Agency's Acting Executive Director. Lyons, MassHousing's Managing Director of Government Affairs and Communications, will lead MassHousing on an interim basis, while the Board conducts a search for a permanent executive director. Lyons replaces Tim Sullivan, who stepped down today as Executive Director to pursue a private sector employment opportunity.

"MassHousing deeply values Tom Lyons's commitment to public service, collaborative spirit, and ability to forge strong relationships" said Michael J. Dirrane, Chairman of the Board of Directors of MassHousing. "Tom is well known, well liked and incredibly well respected at the federal, state, and local levels, and he brings a true sense of team to his work. He will provide important continuity and leadership as the Agency searches for a permanent executive director."

In his current role as MassHousing's Managing Director of Government Affairs and Communications, Lyons manages all aspects of the operations of the Agency's Corporate Communications, Marketing, Government Affairs and Comprehensive Permit divisions. He previously served, for 13 years, as the Manager of MassHousing's Community Services Department.

Prior to joining MassHousing, Lyons was the Executive Director of the New England Center and Home for Veterans. He has extensive experience with Veterans issues, particularly in Veterans Housing. Mr. Lyons is currently a Trustee at the Chelsea Soldiers Home, a Brighton Marine Health Center board member and a member of the Legislature's Joint Commission on Veterans Housing and Long-Term Care Services.

MassHousing's Board of Directors has charged the Board's Human Resources and Compensation Committee with leading the search for a permanent executive director. The committee is comprised of Dirrane, the Board's chairman; Ping Yin Chai, the Board's vicechairman; and Andris J. Silins, the Board's treasurer.

The Wine Guy A Tale Of Two Turkeys

The Wine Guy

ell, it's that time of year again and for those of you who are hosting Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner this year, one of the many decisions you'll make might be, "oven-roasted or fried?". The American Turkey Federation estimates that 46,000,000 turkeys will be served this year for Thanksgiving alone-that's a lot of wishbones! It also mentions the fact that more and more of us are choosing to deep-fry our turkey each year, so, with that in mind, I want to suggest two wines for the oven-roasted bird and two for the fried variety. First, the oven-roasted wines. J. Wilkes Santa Maria Valley Pinot Noir, 2015, (\$29.99), is a great match for an oven-roasted turkey.



This Pinot Noir has ripe red berry fruits, cherry pie, Kola nut, white pepper, clove and an intense earthy/ spicy/ savory/meaty complexity that reminds me of great, young Burgundy wine. Bright, fruity, balanced and quite complex for such a young wine. Light tannins add structure to the light acidity and that will improve almost any food that can be put on a plate or in a bowl, but especially Turkey fresh from the oven. Sonoma-Cutrer Russian River Valley Pinot Noir, 2015, (\$33.99), is a wine whose aroma of dark berry pie and spicy nose provides a supple yet pleasing palette and finish. You can have this one not only with Turkey, but especially with Duck and other game birds.

While this vineyard is best-known for its white wines, its Pinot Noir has been a favorite of discerning wine lovers since the early 1970's. Depending on the kind of oil you use to fry your turkey, you can expect a variety of different tastes; all of them, though, will be better enjoyed with white wine, especially Riesling.

From the best vineyard of arguably the most famous estate in Germany's Mosel Valley comes *J.J.Prum, Wehlner Sonnenuhr Riesling Kabinett, Mosel, 2015, (\$29.99).* This wine is the embodiment of everything a classic Riesling should be-soft acidity, beautiful nose with notes of spring flowers, melon and pears and a long, satisfying finish. This white has a rich texture as well and it will definitely enhance a deep-fried turkey.

The last wine was a pleasant surprise; a Washington State Riesling that is a solid value at just \$11.00 a bottle. *Washington Hills Riesling, Washington State, 2015 (\$10.99),* has it all- balance, fruit, flavor and finish. Don't forget to buy an extra bottle at this price!

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone!



