



A Breaking Of Ground In More Ways Than One

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker and Boston Mayor Marty Walsh this week joined executives from Omni Hotels and Resorts and other officials to break ground on another hotel in the city's Seaport District. When the \$500 million hotel opens in 2020, it will have 1,055 guest rooms and 52 suites at the top of the 21 floors. The hotel will also have 100,000 square feet of meeting and event space.

The hotel near the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, is sited on two acres of land owned by Massport. "This groundbreaking

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Hospitalized Female Veterans to be Honored *Let's Show our Support for their Service*



On Wednesday, May 30th, 2018, some folks from the Old Colony Yacht Club will proudly be taking a group of 25 hospitalized female veterans from the VA on their boats out into Boston Harbor to be honored with a special recognition of their service to our country.

The members of the yacht club will be transporting the veterans to meet

up with the Boston Fire Department fire boats, where they will receive a colorful red, white and blue water cannon salute.

The veterans and their hosts from the Old Colony Yacht Club will depart from the club's docks at 11am and are expected to be in the area of Castle Island by 11:30am. They will be honored by the Boston Fire Department Boats at that time, and it can

all be seen from the fishing pier/dock on the same side of the island where the turn-around of The USS Constitution traditionally takes place.

It's hoped that residents will turn out to cheer these great female veterans on from the shore and pier with flags, signs and banners to show how much they are appreciated and to thank them for their service.

"If it takes putting 5 metal detectors in a school to keep students safe, then we should put in 5 metal detectors" – Colonel Oliver North, USMC (ret)

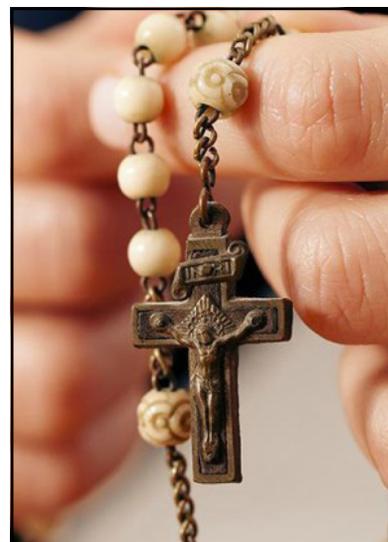
The Story of the Poppy



The poppy flower only grows in the absence of other flowers and only in ground that has been churned. In perhaps the best known poem of World War 1, when Dr. John McCrae observed poppies growing between the crosses on the soldiers' graves, it inspired him to write the poem In Flanders Fields. The poppy has since become known as "The Flower of Remembrance" and is worn in memory of our veterans.

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Did They REALLY Just Say That?

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There are arguably more people with each passing day questioning if some of this nation's elected officials actually have the best interest of the American people as their priority.

Are they concerned more about their own personal interests, political agendas or their political party, than they are with the well-being of our country? Are American citizens low on the list of those concerns, if on the list at all? Along the same line of thinking is yet another question-Did he/she really just say that?

Which brings me to one of the top news story of this past week - So many Democrat Party leaders and media pundits coming to the defense of MS-13 gang members.

Most Americans know enough

about this gang to understand that these are not good guys. With the MS-13 motto being 'Rape, Torture and Kill', it doesn't leave much room for doubt. But, when President Trump referred to them as 'animals' and he made it clear he was speaking about the gang members and not all immigrants, those, who have let their hatred for this president consume every fiber of their bodies, went ballistic.

Here is the exact quote from the president when he did not back down but in fact doubled down on his statement: "When MS-13 comes in, when the other gang members come into our country, I refer to them as animals. And guess what, I always will."

Good for him, no retreating and it's refreshing. The press and those politicians knew exactly what he

said and meant but chose to distort his comments for what they thought would gain them political points. It backfired. Because Americans know that these gang members are vicious and brutal and really do take pleasure in murder, rape and torture. MS-13 members have beheaded and even torn the hearts out of their victims. Sorry to get so graphic. Just telling it how police have reported it.

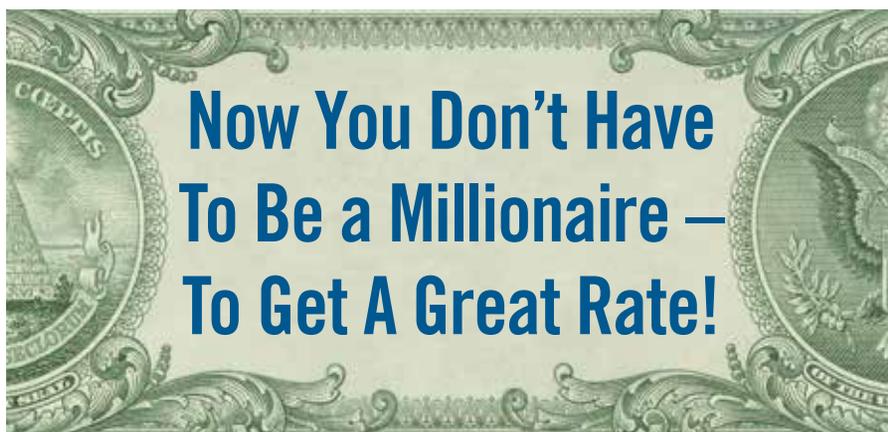
And yet, even though these are the facts, Nancy Pelosi said they should never be called animals, because they have "the spark of divinity in them like all human beings". Chuck Schumer said that "when our great grandparents came to this country they weren't animals and these people (MS-13) aren't animals either". Yes, they really did

say that. Can you imagine the nerve of Schumer putting thugs in the same category with our great grandparents? Pelosi and Schumer have descended to new lows that even I thought they weren't capable of reaching. Are they that desperate for new voters that they cater to and don't want to offend murderous gang members?

White House Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders didn't hold back and said "As far as I'm concerned, the president didn't go far enough in simply referring to MS-13 as animals" in response to Pelosi and Schumer.

