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EDITORIAL

Chip Chip Chipping Away

Liberty and Freedom are two of the most important and valued things possessed by an American citizen. And if enemies of our great nation, be they foreign or home grown, attempted to take away all of these wonderful freedoms that our founders and service members fought so hard to put in place and retain all at once, we as Americans would surely rise up and

fight fiercely to protect them. But when the freedom to choose, even for the smallest things, is methodically and slowly being chipped away, it's less obvious and therefore seems less urgent.

In some cities around the country, those in charge, and often well meaning, have attempted with some success to ban large servings of soda, salt served with dinner in restaurants and even whole milk at

times, because someone or some group feels that since they deem it to be unhealthy, they have the right to prohibit everyone else from consuming it.

Locally, we're now told we should no longer be allowed to carry our groceries in plastic bags. And oh so socially-conscious townships banned their residents from buying water in plastic bottles. While many support this, it still follows

a pattern of eliminating one's personal choices. Taxes, fines and fees are being added to and or raised on a growing number of items such as parking and done so gradually so as not to cause too much anger. Freedom of speech is being restricted on college campuses because some find it offensive. Someone doesn't like a statue, it must come down.

A sign near Fenway

Park becomes an issue to some, so the street must be renamed and on and on it goes until one day, we no longer live in the 'Land of the Free' and future generations will not even know what individual freedom and liberty even was. With each new law passed, every additional restriction and regulation imposed, we get closer to that day unless we the people say it ends here and now.

"Those who give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety" – Benjamin Franklin

Notice to Members of South Boston High School Class of 1941

At the request of the family of one of the graduates of the South Boston High School 'Class of 1941' we are trying to locate members of that group of graduates who may still be either in or out of the South Boston area. The graduate herself is 93 years old and would very much like to make contact/get in touch with fellow surviving classmates.

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Finally, An Awards Show That Wasn't A Cringe-Worthy Turnoff

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
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Regular readers of this column know that there is seldom, if ever, anything positive said about celebrity award TV shows. The Emmys, Grammys, Oscars, MTV Awards pretty much all of them have turned into boring political lecture spectacles. The celebs strut across the glittery stage, give each other awards and then proceed to scold the viewing audience about how we should live our lives, what causes we must support, and how America is the root of all evil. They are predictable and tiresome, and the numbers of viewers are shrinking every year because of it. Seriously, does anyone really care about the world views of a scowling Sean Penn, Madonna or Beyonce?

So, it came as a pleasant surprise

to watch the Academy of Country Music Awards (ACM's) recently, because there was none of the above. In fact, the show had its biggest audience in many years, because it was announced well in advance by the great Reba McEntire that the theme of their awards show would be entertainment and fun – no politics. And she and all the other talented performers made good on their promise. Said Reba, "We have no intention of being mean or catty or nasty toward or about anyone". Whether you like Country Music or not, most agreed this year's ACM awards was a refreshing change from all of those other shows that have fallen into a rut, which is turning the American public off

and in response, Americans have tuned those other shows out.

I received a scathing email from a Brookline resident about one of the topics in a column I wrote last week. I have to admit, I enjoy, a lot, getting scathing emails from Brookline residents. The writer took issue because I said drugs flowing over the Mexican border are a huge contributing factor in the deadly opioid crises plaguing our country and causing so many deaths. The fact that I advocated for tighter border security in the form of troops and a wall sent the writer ballistic. I like it when they go ballistic too.

Here's the thing. Virtually everyone knows the dangerous drug problem has reached epidemic proportions and, as was stated in last

week's column, law enforcement on every level confirms that much of it is coming over the southern border. Those who claim to want to stop this from happening but will never agree to support tighter border security are, to be blunt, hypocritical. They claim they too want something done to stop it but are unwilling to agree to allow our border patrol, military and President Trump to deal directly and decisively with one of the biggest sources of what's causing this problem. A problem that is killing so many people and devastating so many American families.

So please, writer from Brookline and those who think along the same line, write all the nasty letters to me that you want. Whatever makes you happy. But

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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.

Quincy council mulls hauling Marty Walsh before board to explain Long Island Bridge project

The Quincy City Council may slap down more ordinance hurdles to make it harder for the city of Boston to build a new bridge to Long Island -- and the council may even try to get Boston Mayor Marty Walsh before the board to answer some questions, Sean Phillip Cotter reports in the Patriot Ledger. One member noted the council has subpoena power that could be used to quiz the mayor on his long-term intentions for the island. File under: 'Fat chance.'

SJC rejects challenge to state's cap on charter schools

Another setback for charter-school advocates. From Shira Schoenberg at MassLive: "Massachusetts' highest court has upheld the state

cap on charter schools. The Supreme Judicial Court on Tuesday, in a decision written by Justice Kimberly Budd, agreed with a Superior Court judge and dismissed a case brought by five public school students challenging the charter cap. 'The education clause (in the Massachusetts Constitution) provides a right for all the Commonwealth's children to receive an adequate education, not a right to attend charter schools,' Budd wrote."

L'Italien blasts Third rivals' ties to Walsh, Meehan and bankers

State Sen. Barbara L'Italien is uncorking on her politically and financially wired rivals in the Third Congressional District race -- and that means you Dan Koh, Lori Trahan and Rufus Gifford. The Herald's Hillary Chabot has more

on L'Italien's blast at blow-in candidates and/or their outside-the-district benefactors like Marty Walsh, Marty Meehan and banker Chad Gifford et gang.

Meanwhile, the Globe's Mark Shanahan starts off with what looks like a puff-piece ode to the glitzy Rufus Gifford, but then he gets to the nub of the matter: Gifford's feud with the mom of actor Nicolas Cage's son over either back rent or alleged black mold (depending on who you believe) tied to Gifford's Los Angeles home.

Pollack to struggling regional transit authorities: No more money

Regional transit authorities say they're financially reeling. But state Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack says more money is not the answer to financial problems facing the struggling agencies, reports Bruce Mohl at CommonWealth magazine. "They're going to need to reinvent themselves the same way the T is in the process of reinventing itself," she says.

Bump draws Republican challenger as Weld pushes Libertarian candidate

Helen Brady, a Concord Republican, will run against state Auditor Suzanne Bump in the November election, saying the incumbent hasn't done enough to root out fraud and waste in state government during her two terms in office, Shira Schoenberg reports at MassLive. Brady, who works for the Boston Symphony Orchestra, won the GOP nod to run for state representative in 2016 but lost by a wide margin to incumbent Cory Atkins.

Meanwhile, former Gov. William Weld, the Libertarian Party's vice presidential candidate in 2016, will be accompanying Libertarian candidate Dan Fishman as he files his nomination papers to run for auditor. Weld has previously expressed his support for Fishman.

Higher education board seeks more authority to avert future Mount Ida fiascos

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education wants the power to intervene when colleges or universities, like Mount Ida College, face the prospect of financial collapse, reports the Herald's Kathleen McKiernan and Brian Dowling. "This is a system failure," said board chairman Chris Gabrieli of Mount Ida's planned closing next month. "So many people were misled or straight out deceived."

