



## Nurses Say Hospitals Can Afford Staffing Requirements

By Chris Triunfo  
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

Hospitals campaigning against patient limits for nurses are making false claims about their ability to afford patient care limits, according to nurses, who traveled to the headquarters of one of the state's largest care providers to make their point on Tuesday.

Nurses from the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA), along with members from the Teamsters, drew attention to a Partners Health Care facility, estimating its cost at

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# EDITORIAL

## Big Hearts In Small Packages

South Boston has always been a place where volunteerism is the norm among so many of our residents. Whether coaching youth sports teams, tutoring those who need that extra boost to put someone over the top to pass that important test, helping out at a senior center or organizing a bake sale at one of our local churches, South Bostonians are famous for showing up, rolling up their sleeves and going to work to help so many worthy causes.

In our neighborhood, volunteers come in all ages and the recent drive to col-

lect needed school supplies for children, who may not be able to get what they need to be properly prepared for the challenging year ahead confirmed once again that the biggest hearts sometimes come in the smallest packages. For the 2nd year in a row, young Ronan Manning with his sister Keira Manning organized the school supply drive and along with an enthusiastic team of helpers, made it a big success.

Ronan, Keira and all those involved in this wonderful effort can be proud of themselves for their thoughtfulness and concern on behalf of



others. They worked long and hard to make sure that kids would have what was needed

to succeed in this upcoming school year. They also need to know that not only have

they done a great job, but they have made their community proud of them once again

*“There is no right not to be offended” – Mick Hume*

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## *Is Showing The Flag And Anthem Too Pro American For ESPN?*

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**S**o, ESPN has joined the NFL hierarchy and taken the coward's way out. Or maybe not. Maybe the fading sports broadcast network is doing exactly what they want to do.

It was reported that now, because of the controversy that continues this year by a certain group of spoiled and pampered NFL players, who will once again beg for attention this year and kneel during our National Anthem, that ESPN will no longer show the Anthem being played during Monday Night Football games. This is, according to one spokesperson there, an effort to put to rest an issue that is infuriating millions of fans. And yet, knowing full well and proven by countless surveys, that the overwhelming number of fans don't like it when the players kneel, wouldn't it make more sense to show the Anthem being sung and the flag waving in the breeze and just not show the kneeling players? Yes, it would. But judging by ESPN's recent statements and actions, I'd say doing it that way would be too pro-American/too patriotic for those in charge of the network.

Let's be clear, it's not all the players out there making asses of themselves. It's now just a small percentage. But let's also be clear on this point as well. The protestors' defenders and apologists are just spewing bull when they insist that the kneelers are not really disrespecting the flag, the military, the Anthem, the police and the country in general. Yes, that is exactly what they are doing. That is the message they want to send. It's why they are doing it and everyone knows it.

They are not demonstrating against 'social injustice' and 'oppression' and these overpaid and over sized children are certainly not oppressed.

Roger Goodell and the rest of those who control the NFL said they would ban and fine the kneelers. But a little pushback from the news media and liberal activists sent them scurrying for cover and they backed right down. I repeat, they are cowards. But it seems to be much more than that now. Something else is going on in the opinion of a growing number of the NFL's deserting fans. There seems to be an organized effort, by slow attrition, to phase out the pro-American and patriotic traditions that have always been associated with professional football. And by ESPN's recent announcement that they will no longer show the Anthem prior to kickoff, these two once mighty and highly respected organizations appear to be working hand in hand in the effort.

Gazing over at the West Coast, called now by many as the 'Left Coast', I like focusing in on the latest screwball laws to be proposed in California, because it brings a bit of comfort to know that Massachusetts isn't the only state with whacky politicians always looking for new ways to chip away at the individual rights of its citizens. It must be tough to own or operate a restaurant in California these days. Last week, it was announced that in some locations, the government will pass out clean hypodermic needles to make it easier to shoot heroin, but you could be looking at jail time if you supply plastic straws to sip on a milk shake. Well, ap-

parently in an effort to outdo itself every week, the state legislature there, with the blessing of Governor Jerry 'Moonbeam' Brown, who is just itching to sign yet a new nutty proposal into law, if a family brings their children into a restaurant, they will only be allowed to be served water or unflavored milk. No soda, no fruit juice, no lemonade and no punch. Just water or unflavored milk. Is there anything 'progressive' politicians won't try

to control? Now, they will have the right to tell parents what their kids can and cannot drink while dining out. Liberal California politicians are on a fast track towards total domination of the personal lives of the public. Adolph Hitler would be envious. It's just one reason Californians are moving out by the hundreds of thousands. They want to live in a free America and California no longer qualifies and hasn't for quite a while.