I know I've stated this before, and I truly believe that if JFK or Harry S. Truman were ever to return, they would be embarrassed and disgusted at where some of its leaders, high

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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.

Galvin docks the pay of three aides who performed campaign work while on the state clock

Three employees within Secretary of State Bill Galvin's office are being "stripped of some pay" after an internal review found they performed campaign work on behalf of their boss while on state-government time, reports the Globe's Matt Stout. That's far short of the 19 employees the Globe recently identified as possibly crossing the line between government work and political chores. We have a hunch we'll be hearing more on this.

Mount Ida College president hires ex-Sen. Brian Joyce's attorney

He's obviously taking seriously Attorney General Maura Healey's investigation into the closure of Mount Ida College. The BBJ's Max Stendahl reports that Mount Ida president Barry Brown is being represented by Howard Cooper, the same controversial lawyer representing ex-Sen. Brian Joyce in a federal corruption case.

Walsh to the UMass-Boston rescue?

It was relatively all quiet on the UMass-Boston front yesterday, a few days after the brouhaha over the faculty's inglorious role in getting three finalists to withdraw their names from consideration to be the next chancellor of the school.

Still, the Globe's Adrian Walker writes that UMass ought to take up the offer by Mayor Marty Walsh, a former labor negotiator, to help defuse tensions at the Dorchester school. Meanwhile, the Globe's Shirley Leung can't make up her mind about who deserves the most blame for the turmoil at UMass Boston. Gintautas Dumcius at MassLive reports that Gov. Charlie Baker is 'disappointed' with how the chancellor search ended.

House to vote on 'red flag' gun bill today amid strong opposition and 'hysteria'

Democrats wouldn't be holding the vote today if they didn't think the so-called 'red flag' gun bill would pass. Still, gun-rights activists are mounting a spirited campaign against the legislation, prompting bill sponsor Rep. Marjorie Decker to say opponents are spreading "hysteria" surrounding the bill. The Herald's Kathleen McKiernan and SHNS's Matt Murphy have the details.

ICE says it's no longer targeting immigrants at government offices

This is a significant development in the ongoing battles over immigration. From Maria Cramer at the Globe: "Federal agents in Massachusetts have halted the controversial practice of arresting undocumented immigrants who are visiting government offices in hopes of gaining legal status, an immigration official told a federal judge Tuesday. The decision represents a reversal by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement and follows sharp questioning by a federal judge in Boston over the practice."

Got milk? Not in Lynn ... but the city will get a new high-end apartment building

Lynn city leaders say they were

blindsided by the decision of Garelick Farms to close a plant in the city and eliminate scores of jobs, Thomas Grillo reports in the Lynn Item. The company says long-term trends away from milk-drinking are behind the decision to shutter the plant, which has operated in Lynn since 1928. Mayor Thomas McGee said the city has reached out to Garelick's parent company, Dean Foods, to "get our hands around what's happened."

Still, Lynn also got some good economic news when a developer unveiled plans to build an \$80 million, 189-unit high-end apartment building in downtown, the first project of its type in at least a generation, Grillo reports. The developer believes the units can attract workers from the Boston area pushed out of the urban core by rising rents.

Over the objections of Warren, Congress approves partial rollback of Dodd-Frank financial reforms

Despite a last-minute Twitter appeal from U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren to oppose the legislation, the U.S. House yesterday sent to President Trump's desk a bill that partially rolls back the Dodd-Frank financial reforms passed in the wake of the Wall Street meltdown ten years ago. The rollback applies to small- and medium-sized banks, but some fear the loosening of restrictions for larger banks is next on the agenda. The NYT has the details.

Why the State Police no-show scam festered undetected for so long: Retaliation against honest troopers

If true, this partly explains why it took so long to uncover the no-show scam and other controversies at the State Police. From Dan Glaun at MassLive: "A retired Massachusetts State Police

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What Memorial Day Means in South Boston

What special meaning and significance does the Memorial Day weekend hold for people would probably depend on who you asked. Surely, it signals what many consider the unofficial start to the summer season. Weather permitting, folks look forward to it as a time to maybe get away for the long weekend on a trip to the beach or the mountains. Back yard family barbecues and cookouts are always popular as are gatherings with friends for parties etc. Perhaps you'll stay local and relax at home and catch a game or two on TV and enjoy that much deserved extra day off on Monday.

To a lot of South Bostonians, it could be one or more of the above. To us, and people who live in other traditional and, what most would consider, patriotic communities around the country, it means all of the above yes, but something else as well. It means something far more important than our own personal creature comforts and fun.

Memorial Day is set aside to remember and to honor America's heroes, who served in our country's armed forces and put their lives on the line and often lost those lives, so that all of us could enjoy the freedom and liberty that our Nation's Founding Fathers envisioned for us, when they drew up that amazing document called the Constitution of the United States.

South Boston has many sons and daughters, who never returned from fighting our country's battles. On a per capita scale, there may not be another community anywhere that had more. Many people will this weekend make that solemn journey to a cemetery, where a family member is buried and place a wreath or some flowers at a grave site. Others will attend a special Church Service, proudly display Old Glory or attend a Memorial Day dedication or parade.

All the other activities that come with warm weather and sunshine are part of the tradition as well. But



as Americans, at least in the opinion of South Bostonians, remembering and honoring our veterans, especially those who are no longer among us, should always remain the most important reason for this holiday. We owe it to those heroes to never forget the sacrifices made on our behalf. It makes us proud that so many of our neighbors never have and never will forget.