The Globe's Laura Krantz has more on yesterday's sometimes emotional board hearing into Mount Ida's controversial plan to close the school and sell off the Newton campus to UMass-Amherst. Meanwhile, the BBJ's Max Stendahl reports that angry Mount Ida students have disinvited the college's president from their graduation ceremony next month, while Stendahl in a separate BBJ story says Mount Ida food-service workers are already getting pink slips. Last but not least, we missed this piece yesterday by the Herald's Hillary Chabot, on the surprised reaction of Democratic gubernatorial candidate Setti Warren, who teaches at Mount Ida, to the school's unexpected closing.

Fall River plant closure: You can believe your lying eyes -- or an academic study

A union boss is encouraging/pleading/demanding that President Trump and others help save the blue-collar jobs at a soon-to-be-closed Fall River plant owned by Philips Lighting, which is planning to move operations to Mexico, reports the Herald's Dan Atkinson and Kimberly Atkins. But, wait, the New York Times is touting a study by a University of Pennsylvania political science and communications professor who says Trump supporters are driven by fear of losing status and privilege, not economic anxiety. Just pointing out two stories that caught our attention this morning.

Shire finally concludes that \$64 billion is a lot of money

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MAYOR WALSH ENDORSES NICK COLLINS FOR SENATE

Boston mayor cites Collins' 'tireless' work for residents

Mayor Martín J. Walsh has endorsed State Representative Nick Collins for the First Suffolk State Senate seat, that includes Dorchester, Mattapan, South Boston and a section of Hyde Park. The endorsement comes just days before the general election, which will take place on Tuesday, May 1st.

"Nick knows the issues that affect everyday Bostonians," said Mayor Walsh. "He is a tireless advocate for his constituents and will be a tremendous voice for every community and neighborhood in the State Senate. I am proud to stand with him."

Rep. Collins stated: "I am honored to have the support of Mayor Walsh, and I look forward to continuing to part-

ner with the City of Boston to deliver real results for residents across the City, from Dorchester to Mattapan, Hyde Park, and South Boston."

Over the past several years the fourth term state lawmaker has partnered with the Mayor on many issues, including housing, education, substance abuse and improving public transportation. In the Legislature, Rep. Collins is the lead sponsor of many of the Mayor's agenda items, particularly one of the Mayor's signature initiatives this session: funding universal Pre-K in Boston public schools.

The high-profile endorsement comes as Rep. Collins' campaign for State Senate has secured support from a long list of elected officials that represent the district includ-

ing, City Council President Andrea Campbell, City Councilors-at-Large Annissa Essaibi-George, Michael Flaherty, and Michelle Wu, State Representatives Dan Hunt and Dan Cullinane, City Councilors Frank Baker and Ed Flynn, Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, Former State Senator Linda Dorcea Forry, Former State Senator Bill Owens, Former State Representative Royal Bolling Jr., and many others.

Rep. Collins, the Democratic nominee for State Senate, is expected to announce support from U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey this weekend at a campaign rally in Dorchester.

The general election will take place on Tuesday May 1. Polls are open 7am-8pm.



Dear Neighbors,

Election Day is Tuesday, May 1, and I humbly ask for your vote as I seek to be the next senator for the First Suffolk District.

Over the past several weeks, I've been meeting with residents, business owners and community leaders across the district discussing my efforts to improve inclusiveness, create economic opportunity for all,

improve our schools, foster smart development, build more affordable housing, keep our streets safe and upgrade our transit system. I'll continue these conversations and pledge to make these issues my priorities as your senator.

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Sincerely, Nick Collins

Nick Collins

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Mayor Walsh Announces Public Safety Investments

Building on his commitment to strengthen public safety in Boston, Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced a series of investments included in the City's recommended Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) operating budget and capital plan aimed at supporting public safety for a growing city, furthering the Boston Police Department's ongoing work in strengthening community relationships and prevention programs, securing a force reflective of the communities in which it serves, providing supports to reduce the effects of trauma and recidivism, and keeping residents safe and healthy in all neighborhoods across the city.

"Every resident of our city should feel safe in their neighborhood, which is why we are investing in the full spectrum of public safety in this year's budget, from prevention, to intervention, enforcement and mental health," said Mayor Walsh. "As Boston continues to grow as a city, and as technology continues to evolve, it's important that our public safety services grow alongside to keep Boston safe and make a positive impact in our neighborhoods."

"Our top priority at the Boston Police Department is keeping our residents safe. The additional funding that the Mayor has dedicated for public safety will allow us to continue our work in building trust in communities, with the tools we need to keep people safe," said Commissioner William Evans of the Boston Police Department. "In the upcoming year, we will continue to grow the size and diversity of our force to

reflect our growing city and will do all we can to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods."

The Mayor's investments in the recommended budget and capital plan provide a comprehensive and multi-disciplinary approach to violence prevention and public safety that emphasizes opportunities and pathways away from violence. The BPD budget investment represents a 3.8 percent, or \$14.6 million, increase over the previous fiscal year. Investments include:

Investing in Prevention and Intervention Initiatives to increase positive interaction with local youth, strengthen community relations, and listen to and address the public safety concerns of residents. To accomplish this, Mayor Walsh proposes to invest \$1.6 million in BCYF's streetworker program to continue their work of reducing crime and violence in the community by building meaningful relationships with youth in need. This investment will help bring more social services to promote safe neighborhood in the city and bring more resources to youth and families.

This initiative is paired with \$250,000 in funding in youth development grants to complement the City's Summer Jobs program, the Shannon Grant program and the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative. In FY18, BPD distributed grants to 11 local organizations to provide education, conflict resolution training and other services. BPD will also interact directly with high risk youth, and will continue programs such as the

youth/police dialogues, Operation Night Light, the Police Teen Academy, and support local organizations in their mission of aiding formerly incarcerated individuals successfully re-enter society and reducing recidivism through the Safe and Successful Youth Initiative grant.

Included FY19-23 capital plan, the City and BPS will increase its investment in school security to a total of \$5 million, representing a \$2 million increase from the previous year. The project includes upgrades to external and internal doors, locks and key cards, intercom, motion detectors and cameras. Additionally, \$2 million will be allocated for the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) to begin planning for the installation of additional security cameras at BHA locations.

"Mayor Walsh continues to build the bridge between our communities and our Boston Police Department," said City Councilor Tim McCarthy. "I can't say enough about Commissioner Evans, his team, and our community partners- they all work together to make Boston the world class city it is today."

Strengthening Emergency Services and Enforcement to meet the demands of a growing city, while ensuring a robust, effective and accountable police department that better reflects the communities it serves.

Building on the continued success of recruiting a diverse police cadet class in FY18, the FY19 budget adds another cadet class of 20 cadets in the spring of 2019. This addition of 20 cadets will continue to provide

a stable pipeline of diverse young people for future police officer classes. With this investment, the Mayor has supported over 90 cadets in three classes since the cadet program was reinstated in 2015.