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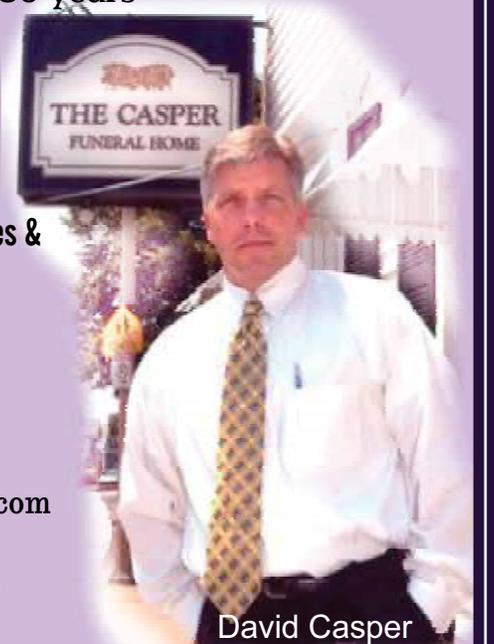
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## Window Into The State House

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.

### *For those hoping for a blue tsunami this fall: It's still the economy, stupid*

The Globe's Evan Horowitz notes that, sure, Democrats are all pumped about a blue wave sweeping aside Republicans in this fall's Congressional midterm elections. But he takes a look at the historical data and concludes that it's going to be mighty hard to dislodge large numbers of Republicans with the economy as strong as it is right now.

### *So how the heck might a federal judge rule in a big ICE case?*

This is an odd one: A print version of a Globe story this morning on a major ICE case sure makes it sound like U.S. Judge Mark Wolf is poised to crack down on the feds for arresting immigrants showing up for scheduled visits at government offices. But in the online version of the story, also by Maria Cramer, Wolf sure sounds like he's ready to rule in favor of ICE.

Anyway, here's coverage of the same court hearing in Boston on Monday, via the Herald's Marie Szaniszló: "A federal judge in Boston yesterday suggested Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents seeking to deport undocumented immigrants

married to U.S. citizens may have a duty to take into account whether they have begun the process of applying for a green card." Maybe we should flip a coin on how Wolf might rule – or perhaps wait until he makes an actual ruling?

### *At least Worcester gets to keep the keys to the new baseball stadium ...*

Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine takes a closer look at the financial details of the tentative deal that would bring the Pawtucket Red Sox to Worcester. The minor league team will indeed be paying \$36 million to Worcester over 30 years. But that only covers just over one-third the cost of building a new stadium. Check out this graf from Bruce:

"The city will own the stadium, but the ball club will operate it and retain all the revenues, including ticket fees, concessions, liquor sales, branding rights, premium seat sales, broadcast rights, merchandise sales, and naming rights. Advertising revenues at the stadium will go to the club, while off-site advertising will be split 50-50 with the city. The club has already negotiated a naming rights deal with Polar Beverages of Worcester for an undisclosed sum."

Btw: Economists are divided on the potential impact of the stadium

deal on Worcester, according to a report at the Telegram.

### *As MGM opens, Connecticut tribes prepare to start construction on nearby casino*

Enjoy it while it lasts. That seems to be the message coming from Connecticut casino operators to MGM Springfield about the brief competition-free environment the casino will enjoy when it opens later this week. Jim Kinney of MassLive reports the tribes that operate Foxwoods and Mohegan Sun plan to break ground on a joint venture casino in East Windsor—just a short drive down the highway from Springfield—sometime this fall.

### *Pouncing on anything nice Warren may say about them ...*

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren is so popular among Democratic voters that Secretary of State Bill Galvin and City Councilor Josh Zakim, battling it out in the Dem primary for secretary of state, seem to be bending the truth a bit when it comes to suggesting that Warren has endorsed their respective candidacies. In fact, Warren has issued no endorsements in the race. The Globe's Milton Valencia has the details.

Fyi: Valencia also has two other

stories – one on Galvin and the other on Zakim – as they politically duel for the party's nomination.