Traditional South Boston Memorial Day Ceremonies

This year, as is the case every year on Memorial Day members of our local Veteran's Posts will be out and about during the weekend placing wreaths at all the memorial squares that have been named in

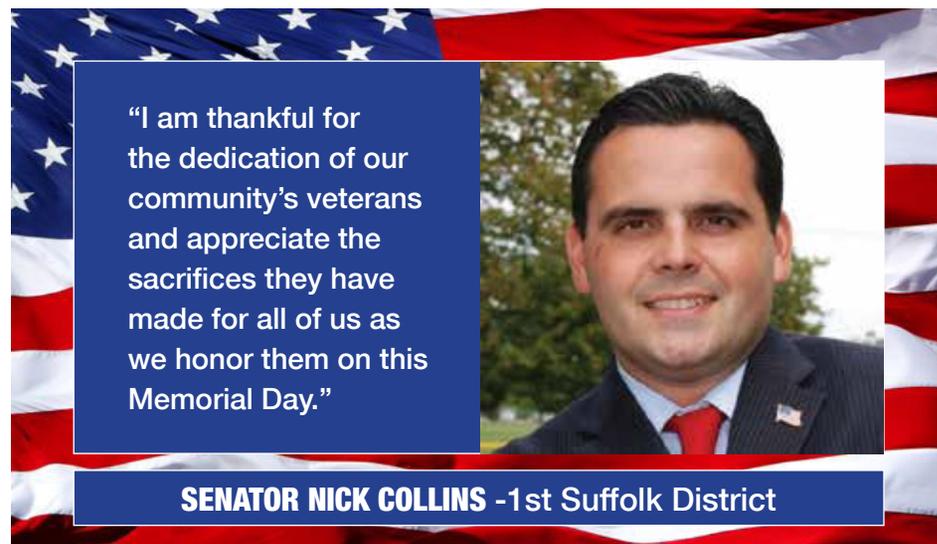
honor of the fallen. This is a combined effort of the Saunders Post, the Fitzgerald Post, the McDonough Post and the Perkins Post. These active members will be working hard to make sure that every memorial square is remembered.

Memorial Day at the Thomas Fitzgerald Post: On Memorial Day itself, this Monday, the public is invited to join with local veterans as they gather at the Fitzgerald Post on East Fourth Street. They will assemble at 9 am and march to Medal of Honor Park at M Street where they will place the ceremonial wreath at the South Boston Vietnam Memorial. Then it's back to the post for brunch. All are invited and welcome.



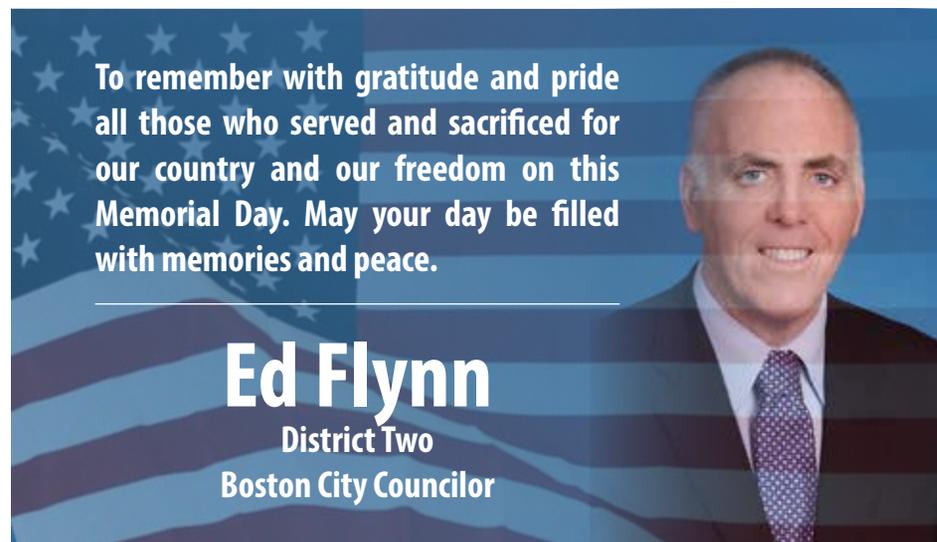
"On Memorial Day, we remember those brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. May God bless our fallen heroes and their families, and let us always remember those who served and gave their lives for us and the freedoms we enjoy."

David Biele
Candidate For
State Representative
4th Suffolk District



"I am thankful for the dedication of our community's veterans and appreciate the sacrifices they have made for all of us as we honor them on this Memorial Day."

SENATOR NICK COLLINS -1st Suffolk District



State Rep. Candidate David Biele Announces Transportation Priorities

Calls on MBTA to Perform Transportation/Traffic Study



David Biele, a candidate for State Representative for the 4th Suffolk District, this week announced his transportation priorities and called on the MBTA to perform a transportation/traffic study in South Boston. As

part of his campaign, Biele has talked about improving the efficiency and reliability of the MBTA, especially as the City of Boston continues to grow. Biele said, "As someone who relies on the MBTA for work and uses public transportation regularly, I'm aware of the issues of overcrowding on our buses and trains. I've also experienced firsthand bottlenecks along bus routes that result in gridlock on our streets with adverse impacts for both commuters and residents in our neighborhoods."

Regarding last week's meeting on bus transportation in South Boston, Biele continued, "I'm glad that the MBTA is working with the City of Boston on how to best invest in public transit in here in South Boston. I was also happy to hear

that the MBTA plans on bringing bus stops into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. I was concerned to hear that many stops are not currently handicap accessible. Public transit must be accessible for all."

On the proposal for express bus lanes on East Broadway, Biele stated, "The MBTA piloted an express bus lane in the City of Everett, with plans for the express bus lane to become permanent this year. However, each neighborhood, city and town is different. What works on a 1.3-mile straight road in Everett may not work for half that distance in South Boston, with turns along residential streets."

Biele continued, "As a community, we should push the MBTA to gather real data in South Boston through a transportation study, so the neighborhood can make informed decisions on public transit. A transportation study should look at ways to avoid bottlenecks and gridlock along Summer Street and A Street, and the utilization of East First Street to serve more residents, decrease traffic on Broadway, and avoid gridlock on Summer Street."