In addition, in FY19 the City will grow the size of the police force by 30 officers to reach a total of over 2,210 officers. These extra officers will boost the City's policing capacity to the largest in over a decade and will bolster the City's community-policing efforts.

In addition, the budget will include a \$2 million investment to implement permanent adoption of police-worn body cameras beginning in FY19. In FY18, the city funded a \$500,000 pilot program for the first police-worn body cameras, with the final results of the pilot expected to be released in June 2018.

BPD will also continue to focus on new technological improvements including the rollout of additional mobile devices to officers; security upgrades at the evidence storage facility; additional automatic license plate recognition cameras; and the fourth year of the department wide \$56 million radio replacement project.

"This budget reflects a strong commitment to improving public safety in our neighborhoods, and equipping our law enforcement with the tools and technology they need to successfully keep our neighborhoods safe," said Council President Andrea Campbell. "I am grateful to the Mayor for his continued investments in programs that serve our youth and that address neighborhood trauma, and for including funding for the body camera program."

The City's FY19 budget will formally be released on April 11, and residents are encouraged to visit budget.boston.gov at that time to find out more information about investments being made in their community.

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it looks like a deal that will transform the state's biotech sector is going through. From the Globe's Jonathan Saltzman: "Shire PLC, the second-largest biotech employer in Massachusetts, said Tuesday that it had accepted a \$64 billion takeover offer from Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. and would recommend

the sweetened deal to shareholders. It was the fifth proposal made by the Japanese company since it first expressed interest in Shire on March 28."

Healey agrees to prosecutorial reforms after drug-lab controversies

From Sean Musgrave at the Globe: "Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey has committed to

measures to guard against the kind of egregious prosecutorial misconduct committed in the Amherst drug lab scandal, when prosecutors mischaracterized evidence of drug use by a state chemist. In a brief submitted to the state's top court, Healey promised to create an ethics committee within her office and train prosecutors on their obligations to share evidence, among other measures."

Councilors Flaherty and Flynn Support Concurrent Police Jurisdiction on Waterfront



Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty and Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn recently offered a resolution in support of concurrent police authority for State Police and the Boston Police Department on MassPort properties, including the South Boston Waterfront but excluding the Logan International Airport and airport related properties. Per state statute, the Boston Police Department currently does not have jurisdiction in these areas of the city.

The resolution was related to a House of Representatives budget amendment filed at the state level by Rep. Nick Collins. The Boston City Council has subsequently gone on record in support of Rep. Collins' amendment for concurrent jurisdictions and equal access to police services for all areas of Boston.

Flaherty said, "The resolution that Councilor Flynn and I have offered in support of Rep. Collins' proposed legislation does not take away the authority of the State Police – it seeks to provide the Boston Police the same police jurisdiction as the State Police in the City of Boston. The end goal is to make sure that emergency response services from 911 are addressed immediately."

Flynn said, "Our support for Rep. Collins' budget amendment is all about public safety and providing equal access to services from the Boston Police Department for all of our residents, including our neighbors on the South Boston Waterfront. We are merely seeking concurrent jurisdiction there for law enforcement; just as we currently have for state roads, the MBTA and DCR property."

Councilor Flynn to Chair Stray Voltage Working Session

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn has scheduled a Working Session on Friday, May 18th at 1:00PM for the City, Neighborhood Services, and Veterans & Military Affairs Committee to examine the issues related to recent stray voltage incidents in the City of Boston. These incidents include the tragic death of a dog on Southampton Street, a dog shocked at a puddle by a light pole at Castle Island in South Boston in March, and two dogs shocked at a manhole near the Adams Street Bridge in Dorchester this past Christmas.

Moreover, Flynn has since learned about several incidents similar in nature that occurred over a decade ago in Boston, such as two electrocuted dogs in Chinatown back in 2005, and a dog in Charlestown in 2006. Flynn has since met with affected dog owners, officials from the City of Boston Department of Public Works, and officials from Eversource Energy.

Flynn said, "In the final analysis, we are holding this Working Session as dogs and pets are members of our fam-

ily too. Speaking with those that lost their beloved pets, or nearly lost them - I just can't imagine what they've gone through. My family would be devastated if that happened to us; as we all would be. It has reinforced my belief that we must bring the experts and stakeholders to the table and discuss the issues related to stray voltage in the city more in depth."

Flynn said, "It is my hope that this Working Session will allow us to work with the relevant City of Boston departments, perhaps our partners in state government at DCR, and the utility companies and talk about the causes of these incidents, the pertinent infrastructure involved, and whether a study of older infrastructure in the city is feasible. We may also brainstorm about what short and long-term steps that may be taken to help reduce the likelihood of events like this occurring in the future."

If residents become aware of similar incidents like this, please contact both 311 and Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3452 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov.



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The Wine Guy



Are We There Yet?

Do you remember when you were a kid and you were in the car, going somewhere

with the family? At some point, you asked, (sometimes, a lot), "are we there yet?" Well, it certainly seems to be that way with warm weather. So, on the assumption that we're closer to it that farther from it, I want to mention a few warm weather wines.

Smith Madrone 2014 Riesling Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District (\$29): This beautiful riesling delivers notes of honeysuckle, orange blossom, lychee, and citrus in the nose. It's got a good backbone of acidity that supports flavors of peach, Asian pear and citrus. The finish has some pleasant minerality.

Mason 2016 Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley Yount Mill Vineyard: (\$15) Nestled on the backside of Yountville Hill, Yount Mill Vineyard established in the 1930s and was an early adopter of organics. The owners started planting our sauvignon blanc block in 2001. The definitive style of this wine carries a vibrant acid backbone, subtle vanilla spice and core flavors of fresh fig, quince, honeyed cantaloupe with a touch of grass – all combined for an elegant and boisterous sensation.

Lawer Estates 2015 Betsy's Vine-

yard Viognier (\$24): This multi-medal winner from Sonoma gives off tropical aromas alongside honeysuckle, honey crisp apple, and jasmine, with highlights of tangerine and vanilla. It's blessed with excellent acidity, which undergirds flavors of apricot, white nectarine and pear. The lengthy finish is strong on the spicy citrus. Finally, California winemakers know how to nail this varietal.

Stags' Leap Winery Napa Valley Chardonnay, 2016 (\$26): The inviting bouquet expresses aromas of creamy lemon meringue, tropical pineapple, delicate elderflower and hints of raw almond nuttiness which fill the glass and pique your interest in this crisp Chardonnay. On the palate, you'll find a classic refreshing Chardonnay with a vibrancy of tropical fruit notes that transition into lemon curd and meringue while also maintaining a roundness in texture that is balanced (hinting at the delicate battonage lees stirring during the winemaking process). With well-integrated vanilla oak notes, subtle almond undertones, and a flinty minerality on the finish, this wine is full, rich and bright, yet generous in style

and maintains freshness due to its acidity, which creates a Chardonnay of lovely complexity and depth.

2017 Outer Sounds Sauvignon Blanc, Marlborough, New Zealand (\$17): A white for any wine drinker, this versatile Sauvignon Blanc is the perfect expression of Marlborough.