### *'Clearly the winner in the best television ad contest': John Kingston's Warren look-alike spoof*

Speaking of Elizabeth Warren: Peter Lucas, in a Lowell Sun column assessing the GOP candidates for U.S. Senate, thinks Republican John Kingston's TV ad, featuring a look-alike Elizabeth Warren packing her bags for another out-of-state political trip, is "clearly the winner in the best television ad contest of the 2018 Massachusetts primary election." We got to admit: It's pretty damn funny. Whether it does Kingston any good in the primary is another matter.

### *Many AirBnB Hosts Are Seniors*

Senior discount: Boston may be tightening the reins on short-term rentals but the senior citizens of the city are going to make hay while the sun is still shining.

The number of seniors in MA who rent out their homes through the website grew 40 percent last year, Airbnb said in a report. Not only that, seniors are the fastest-growing demographic of Airbnb hosts, growing 45 percent year.

In Mass., older adults make up almost a quarter (22%) of all Airbnb hosts. Why not? \$8,000 in annual passive income is not a bad deal at all. Read: The Number Of Mass. Seniors Renting Homes Through Airbnb Grew 40 Percent In 2017

### *Jet Blue Promotion*

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## State Senator Nick Collins Hosting Local Office Hours

Senator Collins will be at the South Boston Branch Public Library, 646 East Broadway, South Boston on Friday, August 24, 2018 from 2:00pm until 5:00pm.

Please stop in and speak with the Senator about your neighborhood, give feedback and suggestions



about what is important to you as an individual or as a community or just say hello.

If you are unable to attend, you

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# Report On Safer Transportation Plans And Actions



**Dear Neighbors,**

As South Boston has grown with new residents and a larger workforce on the South Boston Waterfront, it is important to know what your elected leaders have done to address the need for safer and more reliable transportation across South Boston.

Since I joined the legislature in 2010, and as I continue to serve you in the State Senate, safe and reliable transportation has been a top priority for me. It is important

that all of South Boston is included when transportation infrastructure and safety improvements are made.

In 2014, at the request of the community and your elected officials, the South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan (SBWSTP) was conducted. A working group consisting of members from MassDOT Highway Division, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (MCCA), Massport, the City of Boston, the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA), the MBTA, and A Better City began to hold public meetings to formulate a plan to invest in all neighborhoods of South Boston impacted by the growth of the South Boston Waterfront.

To support these investments, the Legislature approved \$25million of state capital funds to be used on infrastructure and safety improvements, taking into account the recommendations of the SBWTP published in January of 2015.

This work is ongoing, with some projects currently underway and others planned in the future. Here is a brief overview of some of the projects that have been completed or are currently underway:

- Additional bus trips began in 2017 for the MBTA #7 and #9 routes
- MBTA City Point Buss Shelter: Conversion of the City Point Bus Layover Facility on East First Street to allow for passenger pick up and drop off. A passenger platform was added to sidewalks for access as well as additional benches and much needed lighting.
- Day Boulevard Pedestrian Road Safety Improvements: A Roadway Safety Audit of Day Blvd. was recently conducted and site work for new signals, speed mitigation measures and safety improvements is currently underway.
- Pedestrian bridge repairs along Old Colony Avenue connecting residents safely from the Maryellen McCormack Housing Devel-

opment to Moakley Park. Some projects that are currently being financed under the SBWSTP plan:

- Day Boulevard Pedestrian Road Safety Improvements.
- Bypass Road Passenger Vehicle Pilot: This program is expected to limit cut through traffic throughout all of South Boston. This pilot is a follow up to a previous 6 month pilot program conducted in 2016 and will last a year to gather more robust data on the use of passenger vehicles and congestion on the Haul Road.
- Cypher and E Street: Beginning stages of designing extension of Cypher Street between D Street and E Street to Summer Street for commercial use to take trucks and commercial vehicles off West First & West Second Streets is underway.
- Summer Street Reconstruction: Reconstruction of sidewalks in the Fort Point section of South Boston is currently underway. This goal of this project is to improve pedestrian access and safety on Summer Street between Melcher and A Streets. This

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# Mayor Announces Next Step To Community Choice Aggregation



Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced the City of Boston will issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on August 27 for submissions from consulting firms to assist the City's development, implementation, and administration, of a municipal electricity aggregation program. Submissions to the RFQ are due on October 10, 2018.

"This is a big step toward rolling out Community Choice Aggregation because it will provide the expertise we need to get it done," said Mayor Walsh. "We still need to make smart decisions on how to shape a program that's best for Boston residents and can deliver on our commitment to clean energy."