Biele concluded, "During this process, our goals should be to improve the efficiency and reliability of our public transportation system and ensure that any changes do not exacerbate or shift negative impacts from one neighborhood to another. Each neighborhood is different and we all need to work together to hold the MBTA accountable to get the service we deserve. That will be a top priority for me as your next State Representative."

Biele is a lifelong resident of South Boston where he has been deeply engaged with local community-based organizations. He serves as president of the Harry McDonough Sailing Center, board member of the South Boston Boys & Girls Club, and is actively involved with South Boston Special Kids and Young Adults and TEAM Mentoring Program through Catholic Charities' Labouré Center. Biele was a longtime staffer to Nick Collins in his State Representative Office, working on policy, legislation, and constituent services. He is a graduate of Boston Latin School, Boston College, and Boston College Law School.

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not only signifies the strong economic progress happening in the City of Boston, but also the fundamental building blocks of opportunity we are creating for our workforce," Massport CEO Thomas Glynn said in a statement. "We look forward to further strengthening our partnership with Omni Hotels, as we watch this project evolve into a key destination for visitors from across the state and country."

It will be the fourth largest hotel in Boston with two 20-story gleaming towers and will also have a luxury spa, elevated pool deck, fitness center and the second largest ballroom in New England. Omni Hotels & Resorts is spending "\$500,000 a key" to make it a showplace. Omni's owner Robert Rowling promised a year ago that, "When we finish with the property you're going to walk in and say 'wow.'"

But the look of the hotel is not the only wow factor, because the Omni Hotel Waterfront represents much more than the sum of its ritzy parts. It also marks an innovative approach in creating real participation for Boston's

minority and women investors.

Spurred by legislation co-authored by then Senator Linda Dorcea Fory and then Representative, now Senator Nick Collins, the Massachusetts Port Authority wove a diversity requirement into the Omni deal, which placed value on minority and women-owned firms and equitable partnerships. Specific language that insured minorities and women were in the center of the action, not sideline participants was called a "a game changer," by Richard Taylor, of the New Boston Hospitality Group, the umbrella organization formed to represent the women and minority investors.

This key element in the deal gives definitive clarity to the perpetual rhetoric of 'bringing the economic boom of the waterfront to the inner city'. The next challenge, as Senator Collins stated at the groundbreaking, is to for state government and quasi-public agencies like the MA Convention Center to make this de facto policy a key ingredient in all prospective opportunities whether commercial or retail. The success of the Omni deal goes a long way to attaining the reality of true commitment.

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Trooper says he was targeted with a campaign of retaliation for reporting a sergeant's on-shift absence from his barracks in 2014, including a frivolous disciplinary report, a fabricated workplace violence allegation and the denial of a hardship transfer to be closer to his dying father."

Globe editor Brian McGrory accused of sexual harassment by former reporter

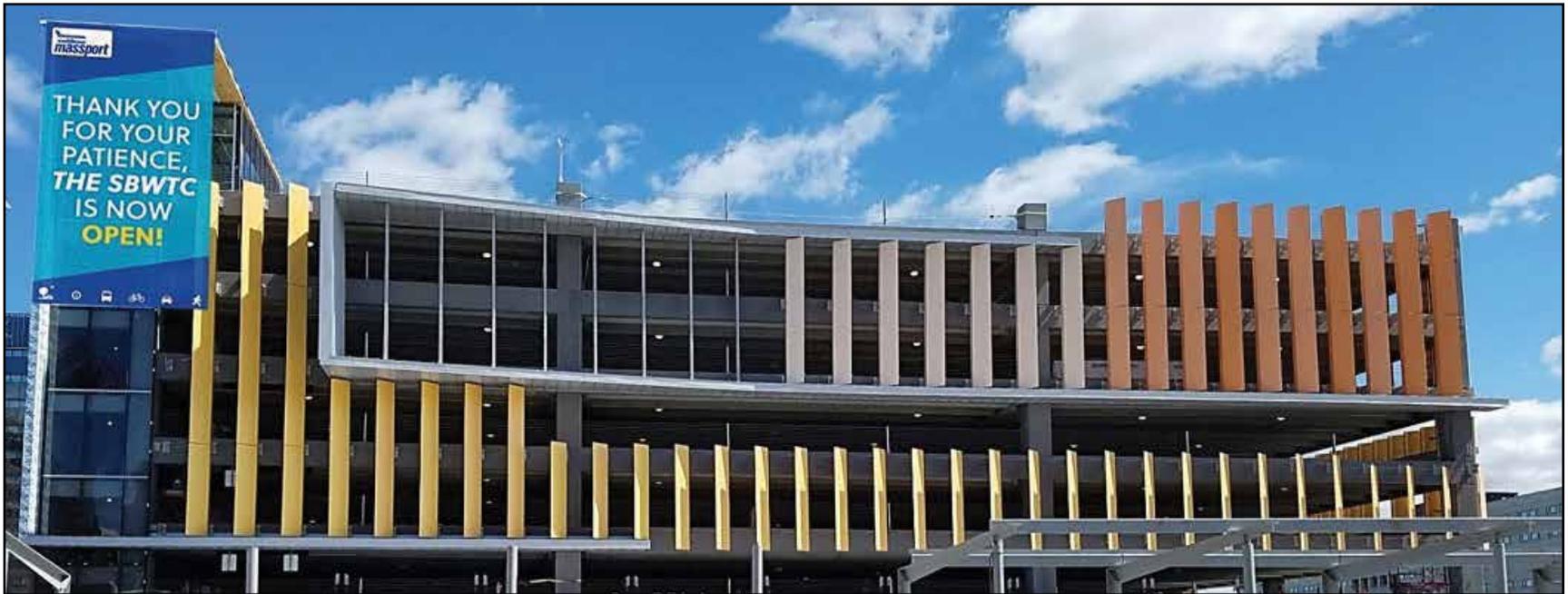
And you thought the #MeToo movement was petering out. From Jack Sullivan at Commonwealth magazine: "A former reporter for the Boston Globe is claiming Brian McGrory, the paper's current editor, sent her an unsolicited, sexually suggestive text. Hilary Sargent, who started at the Globe in 1999 as a 19-year-old intern before leaving

and being recruited back 15 years later, posted an undated text message on Twitter on Monday that she says came from McGrory. The context was unclear, but Sargent appeared to be seeking advice about a story she was writing."