A stretch of water known as the Outer Sounds leads from the sea-drowned valleys of Marlborough into the mystical wine country of New Zealand. Invigorated by such treasured terroir, this crisp Sauvignon Blanc has juicy passionfruit and citrus flavors along with the classic green, grassy flavors that are so characteristic of Sauvignon Blanc from this region. Warm days and cool nights allow grapes to ripen evenly, offering a bright natural acidity along with ripe fruit flavors, and a mix of different vineyard sites throughout this famed region offer a multitude of different characters in the finished wine. Whether for a warm day or a light meal, this white is versatile and a great fit for any occasion.

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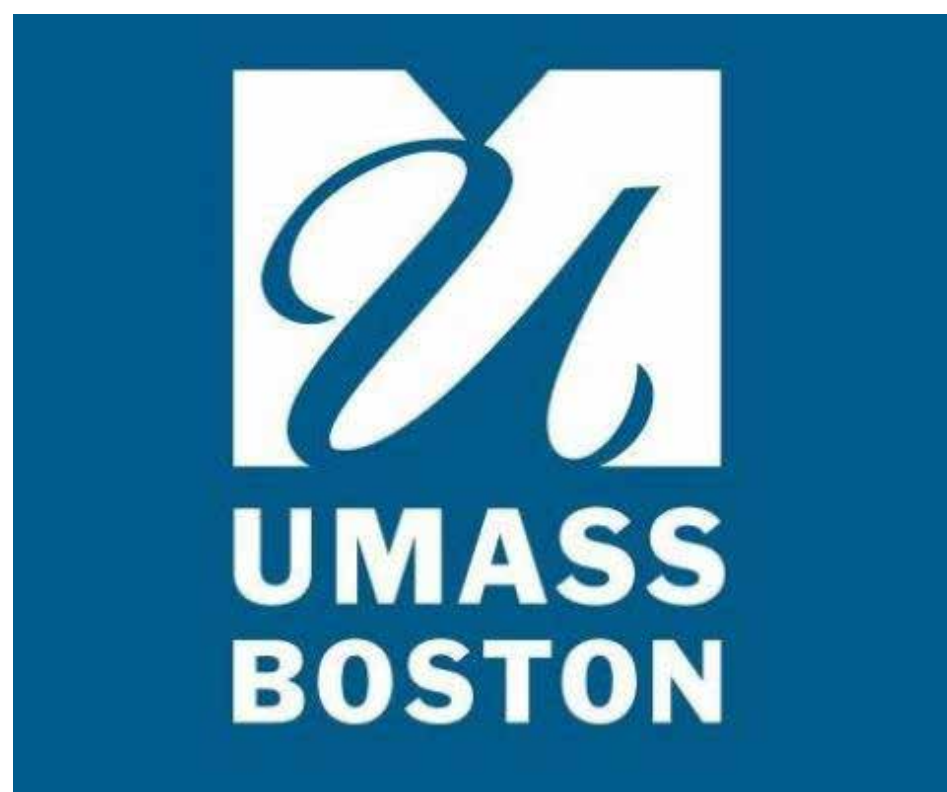
COLLINS FILES LEGISLATION TO PROTECT UMASS-BOSTON

Legislative amendments increase funding by \$5 million

Rep. Nick Collins is taking steps to protect the students and faculty at the University of Massachusetts-Boston by boosting funding, including providing money to prevent cuts at institutes and learning centers on the Dorchester campus. "Protecting UMass-Boston is of paramount concern to me," Collins said. "We have made significant investments in UMass-Boston and need to ensure that the promises we make are kept to the students and

faculty there. This funding is crucial to that mission."

Collins has filed two amendments to House Bill 4400 and is calling on his colleagues for swift approval. The first, which is co-sponsored by 12 House colleagues, would stipulate that the UMass system must fund UMass-Boston's centers and institutes at the same levels as last year, as well as add \$2.1 million in funding. These centers serve a variety of social and cultural purposes



to the campus and beyond and are key learning centers for underserved populations in Boston and beyond. The second, which is co-sponsored by five representatives, would add \$3 million to cover a projected budget shortfall and prevent any cuts.

"UMass-Boston is an important resource for all of Boston and the region," Collins said. "I hope my colleagues will support this funding, so UMass-Boston can continue to grow and thrive for generations to come."

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170 West Broadway UNIT 406	\$1,000,000	2/27/18	5	2	1398
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PROJECT PROPONENT:
Christopher Roche and Thomas Falcucci

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
Proposal to construct a six-story, mixed-use development totaling approximately 26,227 square feet. The proposed project will have twenty-five (25) housing units which includes four (4) IDP Units (affordable). In addition, the development will have one (1) commercial retail space for a restaurant.

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TRAFFIC & PARKING NOTICE

There will be NO PARKING on Day Boulevard from I Street to Farragut Road, Friday, April 27, 2018 at 10:00 p.m. through Saturday, April 28, 2018 at noon

WHAT: On Saturday, April 28, 2018, the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will close William J. Day Boulevard from Kosciusko Circle to Farragut Road, to accommodate the Susan G. Komen® New England Race for the Cure®. All lanes will be used for the Race. Traffic will be detoured to adjacent roadways: East Broadway and Shore Road will serve as a route to and from Castle Island. Parking will also be prohibited along Day Boulevard.

WHEN: Saturday, April 28, 2018, 8:00 a.m.

WHERE: Day Blvd from Kosciusko Circle to Farragut Road

ADDITIONAL RESIDENT PARKING

Temporary overnight parking for residents with a valid City of Boston South Boston Resident Parking Sticker will be provided at the angled parking spots located between Shore Road and the Castle Island parking lot on Friday, April 27, 2018. This temporary parking area will be staffed and vehicles will be checked for resident parking stickers.

If you would like to be added to an email list to receive DCR announcements, or if you have questions or wish to report a concern, please contact: mass.parks@state.ma.us or Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, Office of Community Outreach, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 600, Boston, MA 02114; Tel: (617) 626-4973.

Register or donate at KomenNewEngland.org



MAYOR WALSH SIGNS 'ACCESS TO VOTE' ORDINANCE

New legislation aims to provide voter registration opportunities during routine City interactions



Mayor Martin J. Walsh joined City Councilor Josh Zakim and city officials to sign an ordinance increasing access to voter registration. The new legislation aims to provide more opportunities for residents to submit voter registration forms when routinely interacting with City departments and agencies such as the Boston Public Library, the Boston Transportation Department, Boston Public Schools, and the Boston Centers for Youth & Families. The ordinance passed the Boston City Council unanimously earlier this month.

"Voting is an important right and pillar of our democracy," said Mayor Walsh. "Boston is leading the way on reducing barriers to voter registration that disproportionately impact some communities over others. From signing up for a residential parking sticker to enrolling a child in

Boston Public Schools, we will provide new opportunities to residents to complete this important step in getting their voice heard in Boston, in the Commonwealth, and in this country."