Community Choice Aggregation enables cities and towns to aggregate the buying power of individual electricity customers in their communities. Under a municipal aggregation program, cit-

ies and towns can automatically enroll residents who receive default electricity service from their utilities into a single, bulk buying group and may require a greater percentage of renewable energy content than the mandatory percentage set by the Massachusetts Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS).

"Community Choice Aggregation is an important contribution to reducing Boston's carbon emissions," said Chief of Environment, Energy and Open Space Chris Cook. "We're excited to move ahead with the process and develop a program that can benefit the environment and most importantly our residents."

The City is required to follow the steps toward a municipal aggregation as laid out by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), working in consultation with DOER and the selected consultant to prepare a plan and provide an opportunity for citizen review. In addition, the City will convene a community advisory committee which will inform the proposed plan and guide implementation. Once the program is approved by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities, the City will be able to begin implementation of the program.

Earlier this year, the City's Environment Department issued a Request for Information (RFI) on how to develop and manage a municipal electricity aggregation program. The information obtained will continue to inform the development of the program. Mayor Walsh invested in the implementation of Community Choice Aggregation in the City's Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) budget.

## ABOUT BOSTON'S CLIMATE INITIATIVES

Boston is taking bold action on climate to become a carbon neutral, climate ready city as outlined in its updated Climate Action Plan. Boston's Climate Action Plan serves as Boston's roadmap for reaching its goals of reducing carbon emissions and preparing for the impacts of climate change. The goals are supported by Imagine Boston 2030, the first citywide plan in 50 years, that helps to ensure that climate plays a role in aspects of city planning.

The city's current climate initiatives are laying the groundwork to advance its climate goals and to accelerate progress. Carbon Free Boston is analyzing the options and pathways to achieve deep decarbonization. The initiative is weighing the costs and benefits of technologies and policies across key action

areas including electric power, buildings, transportation, and waste. As part of this effort, Zero Waste Boston is exploring pathways to turn Boston into a zero waste city through planning, policy, and community engagement.

Climate Ready Boston is strengthening Boston's climate change resilience with near- and long-term planning. It is actively advancing Boston's vision of a resilient city through a comprehensive citywide vulnerability study, a community outreach program, and neighborhood-level implementation projects, including the installation of a flood wall in one of Boston's most flood-prone neighborhood.

Earlier this summer, Mayor Walsh hosted the International Mayors Climate Summit in Boston for mayors from across the country and around the world to discuss actions taken by cities to address climate change. At the Summit, Mayor Walsh announced a new multi-city initiative that could lead to the development of large-scale renewable energy projects. Through the new initiative, the City recently called on developers to share information about projects that would support the energy demand of 20 U.S. cities, totaling nearly 5.7 terawatt-hours.

# Letter to the Editor

I'm writing today to ask my South Boston friends and neighbors to join me in supporting Matt Rusteika for State Representative on Tuesday, September 4.

During my forty-year career in public service, including 20 years as Director of the Mayor's 24-Hour Service and 10 years as the City's Election Commissioner, I learned a thing or two about what it takes to get things done in government. It takes experience, but also the willingness to learn. It takes determination, because the public sector is often inefficient, and it doesn't have to be. And finally, it takes a good nature, because at the end of the day, it's about serving people!

Many of you have met Matt Rusteika by now, and you know he possesses these attributes. He always has a ready smile and a kind word. He also doesn't pretend to know all the answers—he wants to learn from the people around him. And he has spent his career carrying out multi-million-dollar public projects that have made a real impact on our pocketbooks and quality of life.

Most importantly, Matt is not beholden to anybody except the electorate. He will listen to you, learn from you, and work tirelessly for you! We need his combination of experience, empathy, and humility. I hope you will join me in voting for Matt Rusteika on Tuesday, September 4.

Gerry Cuddyer



# David Biele Says Latest Proposal for Edison Comes Up Short



**T**he redevelopment of the Edison Power Station at L Street is not acceptable in at least three aspects.

The initial proposal called for the development of 15 acres, including 1,588 units of housing with 987 parking spaces and heights reaching 220 feet. At numerous public meetings, the community brought up issues surrounding height, density, parking, and what the volume of new residents means for our public transit. I do not believe that the newest proposal goes far enough in addressing those concerns.