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• The East Broadway tree lighting - taking place at 5:30 p.m. outside of the South Boston Library

• A visit from Santa (arriving on an antique Fire Truck) at 5:00pm and Mrs. Claus will be singing Christmas Carols (Feel free to take



pictures with Santa inside of the South Boston Library)

- Free hot chocolate & holiday treats will be served
- The Original Dickens Carolers will be strolling along East and West Broadway starting at 4:00pm
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- 4:00pm at Bringing up Baby (663 East Broadway)

• Many discounts and special offerings from local retail establishments, restaurants, and salons throughout South Boston

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Congressman Lynch Introduces Natural Gas Pipeline Public Health Protection Act



n Monday, Congressman Stephen F. Lynch (D-Boston) introduced H.R. 4381, the Natural Gas Pipeline Public Health Protection Act of 2017, which would suspend construction and expansion of natural gas facilities in communities with unsafe air pollutant levels. The Act would require the enforcement of public health and environmental standards under the Clean Air Act, providing further protections for communities located near natural gas facilities.

In communities where certified independent air quality testing has revealed violations of the Clean Air Act, the Natural Gas Pipeline Public Health Protection Act would suspend construction and expansion of natural gas facilities that have been issued certificates of public convenience and necessity by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) within the two years prior to the law's enactment.

"There are communities across the country, including in the district that I represent, that are already exposed to toxic levels of air pollutants and will be at increased risk of exposure once nearby natural gas facilities are built or expanded. This is not complicated: if the air quality in a community already violates federal Clean Air Act standards, we should not be adding toxins to the air in that community," said Congressman Lynch.

This is just the latest step Congressman Lynch has taken to protect communities from the public health, safety and environmental risks caused by natural gas facilities. In July, Congressman Lynch met with Dr. Curtis Nordgaard to conduct a site visit near the Weymouth Compressor Station in Massachusetts. Dr. Nordgaard's certified independent testing showed that the area surrounding the site of the proposed natural gas compressor station tested at toxic levels of "criteria" air pollutants, such as ozone and lead, and unsafe levels of hazardous pollutants, such as benzene and formaldehyde.

Also in July, during consideration of the Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act, Congressman Lynch offered several amendments that aimed to improve the environmental, safety and public health impacts of natural gas pipelines and facilities. One of the proposed amendments, which would improve pipeline security by requiring FERC to ensure compliance with TSA security guidance and best practices on pipeline security, was agreed to. The bill passed in the House in July 2017 and has been referred to committee in the Senate.

Fitzgerald Post Annual Veterans Day March and Memorial Mass

By Staff

ontinuing another cherished tradition that has been going on for generations in South Boston, the annual Veterans Day march took place last Saturday. Veterans and their supporters gathered at the Thomas Fitzgerald VFW Post on E. Fourth Street at 9am and as always, with military precision and timing, assembled and formed up by 9:20am and kicked off the march to St. Brigid Church exactly at 9:30am. In the line of march, which was led by the Boston Police Department, were the always impressive JROTC contingent and color guard from South Boston High School in full uniform, a bagpiper, representation from the DAV, and the veterans themselves and their supporters.

From the post they marched in formation to the Veterans Memorial Mass/Service held in the St. Brigid lower church which is also part of this long standing and beautiful tradition. The time of day was morning and the month is November, so cold weather was to be expected and it certainly was that, but it did not for a minute diminish the spirit or the enthusiasm for this event.

As everyone is aware, Veterans Day in South Boston is a very special time when the community pays tribute and shows its support for those who served. This annual march and memorial is just one of several ceremonial events that take place to honor the many men and women from the neighborhood and in fact every veteran who served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America.

On this morning, Old Glory waved proudly in the brisk breeze and as the bag piper and drummer played, there was a spring in the step of everyone who gathered to be part of this tradition and marched with pride; whether they were veterans or not as it was an honor to be part of the experience. God Bless our veterans and THANK YOU for your service.



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Op-Ed Submitted by Charles Burke

Why Ed Flynn stood apart.

The political pundits will tell us Ed Flynn won the District Two City Council with old fashion politics. Using that phrase is not popular. It is not trendy, and it is not the politics of today. He put his heart and soul into the Council race and the result was a four-point win. Some will call it close; others a sizable win.