"I'm thrilled that Mayor Walsh agrees with me on the importance of reducing barriers to voter registration, and that the city is doing all that we can to encourage more people to register and to vote," said City Councilor Josh Zakim. "Soon, it will be much easier for all eligible Bostonians to have their voices heard by exercising one of their most sacred civil rights -- the right to vote."

The Boston Public Library and the Boston Center for Youth & Families will ensure that voter registration forms are available in easy to access locations at all branches and centers. When applying for a library card, residents will also receive a voter registration form.

All Boston Public Schools Welcome Centers and high schools will provide pre-registration information and forms to all students eligible to pre-register to vote and will also be provided to parents or legal guardians when registering children for school. Boston Public Schools will also develop a policy to ensure that as many eligible students as possible have the opportunity to vote on Election Day.

The Boston Transportation Department will provide registration materials to individuals applying for or renewing resident parking permits.

City departments and agencies will deliver any completed voter registration forms to the Boston's Elections Department to be added to the voter registration system.

For more information on voting and elections in the city of Boston, please visit the City of Boston's Elections Department.

Matt Rusteika for State Representative



I want to share some family pictures. On the left is my grandfather, Jack Rush, and his friends on the front steps of our family house on M Street. I now live in the same house with my wife Katrina, our son Simon, and our dog Watson.

It's impossible to grow up in Southie and not know your history. This is a community that has given economic opportunity to so many families and lent meaning to so many lives, including my own. That sense of being part of something is what has made this area such a desirable place to live.

It's clear that we've now reached an inflection point. As a community, we need to come together and decide what kind of neighborhood we want to live in: one that's for sale to the highest bidder, or one that makes room for working families through increased investment in the public good—workforce and elderly housing, transportation infrastructure, quality public schools, affordable child care, recovery services, neighborhood-scale businesses, and the arts.

We need a State Representative who lives

the challenges that families face in this district every day; someone who understands that the difficult issues we're dealing with are solvable, but that they can't be solved without the democratic participation of the district's residents. We need an independent voice on Beacon Hill who will advocate for the unique needs of our neighborhoods, even when it's difficult.

I believe I am the person to do that job. At B.C. High, we were always urged to be "men for others." That imperative is the reason why I'm as proud of the time I've spent helping to organize a STEM education program for public housing youth in Southie as I am of my work on the Commonwealth's Clean Energy & Climate Plan. It's the most humbling thing I've ever done to announce my candidacy for State Representative in the 4th Suffolk District. I hope to do right by all of you over the course of this campaign, so I'm looking forward to talking to everybody in the district about what your aspirations are for our neighborhoods. See you soon!

Protecting Your Pet This Tick Season



Even though the weather hasn't been cooperating with the calendar too much this year, spring has arrived. Spring means many things to many people but to pet owners it also signals the arrival of 'tick' season. A large percentage of South Bostonians are proud and happy pet owners and love them like family and want to protect them from diseases that ticks can bring; including but not limited to Lyme. Below are some important tips from a veterinarian who is an expert in the field and has shared with South

Boston Today a guide to the best ways to protect our canine and feline companions. South Boston Today would like to thank IDEXX Laboratories in Westbrook, Maine for putting together this very important information that can be used as a helpful list to assist in maintaining the health and safety of our animal companions during this upcoming warm season.

What's the issue?

- Tick encounters are increasingly hard to avoid and ticks are responsible for spreading a wide range of diseases throughout the US.

- A single tick can transmit multiple infectious agents that can cause serious illness.

- And, because dogs can't tell you how they feel and may not always show clinical signs, it can be challenging to understand the true harm of any given infection to a pet's health.

- For these reasons (and more!), it is so important for all dogs to be screened annually by your veterinarian for exposure to tick-borne diseases.

Why should I ask my veterinarian to test my dog if I haven't found any ticks?

- Just because your dog looks healthy doesn't mean that they are. It is possible that a pet could be fighting infection and not showing any signs of disease.

- To get that information, your veterinarian can screen your dog using tests like the IDEXX SNAP® 4Dx® Plus Test, which is a comprehensive pet-side test for tick- and mosquito-transmitted infections.

- Running a comprehensive test once a year is important to monitor your pet's health, as recommended by the Companion Animal Parasite Council, an independent group of leading parasitologists.

If my dog seems fine, does he need testing?

- New data shows that dogs with Ehrlichia antibodies in E. canis-endemic areas have a 300% increased risk of kidney disease. Dogs with Lyme antibodies in Lyme-endemic areas have a 43% increased risk of kidney disease. This means that to keep our dogs healthy, we need to know if they've been exposed.

- A positive SNAP result (a blue dot on the test) indicating exposure to these ticks can be quickly

and easily followed up with routine bloodwork and urinalysis to determine if there is hidden (or underlying) tick-borne disease. Exposure is important to detect.

- Once there is a positive result for Ehrlichia/Lyme, your veterinarian can run the IDEXX SDMA® Test annually to monitor kidney function and identify any potential disease earlier and keep dogs healthier.

What can I do to protect my pet?

- Monthly prevention and annual testing are integral elements to keeping your dog healthy! Check your pet for ticks every time they go outside, use a monthly preventative, and test annually.

- Remember: negative results are the goal. A negative test result for exposure to infected ticks indicates preventive measures are working, which is great news for you and your pet.

We all love our pets. They bring us happiness and unconditional love. In return we can take steps to make sure their lives are safe and healthy. It's our way of returning that love and happiness they give to us. They certainly deserve it.

Amazon continued from front page

vice in partnership with two major automakers — General Motors and Volvo — and will be rolling out in 37 cities in the US starting today.

Amazon has been beta testing the new service in California and Washington state for the past six months. A woman in an Amazon promotional video says she likes getting diapers delivered to her car, because it meant her toddlers could nap without being disturbed by the doorbell. Another woman used it to have a few birthday presents delivered to the trunk of her car so as not to tip off her daughter. Large size packages, 50 or more pounds and high value items are ineligible.

To start out, the service will only be available to Amazon Prime subscribers. It's also limited to owners of GM and Volvo vehicles, model year 2015 or newer, with active OnStar and Volvo on Call accounts. Amazon says it plans to add other automobile brands over time.

The car will need to be parked

within a certain radius of an address used for Amazon deliveries, so either home or work. Driveways, parking lots, parking garages, and street parking are all eligible locations. To find your car, Amazon's couriers will have access to its GPS location and license plate number, as well as an image of the car. Amazon says it never has access to the customer's connected car login details and that all communications between the company and the connected car systems are encrypted. Automakers have been experimenting with in-car deliveries, operating under the assumption that a person's car doubles as a storage locker on wheels.

It gets a bit interesting though when it comes to the ready-made and unrepentant ingenuity of those who break into cars. Stories abound about thieves swiping packages off of front door steps. In the urban centers, break-ins while slowed a bit, are still tempting for the two-bit criminal.