Emily Rooney at WGBH cautions there are still many unknowns tied to the charge. "Regardless," she writes, "the Boston Globe cannot ignore this. A credible accusation has been levied against the editor." Rooney's piece is accompanied by a video of last night's 'Greater Boston' show in which Rooney, media critic Dan Kennedy and host Adam Reilly discuss the matter. Fyi: McGrory has declined comment and the Globe in an email statement would only say it's aware of Sargent's charge and has no further comment.

Report To The Community -

South Boston Waterfront Transportation Center is now OPEN



South Boston Waterfront Transportation Center is open for parking

Massport has opened its new South Boston Waterfront Transportation Center between D Street and World Trade Center Avenue, and added significant public parking and much-needed mobility connections to Boston's fastest growing neighborhood. The project marks a milestone in a collaborative, multi-year effort to reduce traffic congestion in the South Boston Waterfront District -- and keep more cars out of residential South Boston.

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- **Free parking for patients** of the South Boston Community Health Center clinic at Waterside Place;
- **Direct access to and from highways** to 1,550 shared public parking spaces for employees, restaurant and retail customers, and visitors designed to reduce traffic on residential streets;
- **Sustainable design** including roof top solar panels, LED lighting, and climate change resilient design features;
- **A real-time transportation information center**, ride sharing hub, Zip cars, electric vehicle charging stations, a Blue Bikes (Hubway) station, and weather-protected access to the MBTA Silver Line which will open in the coming weeks.

Revenue from the transportation center supports Massport maritime operations in the Port of Boston, the City's 6th largest employer with 7,000 jobs.

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



The Wine Guy Long Weekends

Well, we're coming into that time of the year when the long weekends and (hopefully) good weather combine to make time for family and friends even more enjoyable. A good glass of wine always come in handy; try any of the following to add to your summer enjoyment!

Banshee Rose, 2017, Mendocino, Sonoma, California, (\$23.99),

This is what Food and Wine had to say:

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This is an unusual Rose in that it has strong red wine flavor with a

white wine texture; you'll be able to enjoy it with grilled steak or salmon and everything in between.

On the French end of things, from one of Provence's top producers, comes the **2017 Chateau Routas Rosé, Provence, France, (\$18.99)**. I think you'll love it; have a chilled bottle of this Routas and enjoy a platter of assorted charcuterie, some French Picholine olives, and crusty bread with a couple of disks of Cabecou de Poitou cheese. Some days, that's all we need. If you're not hungry yet, it's a delicious apéritif, all by itself. If you're in the mood for more, the lovely ripe fruit, floral notes and perfect minerality of this Provençal treasure pairs deliciously with grilled shrimp, roast pork, fish, salads and even roast turkey! This Chateau Routas is terrific with a light meal of tarragon grilled shrimp over a composed salad. Throw on some grilled asparagus and a lemony vinaigrette and you can't go wrong. Grilled pork tenderloin with an apple-ginger chutney will bring out its fruit like a pro. If you didn't start with the delicious Cabecou de Poitou, it is a wonderful close to what will surely have been a memorable meal. **Venez nos amis! Buvons un peu de Rosé!**

Located on the Northeast coast of Spain, just north of the Portuguese border, Rías Baixas is home to the famed white grape varietal Albariño. These deliciously refreshing whites typically offer aromas of peach, apricot, and melon, backed by a steely minerality and a lean, crisp finish. It's a wine that I'll be writing more about as we go through the summer, because it's not only a value, it's also more available in the U.S. in both original Spanish and



California versions.

It's been said that people in Spain's Galicia region sometimes have oysters and wine for breakfast. If you're ever in that part of Spain, skip the toast and orange juice and go for some bivalves and an Albariño from **Palacio de Fefiñanes, (\$22.99)**. Based in the seaside town of Comados (the birthplace of Albariño), this is one of the oldest wineries of the region, and their experience shows. Made from grapes grown near the Atlantic Coast, the wine tastes of the sea and has a lovely streak of salinity. It's bright, refined, and sharply focused with a gorgeous wet-stone minerality and notes of pear, white peach, and lemon.

As I mentioned earlier, although Albarino is a white grape traditionally grown in Spain and Portugal, it's been gaining in popularity in California as a refreshing, crisp, and fragrant "alternative" varietal. It's well-suited to growing in moderate to warm climates and produces a delicious accompaniment to Mediterranean cuisine.

Vineyards in Arroyo Seco are subject to strong afternoon winds and early morning fog. These cooling influences create one of the longest growing seasons in North America, yielding grapes with fully developed flavors and bright acidity. The fruit for the **2017 Morgan Albarino, Monterey, California, (\$22.99)**, is sourced from the Mission Ranch vineyard in the Arroyo Seco AVA. Here, daytime temperatures reach the mid to upper 80's but are mitigated by fog and wind drawn south from Monterey Bay. The moderate days and cool evenings extend the growing season, resulting in fruit of superior flavor and balance. The 2017 Albarino displays a beautiful straw color with aromas of lime blossom, honeydew, and guava. On the palate, these elements are joined by flavors of lemon and lime. This is a medium-bodied white which is delicious as an aperitif, or for pairing with your favorite pasta, seafood, or grilled chicken dish.

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among them Pelosi and Schumer, have taken their party.