Flynn and his family knocked thousands of doors in the district. He visited and made his case in every neighborhood, every day. He knocked the doors in Villa Victoria, Tent City and Chinatown garnering volunteers in those housing communities. The result was garnering more than 2,000 votes outside his neighborhood base of South Boston.

Yes, Flynn showed some old-style politics by knocking thousands of doors, taking his case to the people, putting holes in the soles of several pairs of shoes and losing more than 50 pounds in the process. Some pundits call it old school. I call it great work and it demonstrates the type of councilor he will be. He worked hard for the win and that kind of day in and day out dedication demonstrates what type of councilor he will be.

His message resonated with the people.

Flynn was issue oriented. He spoke up about education, housing costs, and the need to address short-term rentals. He called for a special task force to address the thousands of needles that are littering our parks. He spoke of transportation needs, domestic violence, city services and the quality of life in our neighborhoods. These issues affect



people every day and his recognition of such connected with the voters of District Two.

Flynn will be an action Councilor looking to improve city services for residents. He is simply a tireless advocate. Those who have met him find him easy to get along with. Those who know him know that he won't be a pushover either.

Flynn's character and All that Negative Mail

Flynn showed character and leadership by not responding to the twisted and distorted attacks on his personal character. Kelley spent tens of thousands of dollars on negative mail pieces that were designed to be hurtful and divisive. I am sure the Kelley camp would call them comparison pieces.

The fact is that this mail was purposely designed to be divisive and hateful. Flynn's face was cast in a shadowy mold, making him look like a villain or the prince of darkness. It highlighted marks on his face that was actually the post-surgery scarring from skin damage he received, while serving overseas in the military. Very disrespectful to a veteran, I would proffer.

Asked why he did not attack back, Ed said, "The people of this city are sick of the politics of personal destruction. They deserve better than that,



and if I attack him then my actions are negative. I want people to vote for me based on my attributes and not by tearing other people down. I won't do that to the people of this district. They know the truth about me."

Calling Ed Flynn anti-immigrant could not be further from reality. He had support of thousands of new citizens and anybody who knows the Flynn family understands that was an inflammatory and insulting remark to the Flynn legacy. The pieces spewed hate and twisted information and were designed to tear Ed Flynn down.

Flynn was instrumental in creating that allowed all, who apply, the opportunity to march in the St. Patrick's parade. Change is often hard and slow, but his leadership moved us forward and he should be commended for his efforts.

An attempt to steal the election in Chinatown

How else can it be described but... an attempt to steal an election? The major newspapers knew about it for a week and did not report it until NBC-Boston picked up on it. Credit must be given to the Chinese Progressive Association, who uncovered this plot to steal votes. They notified city officials and the candidates' campaigns of this unsavory behavior.

Chinatown senior citizens had absentee ballots seized from them, and operatives from the Kelley campaign showed up at their doors. They had them sign the envelopes that were to be mailed in and then snatched the blank ballots when they were mailed back to the voter. A well-known Chinatown operative was said to be part of this scheme.

In an effort to remedy this problem, the city contacted the affected voters. Some canceled their ballots and indicated they were going to vote in person. When arriving to vote many of these voters were met on the corners by individuals telling them they could not vote again, causing them to go home. The police were called to the location.

More than 30 people asked to have their ballots cancelled. This demonstrates that this matter was real, but Flynn wondered about the hundreds who did not come out from the shadows, because they felt fear. NBCBoston reporter, Jonathan Choe, reported on this event and confirmed the intimidation. Despite effort by the city to provide these people another opportunity to vote, many of them stayed home. This caused the Flynn campaign to challenge 262 'absentee ballots' that were collected on those days. The Flynn campaign is confident that they actually won the Chinatown precinct, when you discard those tainted ballots.

Flynn called for an investigation into this matter and it has been turned over to the Boston Police. Kelley never responded to the reporters attempt for comments, but instead blamed the Chinese Progressive Association. This group should be commended for their efforts and not maligned.

Flynn believes we need to do more to assist those who cannot read English, so they get to make the choice they want. Those responsible for this act were present in Chinatown handing out a ballot indicating how people should vote. Some felt bullied and hopefully these bullying tactics will now stop once and for all.