Some people will be turned off by this service, especially after reading that security researchers discovered that Amazon's cloud-connected camera for in-home deliveries can be disabled and frozen from a program run from any computer within Wi-Fi range. While Amazon's cloud-connected camera provided a layer of security for those who would want

to monitor their in-home deliveries through Amazon Key, the in-car deliveries offer no similar video feed. Amazon says that multiple notifications, plus the option to block access at any time, ensures the customer remains in control of the process.

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Boston Jakes Baseball Club Team Swings Into 2018 Season

BFD Club Team to Raise Money for Local Charity through Love of the Game

The Boston Fire Department club baseball team, the Boston Jakes, is gearing up for an exciting 2018 season. This marks the 3rd season for the team and the first season of raising money to support the Boston Firefighter Local 718 Children's Fund. "There was never a Boston Fire Department Baseball team until recently," says Jakes General Manager, Chief Neil Mullane. "In the past few years with graduating over 500 new, young Boston Firefighters, it has increased interest of forming a team. We look forward to playing other Fire Department and Public Safety teams throughout the country to

raise money for their respective charities and ours."

Since its inception, the team has played games in Boston and throughout the country. Seeing the turnout for the games and energy of the team, members recognized a fundraising opportunity. Beginning this season, the Boston Jakes baseball club will fundraise in support of the Boston Firefighter Local 718 Children's Fund. Through suggested donations at the game, raffles and company partnerships, they are aiming to raise \$5,000 in support of the cause.

The Boston Jakes baseball club, comprised entirely of active duty



Boston Firefighters, will represent the city of Boston as they travel to play teams throughout the country. Through an affiliation with UMASS Boston, the team is also slated to host games at the college's Monan Park. This location will serve as the team's showcase field.

While the team's schedule is being finalized, the currently scheduled 2018 games include:

- June 23rd vs. Ottawa Fire Department
- July vs. New York Fire Department
- August 2nd – 4th vs. Las Vegas Fire Department
- August 27th vs. Saratoga Fire Department

To officially kick off the 2018 season, members from the team are marching with the local Parkway Little League in West Roxbury's parade on Saturday, April 14th. A few of the Boston Jakes players are also involved as coaches for the Parkway Little League Team. Boston Firefighter, Mike McGonagle, grew up in Boston playing for the Parkway Little League team, the Giants, and now is a coach for the same team. "Growing up my best memories were of baseball," says McGonagle. "Baseball is a passion of mine and I'm looking forward to both seasons. It doesn't get much better than coaching your childhood team and playing a game

you love with great guys to raise money for an amazing cause."

For more information on the team, including how to get involved, visit [Facebook.com/BFDBaseball](https://www.facebook.com/BFDBaseball).

About the Boston Jakes:

Founded in 2015, the Boston Jakes are the Boston Fire Department's affiliated club baseball team. Comprised entirely of active duty Boston Firefighters, the team plays against other city's fire department and public safety club baseball teams. Through an affiliation with UMASS Boston, the Boston Jakes host opponents at Monan Field. The team works to fundraise at both home and away games through company partnerships, raffles and attendee donations to raise money for the Boston Firefighters Children's Fund. The team is also affiliated with the Jake Peavy Foundation.

About the Boston Firefighters Local 718 IAFF Children's Fund: The Boston Fire Fighters Local 718 Children's Fund, is a not-for-profit organization which purchases and delivers Christmas presents to children who are burned out of their homes between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day each year, as well as providing financial support to various youth activities and organizations within the City of Boston throughout the year.

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2018 Soccer Registration May 7 through May 12



This year we have added on a website for all information. It is www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com

and facebook. You can get a registration form for players and coaches on line and print it out, but you must fill it out, pay the fee and bring it to the Curley Recreation Center.

You cannot register on line as we don't want this personal information about the kids online. Registration for the fall season will be held the week of May 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 9:00 am to 12 noon on Saturday, the 12th at Curley Recreation Center on Day Boulevard (L Street Bath House) in the senior's card room.

Children from age 3 and up to 12 are invited to register now for the fall program. A new division of 3 and 4 year olds has been added. Age group's birth years for the 2018 season are as follows as of September first:

- 4 and under-2014, 2015
- 6 and under-2012, 2013
- 8 and under-2010, 2011
- 10 and under-2008, 2009
- 12 and under-2006, 2007

New players to the program must have a copy of their birth certificate and proof of residency in order to play in the program. Anybody who does not sign up at this time will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee that there will be a place for him

in the program.

There will be no other registration held. This is the only one we will be holding, so if you want your child to play in the fall program you must sign them up now. The fee for this year is \$30.00 per player. A separate fee of \$20.00 per player will be collected if you want your child to participate in the separate soccer clinics being run by the Liverpool Soccer Club.

Clinics will be held for the under 8 group from 6:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays all season long.

As usual we need coaches to make the program work and this year we will be holding a mandatory coaching clinic for all coaches in order to improve the quality of play by the kids.

The dates, location and times of the clinics are the first two weeks of seasons when staff will be on hand to assist coaches in getting the games organized and started. We also need referees so if you have the time and would like to help the kids out then you should come down and register. There is no fee for coaches or referees, but you must fill out a short background check form to be allowed to coach or referee.

The season is scheduled to open Thursday, September 6th with our annual parade of "CHAMPIONS" and the games will start on Saturday September 8th with the under 10, 12 age groups. The under 4, 6 and 8 age groups will be starting on Sunday, September 9th. This only happens if we have enough people to coach and referee. You do not have to have a child in the program to coach or referee. We need all the help we can get.

The banquet location has been shifted to the Boys and Girls Club at 230 West Sixth Street for Sunday, November 18. You can check our new website www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com and facebook.

So, remember to tell all your friends and anybody else for the dates for soccer registration so they will not lose out on the fun of playing in the program. Remember the whole idea behind the soccer program is for kids to have "FUN< FUN< FUN". See you at registration and if you have any questions or would like to sponsor a team or help out in any way you can call me Billy Baker at 617-269-7930.

SOUTH BOSTON BABE RUTH LEAGUE TRYOUT SCHEDULE (13-16 Years Old) FOR THE 2018 SEASON

Saturday-April 28-1:00 PM
Sunday-April 29-2:30 PM

Your age is based on how old you will be on April 30th of 2018. All tryouts will be held on the Babe Ruth League Fields at Moakley Park, which are located by the club house directly across from St. Monica's Church. If you have any questions, please call Kevin Lally at 617-943-5238. Or email him at lallycompound@aol.com

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Makes a Team**



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never think that I buy for a minute that you are truly sincere when you say that you too want this crisis solved, if you are not willing to support action that everyone knows will put a huge dent in it to be implemented. Reality can be a hard thing to accept sometimes. But being reality-challenged and blinded by political ideology is no way to go through life.

The latest data out on gun ownership shows an increasing uptick. It is now estimated that 42% of American adults have at least one firearm in their home and that number is expected to continue to climb. Many homes have multiple guns. The number of legally owned firearms in the hands of the nation's civilian population is now said to be more than 300 million which shows that Americans certainly consider their Second Amendment rights to be very important.