In response to the Texas school shooting last week, the question that bears repeating is this: If we protect our airports, sporting events and courthouses with armed guards and metal detectors, why is there so much resistance to doing the same for the nation's children in their schools?" As former US Marine Colonel Oliver North, who is the new president of the NRA stated, "if

it takes 5 metal detectors at a school then we need to put 5 metal detectors in the school".

Remove the 'Gun Free Zone' signs and replace them with trained armed guards. Make schools so called 'hardened targets'. There are many steps that can be taken to secure school buildings and protect the kids. The money is there as well as the know-how. Handwringing and pontificating about inanimate objects accomplishes nothing and the news media makes things even worse by making every one of these shooters famous.

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Councilor Flynn Chairs Stray Voltage Working Session

Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn held a Working Session last week as his City, Neighborhood Services, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee examined the issues related to recent stray voltage incidents affecting dogs in the City of Boston. These incidents include the tragic death of a dog on Southampton Street in February, a dog shocked 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.

Flynn's committee met with offi-

cial from Eversource Energy, Commissioner Christopher of Inspectional Services, Chief of Streets Chris Osgood, officials from the Public Works Department, Director Kennedy of the Animal Control Commission, and Kara Holmquist from the MSPCA. This matter will stay in committee for now as they continue to work on this issue to help reduce the likelihood of events like this from occurring in the future.

Flynn said, "In the final analysis, my committee held this Working Session as dogs and pets are members of our family too. It was very

important to me to bring experts and stakeholders to the table and discuss the issues related to stray voltage in the city more in depth. I am encouraged by the dialogue that transpired in terms of short-term and long-term steps we will be looking at related to our infrastructure, tracking these incidents, communication between the City of Boston and Eversource, and educating the public."

If residents become aware of similar incidents like this, please contact both 311 and Councilor Flynn's office at 617-635-3203 or Ed.Flynn@Boston.Gov.

Salvatore "Sal" Paterna Honored as 'Person of the Year'

South Boston Resident Shines at Annual Dinner Meeting

The Bar Association of Norfolk County (BANC) selected Clerk Magistrate at Dedham District Court Salvatore Paterna as the recipient of this year's 'Person of the Year' award. The 'Person of the Year' award is presented by the Bar Association's Council members and officers to an individual who has achieved outstanding community service in

Norfolk County.

"It's an honor to be recognized by the Bar Association of Norfolk County as the 'Person of the Year,'" said Sal Paterna. "Each and every day I manage a demanding courthouse and I make it a priority to give back to the community I serve."

The 'Person of the Year' award has been given out every year since 1988 and is presented to the

recipient during the Bar Association of Norfolk County's annual dinner meeting in May.

Sal Paterna is a South Boston resident with over 30 years of experience in the criminal justice system. Paterna began his career as a probation officer before being promoted to assistant chief probation officer. He has served in his current role as Clerk Magistrate of Dedham District Court since 1987. Paterna received his Bachelor's and

Master's degrees from the University of Massachusetts at Boston.

Paterna had a wide range of community involvement serving as the Trustee of St. Joseph's Society, North end, Boston; Past Member of the North End Neighborhood Council FL78; Past Member of the L Street Handball-Racquetball Club; 5-time New England Handball Champion as well as a 40-time State Racquetball Champion.



(Left to Right) (Photo Credit: Amy Kelly Photography): Robert Harnais, President of the Bar Association of Norfolk County; Salvatore Paterna, Clerk Magistrate at Dedham District Court; E. Pamela Salpoglou, Esq., President-Elect of the Bar Association of Norfolk County



(Photo Credit: Amy Kelly Photography): Salvatore Paterna, Clerk Magistrate at Dedham District Court

Ray Flynn Honored for Lifetime Service To Youth

By Brian P Wallace

On June 25th the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) will honor Ambassador and Mayor Raymond L. Flynn with the Lifetime Humanitarian Award at Gillette Stadium. Also being honored that night, along with Ray Flynn, will be Jerry Remy, Mike Eruzione, Tony Conigliaro, Dick Jauron, Matt Haselbeck and Sarah Behn. They are some of the greatest athletes ever to grow up in Massachusetts and to leave their mark on the baseball diamond, the Olympic ice, women's basketball, and the NFL.

Ray Flynn who was an All-American basketball player at Providence and was the last person cut by the Celtics in 1965, the MIAA stated in their press release, They went on, he then spent his life in support of youth, and youth at risk, all over the world. It is fitting that Ray Flynn is awarded by his peers not only for his basketball prowess but for those he helped along the way.

A lot of people don't know just how much Ray Flynn has done, while he was in office and before he was elected, to help others of all races and socioeconomic levels. In 1965 Ray began the first summer league basketball program at M Street Park for those 18 and under. A few years later he took on the mantle of softball Commissioner on the other half of M Street Park. He did this while working full time as a Probation Officer. The summer basketball program caught the eye of an NBA ref from Boston named Kenny Hudson and the concept spread throughout the city and was called the BNBL. A few years later

Ray introduced the Ray Flynn Basketball Tournament and teams from all over Boston competed. Ray knew the importance of sports in society and many of those players in the Ray Flynn Tourney became lifelong friends.

As an elected official he continued to advocate for boys and girls throughout the city. In 1974, the city was on edge, as the forced busing program was about to be implemented. In late August there were riots expected to take place on Carson Beach. Ray ran a program called Southie Day at Marine Park to keep the kids away from Carson Beach and maybe head off the violence that was predicted. It worked. It worked so well in fact that Southie Day became a summer staple for the next twenty years.

When Ray was elected Mayor, the city was a powderkeg ready to explode. The hottest spot was at a place called Wainwright Park where black kids and white kids were at each other's throats, because there was only one basketball court that they both wanted to use. Ray went over to the park and met with both sides and hammered out a deal and set a celebrity basketball game at the park in which both black and white kids would play together on the same team against celebrities like Dave Cowens, Kevin Stacom, Carl Weathers, who played Apollo Creed in Rocky and many more. He also had a state of the art outdoor hockey rink built in the park and soon that flame that was about to ignite was put out.