David Bernstein

Bernstein also wrote a story after the election indicating Walsh supported and helped Flynn. Could not be further from the truth. Walsh did not help Flynn. In fact, his Chinatown liaison was helping Kelley in Chinatown on Election Day.

The Winners are....

The people in District Two are the winners here. They chose a Councilor, who will be a tireless advocate for them. Flynn is not slick, mean or sneaky. He is a genuinely nice man, who truly cares about people. He campaigned in every neighborhood, every day. His commitment to the entire district shone through, as the people of the entire district voted for him. He does not have a divisive bone in his body and his inclusive style will serve the people of District Two well. Flynn is a big tent guy and those who were not with him have a place by his side as he is there to serve all. Boston and especially District Two are the winners.

Recent South Boston Real Estate Sales

Property/Type	Price	Sale Date	Rooms	Baths	Sq Ft
796 East Fourth Street	\$2,100,000	7/27/17	12	3.5	3218
Single Family 21 Wormwood St UNIT 601	\$1,500,000	7/21/17	3	2	1594
Condo 469 East Fourth St UNIT 1	\$1,250,000	7/21/17	7	3.5	2000
Condo 45 A St UNIT 1	\$1,100,000	7/27/17	5	2	1572
Condo 537 East First St UNIT 3	\$1,059,000	7/28/17	4	2	1396
Condo 49 L St UNIT 3	\$790,000	7/20/17	4	2	1126
Condo 597 East Seventh St UNIT 2	\$767,000	7/20/17	4	2	1077
Condo 605 East Broadway UNIT 302	\$749,000	7/21/17	4	2	1094
Condo 33 Sleeper St UNIT 102	\$620,000	7/20/17	2	1	763
Condo 180 I St UNIT 2	\$615,000	7/20/17	5	1.5	980
Condo 128 Tudor St UNIT D	\$520,000	7/25/17	4	1	851
Condo 582 East Fourth St UNIT 1	\$490,000	7/27/17	4	1	629
Condo 156-158 F St UNIT 1	\$475,000	7/20/17	4	1	610
Condo 645 East Seventh St UNIT 2	\$420,000	7/27/17	3	1	578
Condo 673 East Eighth St UNIT 1	\$376,500	7/26/17	3	1	414
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ith the three pillars of their corporate responsibility mission - Youth & Education, Community, Environment -Irma, Tina, Nicoletta and Project Manager Kayla led a gang of volunteers in transforming Curley Recreation's K Street Beach into a state of the art playground. With the motto, 'play matters for

and Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF), the muscle, along with nearly well over 100 volunteers from the organizations and the neighborhood.

The program, in its planning phase, asks kids to work with a company team and other adults to design an 'ideal playground' and select the environ-

all kids', Kaboom supplied the material and Jet Blue mentally friendly materials. This is the first playground in South Boston, the second with BCYF and the 26th around the country.

> Dan Monahan as Curley Rec's Director was able to motivate and coordinate the union members and Curley staff to stay engage despite the weather, with the objective clearly in mind: for





the kids and the community. Also on hand were Commissioner William Morales, his Deputy Mike Sulprizio, as well as Councilor Michael Flaherty and Councilor Elect Ed Flynn, who were undeterred by the rain and weather.

Dunkin Donuts served breakfast and lunch of pizza, pasta, salads and grilling meats came courtesy of local vendors. Thank yous to Patty O'Connell, Christine Furkart, Marie Earnest, Nancy Minucci, Dayna Forde, Kim Findlen and all of the volunteers for helping our little slice of heaven on the Bay.

Flag Retirement Ceremony at Fort Independence

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ast Saturday, Veterans Day, the proper way to dispose of an old, faded or tattered American Flag was on display for the general public to watch and learn in a formal ceremony that is an honored tradition in South Boston. This Veterans Day as is always the case, the traditional ceremony was sponsored by the Castle Island Association and South Boston's local veteran's posts.

Flags to be disposed of were dropped off at various locations around the neighborhood for what is officially called the 'Flag Retirement' where the banners are placed in a special incinerator and set ablaze. The event took place on the parade grounds inside Fort Independence at Castle Island.