I'll close this week with a report on a touch of the absurd. Some of you may have already read about the pre-

school in the town of Georgetown, MA that has banned their young students from using the term 'best friend' to describe well, their best friend. This has caused some of the young students to go home crying and some of the parents to be outraged. One parent, Christine Hartwell said her little 4-year-old daughter Julia came home upset, because she was told she was no longer allowed to call one of her classmates 'best friend'. Mrs. Hartwell called the ban outrageous and silly and said the "children should be allowed to speak from the heart".

When the news spread throughout the area and beyond reaction was swift and overwhelmingly against the decision of the school. Said one young mother on social media and I quote – "OMG Stop!! This politically correct nonsense has gone on much too long and way too far. If my children's school ever instituted such a ban I would pull them out of that place, so fast, heads would spin". Most would agree with her sentiments completely.

TYNAN HAPPENINGS

APRIL SCHOOL VACATION HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT

The BCYF-Tynan Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament proved to be a huge success. There were 30 participants made up of 8 teams. The older teens were teamed up with the younger ones and did a great job with them. It was surprising to see how well the younger ones hit and pitched. Just about every game was close and came down to the wire. Congratulations to the championship team: Mario Blasi, Dimitris Markos, and Joe Green, who was this year's home run King. The winning team was awarded I-Tune gift cards.

On Tuesday, Katie and the girl's group went to Boylston Street to re-

member those we lost in the 2013 Marathon Bombing. The girls were treated to ice cream at Emack & Bolio, as well as headbands from Lulu Lemon.

Wednesday was a fun trip for a group of youngsters, as they experienced a tour of America's most beloved ballpark, Fenway. The kids were educated on many historical facts about the Boston Red Sox and its legends. They were also thrilled to view the scenery and park on top of the green monster.

Friday, Greg and Katie took the girls to Launch Trampoline Park and the infamous Town Spa Pizza in Stoughton, Ma. They all worked up a hunger and ordered quite a few pies. Caleigh



Houlihan was the only one brave enough to try Katie's favorite "pickle pizza". A great time was had by all!

We also had a tennis clinic in the gym, followed by an outdoor cook-

out. As the youth waited for their food, there were some strategic games of corn hole and spike ball in the schoolyard. It was a great vacation week enjoyed by all.

MAYOR WALSH HOSTS RETURN OF THE SWANS MAY 2



Mayor Martin J. Walsh and Boston Parks Commissioner Chris Cook welcome Boston's most popular waterfowl back during the 30th Annual Return of the Swans event on Wednesday, May 2. The celebration in the Public Garden begins with entertainment at 11 a.m.

After wintering at the Franklin Park Zoo, Romeo and Juliet will reside during the summer months in the Public Garden. The swans will be returned to the lagoon following a parade that begins at the Beacon and Charles Street corner of the park near the "Make Way for Ducklings" statue. Carts beautifully decorated by Boston's Winston Flowers will help usher the swans to the release site.

Led by a brass band, the parade will continue to the George Washington Statue at the Commonwealth Avenue/Arlington Street entrance, over the pedestrian bridge, and end on the Boylston Street side of the lagoon for the official Return of the Swans ceremony.

The accompanying entertainment program, sponsored in part by the Friends of the Public Garden, begins at 11 a.m. The celebration will include a brass band, face painters, a reading of "Make Way for Ducklings" led by the Boston Park Rangers, and children's activities presented by the Four Seasons Hotel Boston. In-kind sponsors HP Hood LLC, Power Crunch, and the Four Seasons Hotel Boston will provide refreshments.

Annual Beach and Park Cleanup Saturday

The annual Beach and Park cleanup, which has become a neighborhood tradition will take place this Saturday, April 28th. Volunteers are needed to participate in this always enjoyable effort which does so much to prepare the area's open spaces and recreational areas for the upcoming warm season.

The cleanup will take place from 10am to 1pm and participants are asked to meet at the Murphy Skating Rink a little before the 10am starting time. The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will supply all the cleaning supplies

such as rakes, brooms, bags etc. The areas to be worked on are the beaches, Marine Park, Farragut Park, the Athletic Fields and other state-run locations within South Boston.

This event is always a good time where volunteers not only show their pride in the neighborhood recreation areas by helping to spruce them up and make them look beautiful, but also, they get to take part in a pleasant social gathering with friends and neighbors.

Again, the Annual Beach and Park Cleanup will be this coming Saturday beginning at 10am. Meeting place will be the Murphy Rink.





This week, Danny shared his thoughts on the top stories in the sports world:

The NFL Draft begins with the first round on Thursday night. The second and third rounds are on Friday. And the fourth round through the seventh round will be on Saturday.

As it stands while I write this, it'll be a busy Thursday and Friday night for the New England Patriots, who have two first-round picks and two second-round picks in this year's draft. But I'll be honest with you. I'll be shocked if Bill Belichick makes all four of those picks. I'm not even talking about trading up. I'm talking about trading one of those first rounders for a multiple picks in later rounds. Sure, it'll be tempting to move up to take one of the quarterbacks that are projected to go in the Top 10. But if any organization knows that you don't need to draft a quarterback in the first round, it's the Patriots. So I don't expect them to do that this year.

But I do think they should and will draft a QB. If you told me the Patriots wait until the third round to draft a quarterback that nobody is currently talking about, I'd be just fine with that.

Was anybody raving about

Jimmy Garoppolo before the 2014 draft? The Patriots took him late in the second round, but they probably could have got him in the third round, or maybe even in the fourth.

And obviously, you have Tom Brady, who was a sixth-round pick in 2000. Brady will go down as the biggest steal in the history of the NFL Draft. The quarterbacks taken ahead of him that year? Chad Pennington (first round), Giovanni Carmazzi (third round), Chris Redman (third round), Tee Martin (fifth round), Marc Bulger (sixth round), and Spergon Wynn (sixth round).

Absolutely wild.

Also, it's not as if the Patriots need to draft a QB who's ready to be a starter right now. After all, they still have Brady, and they will for a few more years at the very least. I mean, I'd love for them to trade up and draft Baker Mayfield, but I'm also trying to be realistic here. And under that mindset, history shows that Belichick doesn't need to take a quarterback in the first round in order to find a guy that he can win with. I expect the Patriots to take a linebacker and an offensive

tackle before they even think of taking a QB. But we'll see what happens, and I'll be sure to react to it on my podcast.

One topic I've been repeatedly reacting to on my podcast lately is the status of Tom Brady and Rob Gronkowski. After plenty of offseason drama, both Brady and Gronkowski have seemingly committed to the 2018 season. Brady's agent, Don Yee, told ESPN's Adam Schefter that Brady "expects" to return for the 2018 season. Then, Rob Gronkowski posted on Instagram that he met with Belichick and told him he will be back in 2018. Now, all eyes will be on Alex Guerrero, who is presumably part of the reason that Brady and Gronkowski had suddenly drawn a line in the sand.

As I told you all offseason, if they did in fact draw a line in the sand, I'm Team Belichick. But, at least everyone can rest easy knowing that both Brady and Gronkowski will be playing for the Patriots in 2018, if you actually needed to hear them say they were committed.