In his second year as Mayor, he started the BHA Unity Days where his idea of bringing celebrities together for a game of basketball against an All-Star team from each BHA Development across the city. He added a free concert and a cook-out after each basketball game. He did that, every Friday night, Saturday and Sunday, for eight straight years. He brought in name groups like the Platters, the Temptations, Herman's Hermits and many more. I had a little black girl say to me, "I ain't never had a Mayor cook me a cheeseburger before." Those long,

hot eight years made a difference in the city. It showed that somebody in authority cared and could score thirty points on any given night against them. It certainly made a difference with that little girl who got her cheeseburger directly from the Mayor of Boston.

I left the Flynn Administration for two years to help build a new Boys and Girls Club in South Boston in 1990. Ray called me and said, "can you use some tickets for the New Kids on the Block concert in Foxboro?" At that time they were one of, if not, the most popular groups in the world. Almost every kid who walked through those same Club doors that Ray and I walked through as kids, had on something that depicted the New Kids on their

shirt or hat. "How many?" I asked. "Tommy McIntyre," who was Joe's father, "gave me a hundred. I was blown away. 'I'll take them,'" I smiled. We got two buses and had shirts that read "Club Kids love the New Kids" and 100 kids went to the concert. For most it was their first concert and maybe their last, but again it showed them a different side of the world and that someone cared. Many tell me that they still have their shirts.

So, yeah, I think Ray Flynn deserves the MIAA Humanitarian Award and much more. He changed so many young kids lives it is unfathomable to count. And, oh yeah, he is the only Boston Mayor to run the Boston Marathon. Not a bad career, on and off the court. Thanks Ray.





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Do Something With Your Summer - Play BASEBALL



The South Boston Senior Babe Ruth will be holding its first team practice and final tryout on Tuesday May 29th. It will take place on Fitzgerald field in Moakley Park. It's the last chance to make the team as the season is about to begin.

You must be 16 as of May 1 and you may also play if you turned 19 this year. There is a small fee, if you make the team. This is a travel team that plays into late July. You must live in South Boston or the northern edge of Dorchester that borders Southie. 16 yr olds that are in the regular Babe Ruth can play both.

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

The G.O.A.T. is in better shape that teammates half his age. He knows the playbook inside and out. Is he really obligated to attend OTAs (organized team activities) and forced to avoid or answer 'nitwit' questions from first string writers, who were no more than second string players in high school or consider playing slow pitch softball games or refereeing Pop Warner football as evidence of their qualifications. We'd venture that the last time some of them actually broke a sweat was bending over tying their oxfords.

Daily publications including the New York Post reported that Robert Kraft heard the concerns about Tom Brady's absence from Patriots OTAs, and wanted to alleviate them. "I've been in communication with Tom," Kraft told reporters at the NFL Spring League Meeting in Atlanta. "I think he's very excited about the upcoming season. These are voluntary workouts. I heard he's in great shape." Kraft gave cover to Brady, who has spent OTAs training at his own TB12 Sports Therapy Center, instead of with the team. He also provided some cover to Patriots coach Bill Belichick, who



refused to comment on the absences of Brady and Rob Gronkowski on Tuesday.

Brady is expected to be at Patriots minicamp on June 5, where attendance is mandatory. For now, though, Kraft doesn't seem to have any problems with the 40-year-old star being away from the team. "I was thinking back to when he joined us, where he's blessed to have three children now and he's built a number of businesses and has certain responsibilities," Kraft said. "I think it's very hard for him to fulfill those during the season and the commitment that he has to football."

In other words, Brady doesn't have to live his life exclusively for the benefit of the New England Patriots fans or even his teammates this early in the preparation for football season. It's baseball season for 'cryin' out loud'. Add to that the insufferably long playoffs of the NBA and NHL and the armchair quarterbacks have plenty to write about.

Special \$10 Summer Weekend Commuter Rail Fare Begins Next Month

\$10 all-weekend fare valid on all commuter rail lines and all zones

The MBTA announces a special \$10 summer weekend fare on the Commuter Rail, valid for unlimited travel through all zones on Saturdays and Sundays beginning June 9. This pilot program will be offered every weekend through September 2.

"We look forward to testing this pilot program as we work to determine if there is an untapped market for weekend commuter rail service," said MBTA General Manager Luis Manuel Ramírez. "There is plenty of capacity on our weekend trains, and we'd be happy to fill those seats with families and others traveling in and out of Boston this summer."

"We're pleased with the progress of the Keolis-MBTA marketing initiative because it's helping to further improve the passenger experience on Commuter Rail and allows us to test new concepts like this," said David Scorey, General Manager and CEO, Keolis, the MBTA's Commuter Rail operating partner. "Weekend service typically has available seats on trains already scheduled to run, which can be filled to reduce traffic and drive down greenhouse gas emissions. With this special fare, our goal is to offer a price that is highly competitive with the cost of driving and parking, and we look forward to seeing the results of this pilot."

Beginning Saturday, June 9, the \$10 weekend fare will be valid for all Commuter Rail zones from

the first scheduled Saturday trip through the last scheduled Sunday trip. The \$10 fare will be available on mTicket, onboard trains, and at ticket windows at North, South, and Back Bay Stations. The special fare applies to customers age 12 and above; paying adults can bring two children under 12 for free.

Unlike weekdays, weekend Commuter Rail service is not in high demand. This \$10 summer weekend fare is a pilot program designed to test the market and encourage people to try Commuter Rail service on weekends when ample seating is available. During the summer pilot, MBTA staff hopes to learn more about weekend Commuter Rail ridership demand, receive customer feedback, and evaluate the pilot's impact on overall ridership and revenue balance through data collected from mTicket and retail windows.

With the exception of the Cape-Flyer, operated through a partnership with the Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority, this pilot applies to all MBTA Commuter Rail services.