On hand was a large crowd of residents and spectators who observed the retirement. The cold weather was no deterrent for this event and never is. This year's ceremony was dedicated to the memory of Private Brian Mahoney; Brian as most know, passed away several months back and was active veteran's affairs and causes.

There was the playing of the National Anthem, the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer. A Bag Piper added to the pomp and ceremony as did the color guard. And looking sharp in their uniforms and conducting themselves in elite military fashion, the US Navy Sea Cadets and the South Boston Jr. ROTC were on hand to assist with the event and add even more professionalism to the already impressive ceremony.

The Flag Retirement is a unique and very special event that evokes pride and patriotism in all those who witness it. The fact that 'Old Glory' is shown the proper respect when being retired is something that makes people proud to be part of and it is memorable as well.

Castle Island Association president Bill Spain and other CIA volunteers as always were on hand and take pride in sponsoring this beautiful event. And as they always manage, they do a wonderful job each and every time. But the CIA volunteers should also be commended for one of the other activities they have been running each year at this time. Their 'Support the Troops' collection took place all weekend long as the members set up tables and collected donations of items needed for the US Troops deployed abroad. Like the previous years, this collection drive was a huge success and met with overwhelming support from locals and visitors alike at Castle Island over the weekend. Donations of the needed items and cash as well poured in and everyone seemed pleased to be able to contribute. Packages from home/the States mean a lot to deployed military members and South Boston has always been a major part of these efforts.









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his Veteran's Day weekend was extended an extra day as a new event was held for the first time. It was the Veteran's Social, and it was held at CAPO Restaurant on West Broadway. About one hundred people showed up, which included veterans of many eras, their families and supporters to discuss upcoming plans for next year's South Boston St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Parade and to encourage people to play an active role with the preparations for South Boston's biggest event.

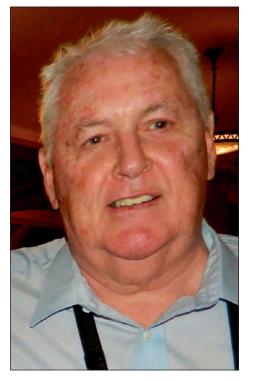
There were signup sheets for people willing to volunteer with the organizing and fundraising efforts to make the coming parade a huge success as it has been every year. It was also an opportunity for veterans of all ages to get to know what fellow vets were up to and to invite those veterans, who may not be active in local posts and organizations to join and participate. Non-veterans got to learn about and interact with vets as well.

This was the night to see the two new logos created and the excitement of the unveiling of the Parade logo. One was the new design for the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, the group that is in charge of running the parade, and the other was the logo for the parade itself. Both are beautiful designs and were created by talented local artists. In fact, T-Shirts were sold that night with the new parade logo emblazoned on them and they went fast, because they great looking and very tasteful in appearance. The shirts will be available around town shortly. They come in both long sleeve and short sleeve and all proceeds go directly to help finance the parade.

A proud moment during the evening was when the SBAWVC commander, Dave Falvey announced the name of this year's Grand Marshall for the parade. It will be Barbara Signor. Barbara is a former United State Marine and is the first woman ever to be selected for that position. Barbara has a tremendous background in community service and activities, and is also very active in veteran's affairs throughout the neighborhood and beyond. Also on hand was District 2 Boston City Councilor- elect Ed Flynn, a US Navy veteran himself who said a few words to the crowd.

The event went off perfectly. Admission was free to all, there was great food, which was supplied by the excellent chefs at CAPO, the company was good as everyone had a good time mingling. Certainly, the cause is a good one. If the enthusiasm by everyone in attendance at the Veterans Social last Monday night is any indication of how the 2018 parade will go off, it is bound to be a big success. Congratulations to all who turned out for this first of its kind gathering. And by the way it all went, this will be just the first of many Veterans Socials in the coming years.





earning the fundamentals of basketball can be an enjoyable endeavor, and now that the basketball season is here once again, novice players will have the opportunity to become acquainted with this popular sport. For them it will be a wondrous adventure and a time of

Basketball Is Back

discovery worth experiencing.