Here's a reminder that you should subscribe to my YouTube

channel (youtube.com/DannyPicard) to watch my new series, "363: OFF THE AIR." Episode 2 dropped recently, and we took it into the wrestling ring. You'll have to see this for yourself. Episode 3 will be released soon, so make sure you subscribe and then hit the notifications tab.

"363: OFF THE AIR" is a peek behind the curtain at what goes on while "The Danny Picard Show" is not recording. It's kind of a spin-off to my YouTube street hockey film in 2012, "363: The Road to the Southie 3-on-3." We ended up getting over 50,000 views on that, but I never capitalized on it. So, here I am, nearly six years later, giving you a new "363" series with a familiar sentiment and similar entertainment value. Only, this isn't a one-time film. It's a series, and new episodes will be released regularly, with plenty of interesting cameos.

So please subscribe now.

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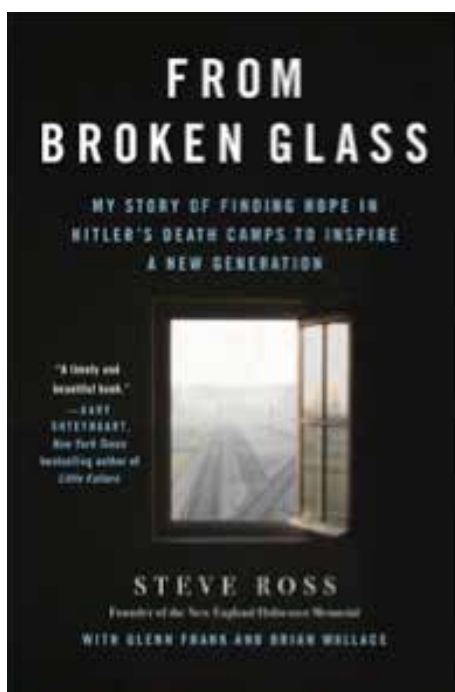
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Southie's Own Brian Wallace In The News Again

New Book available to purchase on May 15

By Kevin Devlin

As a young boy Brian Wallace loved playing basketball and was a darn good player. When he put away his sneakers he turned to writing and ever since then he been quite busy writing books. He wrote "A Southie Memoir", "Night Runner", and co-authored "Final Confession." And now he's collaborated with Steve Ross, the survivor of ten Nazi concentration camps, and Boston-based lawyer, Glenn Frank, to write the book, **FROM BROKEN GLASS: My Story of Finding Hope in Hitler's Death Camps to Inspire a New Generation**. This book, with a foreword by former Boston mayor and US Ambassador to the Vatican, Ray Flynn, is published by Hachette Books and will go on sale on May 15.

Review

"As a young child in Nazi-occupied Poland, Steve Ross (then Smulek Rozental) endured unspeakable violence and deprivation in ten concentration camps. He lost most of his family to the Holocaust, but through sheer determination and a lot of luck, he survived his brutal ordeal. He went on to emigrate to the United States, where he used his trauma to help improve the lives of others, ensuring that inner-city youth in Boston, Massachusetts could pursue their dreams and escape their own difficult conditions. A true testament to the power of human resilience, Steve teaches us how even those who suffer the most can find strength and purpose in the service of others.

Ross transports readers into a gripping survival story, as he is repeatedly forced to decide who is telling him the truth or which fateful queue he waits in might be luring him to his death, enduring along the way fear and abuse, hunger and pain. With poignant insight into where we find resilience in the face of human frailty, Ross explores how resourcefulness, determination, and most importantly the help of his fellow prisoners, pulled him through the starvation and slave labor he survived in such notorious concentration camps as Auschwitz-Birkenau and Dachau.

Ross also shows us how his childhood experiences finding strength and love in the most unlikely places inspired him to devote his life after the Holocaust to helping forge a better world for underprivileged children. He worked for the city of Boston for nearly four decades, where he served as a licensed psychologist working in the public schools, and later conceived of and founded the New England Holocaust Memorial, one of Boston's most visited sites, located on Boston's Freedom Trail next to historic Faneuil Hall.

Taking readers from the horrors of Nazi Germany to the streets of South Boston, this is the story of one child's stunning experiences,

the piercing wisdom into humanity with which they endowed him, and the drive for social justice that has come to define his life. **FROM BROKEN GLASS** is a wise and intimate memoir about finding strength in the face of despair and an inspiring meditation on how we can unlock the morality within us to build a better world."

More praise for FROM BROKEN GLASS

"A timely and beautiful book."
Gary Shteyngart, New York Times bestselling author of Little Failure

"From Broken Glass is an opportunity to spend time in the presence of an extraordinary man. No one I know of has ever responded to unimaginable brutality with such generosity of deed and spirit, recounted here with understated eloquence."
Congressman Barney Frank

"Steve Ross's tireless work has helped ensure that the horrors of the Holocaust are never repeated."
Israel Arbeiter, survivor of Auschwitz

"Steve Ross is a quiet leader for our city in the things we care about—helping people overcome obstacles, mentoring youth, providing the power of example....As he did this work, Ross brought people together across all kinds of historic boundaries—neighborhoods, races, religions. His life is enough to inspire us beyond words. The full story, told here, is one of thousands of lives and a grateful city he helped to transform."
Marty Walsh, Mayor of Boston

"From Broken Glass reminds us of the depths to which humanity can sink and the heights that the human spirit can reach. Steve Ross tells a remarkable story of survival and shows us how a person of good will and character can persevere through unspeakable tragedy and live a life of generosity and kindness."
Frank S. Holleman III, former

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education

"Striking, fierce, and ultimately uplifting, From Broken Glass is the moving story of how one man found his moral purpose in the crucible of the Holocaust and waged a life-long war against prejudice in all its forms. Just when we need it most, Steve Ross offers our nation a rallying cry for how we can overcome the hatred that divides us."

Robert Trestan, New England Regional Director, Anti-Defamation League

"From Broken Glass is a captivating and deeply personal story of a young boy's experience in the Holocaust, and the ways that event shaped his life as an adult in America. Ross's remarkably detailed account stands as a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. It is relevant to this day, a reminder of what can happen when we lose sight of the humanity of others in society."
Senator Dianne Feinstein

"Throughout his childhood, Steve Ross was given every reason to hate, fear, and withdraw, but instead he has spent his life building a kinder, gentler, more hopeful world. You cannot read Ross's story and resist his contagious optimism for a better tomorrow."
Congressman Joe Kennedy III

"Remarkable...a profound and compelling addition to the literature of the Holocaust at a time when it is more critical than ever."
Ayelet Waldman, bestselling author of Love and Treasure

"The author emerges as a resilient character who is determined not to allow the enemies of the past to re-emerge in the present unchallenged; his book opens with a cri de coeur on Charlottesville, and it ends with a defiant testimonial: 'I am a survivor.' A worthy memoir of dark times, full of practical lessons for resistance and community organizing today."
Kirkus Reviews