In July 2017, the MBTA and Keolis expanded their partnership to include a marketing and ridership initiative, the first of its kind in the United States. It encourages investment through a revenue-sharing agreement to grow commuter rail ridership, particularly on under-utilized trains, and the deployment of technologies that help to improve the passenger experience.



South Boston Jr. ROTC Awards Ceremony *In A Word - "Impressive"*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Living in the city, especially in South Boston, there always seems to be events taking place where crowds gather to congratulate groups and or individuals for their service in the pursuit of

helping others and for doing good work. And so, it was last week as people flocked to the Dorchester Heights Monument to be part of and to witness a very special ceremony to honor some impressive young men and women and proud Americans, the members of the South Boston Knights JROTC Cadets from South Boston/Excel High School. The official title of the event was the South Boston Jr. ROTC Awards Ceremony and Dinner.

Last Thursday was a beautiful sunny day in May and as the crowd began arriving on 'The Heights', the ceremonial music was playing to add that feeling of patriotic spirit that is a given at gatherings such as this. As the spectators and honored guests took their seats, Cadet Major Louis Pires, Master of Ceremonies, stepped to the microphone and welcomed all to the 'Knights Battalion Awards

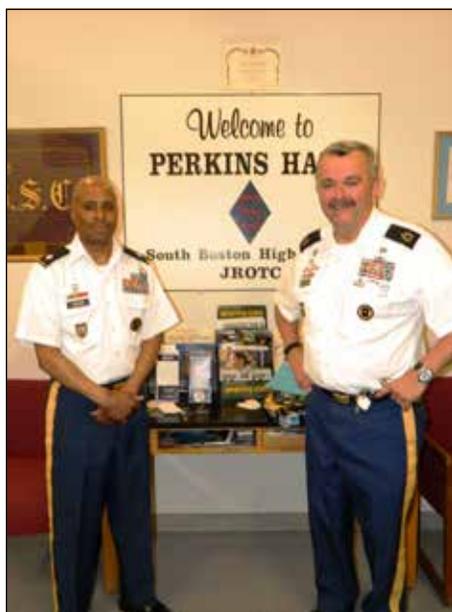
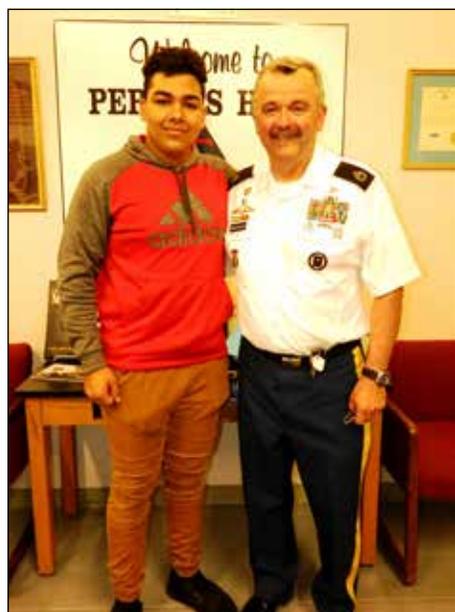
Ceremony at historic Dorchester Heights. Cadet Major Pires then asked all to stand for the National Anthem and everyone in attendance respectfully did so. The National Anthem was then followed by the playing of the hymn of each branch of the United States Armed Services.

After the playing of the Anthem and Armed Services songs, a man who is well known to the South Boston community for the great work he has been doing, LTC Anthony Hinson, the senior army Instructor for the Jr. ROTC program was invited to the podium to speak and then, along with South Boston/Excel High School Headmaster Renee McCall, began presenting the awards to the cadets. The awards were many. All of them were well deserved and from some of the most prestigious military and non-military groups in the United States. It was

apparent just how highly respected this Jr. ROTC battalion is when awards are given to them by the following organizations:

The Department of the Army, The 82nd Airborne Association, 101st Airborne Division Association, Special Forces Association, Association of the United States Army (AUSA), Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), Jewish War Veterans of USA, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, American Legion, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, Military Family Support Trust, US Army Recruiting Command, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Reserve Officers Association, Warrant Officers **continued on page 14**





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Association of America, National Society of the Daughters of 1812, Non Commissioned Officers Association, The Retired Enlisted As-

sociation, Military Order of Foreign Wars, National Sojourners and the Marine Corps Scholastic and Physical Fitness Award.
Among the categories, awards

were presented for; Superior Jr. ROTC Cadets, Distinguished Cadets, Leadership Excellence, Academic Excellence, Marksmanship and Physical Fitness and were

presented to members of the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes at the high school's Jr. ROTC program.
This formal presentation and cere-



many highlighted the hard work and dedication that each and every cadet in the Knights Battalion has put in during their time serving in the program. Those in the crowd of specta-

tors, as well as the honored guests, could not help but be moved by the military precision that the event and every participant conducted themselves with. These cadets made the

veterans in the crowd proud by the manner in which they carried themselves throughout the day.

The formal ceremony ended with members of the crowd com-

ing to their feet as the United States Army Hymn played. At the completion of the song, all were invited into the high school for
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dinner and refreshments which topped off a perfect day.

The cadet members of the South Boston Knights Excel Jr. ROTC program and their officers can be proud of themselves. They are always prepared to take part and

assist in neighborhood projects and causes and do so with all the professionalism of the members America's magnificent regular armed forces. They always display kindness, caring and competence when dealing with the public and are consistently eager to help in whichever way they can.

The applause and cheers they receive when they march in the St. Patrick's Day and Veterans Day parades and all the other neighborhood events that they are called upon to be part of is, without a doubt, well earned by the great work they do and the duties they perform. These young men and

women in the Jr. ROTC program can be accurately described with the following words: Dedicated, Professional, Focused, Patriotic and in every way Impressive. With young people such as these, America's future looks bright indeed. They deserve very special praise.