As these young players are introduced to the intricacies of basketball they'll need to be reminded over and over again that they must win and lose with dignity and play the sport in a sportsmanlike manner. They will only improve if they're told what they're doing wrong so they can avoid the same mistakes and understand what behavior is acceptable or unacceptable. Only through hard work and focus at all times will they learn how to play this game the right way.

Here are some basic rules these young players should understand as they begin this awesome journey:

While in possession of the ball at their offensive end of the court, players must not stay in the painted area in front of their basket longer than three seconds. Players need to move quickly in and out of the paint while on offense, and have both feet entirely out of this area while posting up on either side of the lane. The game official(s) will blow his/her whistle if a player stays in this painted area too long. It is called a violation. If so, the offending team loses possession of the ball.

When lining up during free throws, players must stay behind the lane line(s) until the free throw shooter shoots the ball and it clangs off of the rim.

During substitutions, players on the bench must not go on the court-enter the game-until they're told to do so by game official(s).

Players should avoid intentional fouls. If a player is intentionally fouling another player, the player committing the foul must concentrate on going after the ball and not the player.

Players must never push a player from behind. Pushing a player from behind, especially while that player is driving to the hoop can cause serious injuries. They will be considered hard fouls and unsportsmanlike, and should result in technical and/or intentional fouls being called against the offending player(s) for such poor, court conduct.

Don't take more than two steps without dribbling the ball. Palming the ball is when you're dribbling the ball and allow the ball to rest on the top of your hand. Traveling and palming -aka carrying the ball-are both violations and will result in the offending team losing possession of the ball. Losing possession of the ball in this manner is called a turnover, something coaches' aren't too fond about.

Trash-talking by players is unsportsmanlike and players must refrain from behaving in this manner. Players also shouldn't complain about the officiating. That's the coaches' job, not theirs.

Players need to understand the importance of teamwork, know when to pass the ball, when to shoot it, how to set legal picks without creating a turnover, and how to properly box-out their opponent(s) under the boards.

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general admission is \$10.00 dollars and front row tickets \$15.00 dollars. At the door, the price is \$15.00/\$20.00.

UFO Wrestling has a great card in place and I'm sure the kids are going to love it! Doors open @7pm, show should start around 7:30pm and the royal rumble should take us to around 10 pm. There will be a concession stand set up for your convenience.

South Boston Youth Soccer Banquet

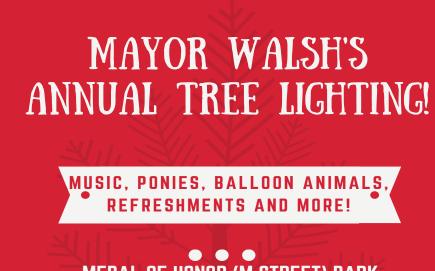
he season is almost over. The playoffs have taken place and we would like to congratulate the champions. At this time we would also like to thank all our sponsors who so generously donate year after year. Also, the coaches who donate their time week after week and to the City of Boston for the use of the field and clubhouse.

To the parents who make sure their children show up week after week and who contribute most of the half-time goodies thank you.

The official ending of the season

will take place on Sunday, November 19th at the South Boston Boys & Girls Club, 230 West Sixth Street, when we have our annual awards banquet. The times for the banquet are as follows: Under 4 will take place at noon, Under 6 at 1:00 p.m., Under 8 at 2:00 p.m. and Under 10 & 12 at 3:00 p.m. We would like to ask parents to bring a dessert with them to the banquet for their time slot.

Again thank you for another great year...see you next year. And keep on kicking!!!!!



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, STARTING AT 12!





an you believe it's already Week 11? As the playoff race heats up, we're entering must-win territory for some teams. Also, this is the last week of the "bye" schedule. Nobody else will have a bye after Week 11. And with only four teams getting that bye this week, it means there's 14 games on the schedule. So, let's pick some winners.

Here are my picks for Week 11: KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (-10.5) over New York Giants

-The 6-3 Chiefs are coming off their bye week with a fairly easy matchup in the 1-8 Giants at MetLife. The G-Men are 0-4 in their own building this season, and are in a pretty bad place after last week's loss to the San Francisco 49ers. Jobs are now on the line in New York, which could make the high spread a little dangerous. But I trust Kansas City's big-play ability enough to where I'm expecting a beatdown. The Chiefs have lost three of their last four games, but they'd still be the No. 3 seed in the AFC if the playoffs began today. I think their best football is ahead of them, and that should begin Sunday against the Giants. Give me Kansas City by 13. **GREEN BAY PACKERS (+2) over Baltimore Ravens**

-If the playoffs began today, both the 4-5 Ravens and 5-4 Packers would be on the outside looking in. I'm somewhat surprised to see Baltimore as a road favorite in this one. Obviously, if Aaron Rodgers was healthy, that wouldn't be the case. With Brett Hundley now under center, Green Bay is going to be the underdog more often than not, no matter where they're playing. But Baltimore doesn't enter Lambeau Field as a powerhouse by any means, so I'm looking at this one as a pick-em. The Ravens are coming off the bye, and probably have a better chance of making the playoffs than the Packers do. That says more about the strength of the NFC than it does Baltimore though. Green Bay is coming off a win in Chicago on Sunday. Baltimore lost to the Bears, at home, earlier this season. More than anything else though, I just like the home team in this one. I'll take the points and the Packers at Lambeau in mid-November over a Ravens team that doesn't scare anyone.

DENVER BRONCOS (-2.5) over Cincinnati Bengals

-After beginning the season 3-1, the now 3-6 Broncos have lost five straight and are closer to the No. 1 overall pick in the 2018 Draft than they are a playoff spot. They host the also 3-6 Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday at 4:25 p.m. Brock Osweiler is set to make his third start of the season, after getting whooped by the Philadelphia Eagles and New England

Patriots in back-to-back weeks. But it's the Broncos' defense that's most concerning, allowing 27 points per game, which ranks 29th in the NFL. The Bengals have lost two straight and will play their third consecutive road game Sunday in Denver. There's just no way the Broncos get beat in their own building in back-to-back weeks. They have too much talent on both sides of the ball for that to happen. And even though Denver got crushed by New England in Week 10, the Broncos have every right to blame that one on special teams. Osweiler and Emmanuel Sanders have established a connection that will be tough to stop down the stretch. And with a low spread, at home, I'm taking the Broncos to snap their losing skid and win by at least a field goal.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (-6.5) over Oakland Raiders

-Mexico City isn't an ideal location for the Patriots on Sunday, but at least it will be a neutral site. This one is technically a "home game" for the Raiders, only, it won't be in Oakland. So, if you're New England, you'll take it. The 7-2 Patriots are a perfect 4-0 on the road this season, and are coming off a 41-16 win in Denver, which was their fifth straight win. The 4-5 Raiders are coming off the bye and have won two of their last three. Oakland has been a This week, Danny gave "Pic's Picks" for Week 11 in the NFL:

disappointment this season, and while I expect this to be a high-scoring affair, I'll take Tom Brady to get the last laugh. Patriots win by seven. DALLAS COWBOYS (+3.5) over

Philadelphia Eagles

-This NFC East showdown loses some of its luster with Ezekiel Elliott serving his suspension, but I wouldn't go calling this an easy game for Philadelphia. It'll be in Dallas, and the 5-4 Cowboys are in a somewhat desperate situation. They need to find a way to stay in playoff contention until Elliott returns from his suspension in Week 16, at the very latest. Knocking off the 8-1 Eagles would be a pretty good start. Philadelphia is coming off the bye having won seven straight. And while the Eagles won't have to prepare for Elliott, the task at hand would've been quite difficult if he were playing, as Philly's run defense ranks No. 1 in the league, allowing just 66 rush yards per game. Somewhat surprisingly though, the Eagles' pass defense is one of the worst in football, allowing 249 pass yards per game. I expect Dak Prescott to make some plays in this one. Give me the points and Dallas at home on Sunday Night Football. Listen to "The Danny Picard Show" at dannypicard.com and on the PodcastOne network. Also available on iTunes and Google Play.







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