For example, the newest proposal includes 1,344 units with 1,397 parking spaces and heights reaching 206 feet. These are small concessions that do not go far enough to address the numerous concerns that were repeatedly raised regarding height and density.

As a resident and having heard from many of my fellow residents during meetings over the last several years, it is clear that 1,344 residential units are still too many. I

will push to scale back this number. Many of our neighbors have shared their concern about whether hotels really belong in City Point or whether they belong closer to the Convention Center. Finally, given the size and density still being proposed, transportation safety and reliability issues would have to be addressed with a community-wide transportation study and plan.

As your State Representative, if the community doesn't want hotels at this site, I will sponsor legislation that would reinstate the hotel prohibition, to include south of the Reserve Channel, to protect residential South Boston. In addition, I will work with the South Boston elected delegation to ensure that city and state planning and transportation agencies adopt and implement plans and policies that are driven by the community and benefits the residents, not developers.

Public-private partnerships can work as long as the public's interest is the top priority. That's what I will be fighting for as your next State Representative.

## First Responders Endorse Mark Rooney for Governor's Council



**L**ifelong South Boston resident Mark Rooney has received endorsements from three major groups of First Responders in Boston. The Boston Police Patrolmen's Association president Michael Leary released a statement urging voters to support Rooney in his run for Governor's Council. Boston Professional Fire Fighters Local 718 also weighed in for Rooney, as well as the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts.

Rooney is well known in his work in the South Boston community, pitching in at the South Boston

Neighborhood House, and Boston Green Academy, with close to twenty years coaching South Boston Youth soccer, Mark is a member of the Children's Advocacy network, and has annually participated in the Eversource Walk for Boston Children's Hospital, raising almost \$10,000 over the past seven years.

As a candidate for for the Fourth District Governor's Council Mark supports reforming the bail system to required judges to consider defendant's prior acts of violence when considering bail to make sentencing commensurate with the crimes committed. As the father of three children, Mark cares greatly for safety of citizens in the District four communities, and takes serious his role in the advice and consent on the Governor's nominations and appointments.

For further information on the Campaign to Elect Mark Rooney - [www.VoteMarkRooney.com](http://www.VoteMarkRooney.com)



State Senator Nick Collins and District Two Boston City Councilor Ed Flynn proudly endorse Mark Rooney for Governor's Council.



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Mark will keep the safety of our communities in mind when considering judicial appointments.

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# The Wine Guy

## Way, Way Down South

I was recently asked by someone at a wine tasting what the major difference was between wines from California and Chile/Argentina; I replied, “that’s an easy one - cost!”

It’s true. As technology has created a “convergence” in so many areas, so it has also in the global wine business, positively affecting flavor, yield, time to market and many other key factors. Today more than ever before, Chilean and Argentine wines are not only keeping price pressure on much of the west coast wines of the U.S., they are also increasingly producing high-quality wines that are presently very strong values for the money.

A great example is the 2014 Lapostolle Cabernet Sauvignon, Cuvee Alexandre, Colchagua Valley, Chile, (\$19.99). The Apalta Vineyard is the gem of the Lapostolle estate in Chile’s Colchagua Valley. It’s where they source the fruit for one of Chile’s greatest wines, Clos Apalta. The Cuvee Alexandre Cabernet is also sourced from this extraordinary

vineyard. Surrounded on three sides by hills and a river on the fourth side it has its own unique microclimate. Planted back in 1920 it also has deeply rooted grapevines averaging 60 years old. The Cabernet grapes for this wine come from an old block of Cabernet planted in 1920 with high density that provides low yields of less than 2 tons per acre and grapes with deep, complex flavors. It’s also certified organic and biodynamic. The grapes are 100% hand harvested with strict fruit selection. All fermentation is done with wild yeast in 20% new French oak barrels, where the wine stays, aging up to 10 months. There is no stabilization, no clarification and a very light filtration prior to bottling. This is very big wine for the money.

On the other side of the Andes, in Argentina, the number of high quality wines are also growing, and a great example is Cadus, Vista Flores Appellation Chardonnay, 2016, (\$15.99). This is a new winery which has been recently bought by the Nieto Group, one of the country’s most successful wine producers. Vista Flores is situated in the Uco Valley where Santiago Mayorga, their Chief Winemaker, has access to some of the best vineyard sites in Mendoza. The focus is on small productions of high quality wines. From the high-altitude Vista Flores vineyards, it has aromas of citrus and stoney minerality. On the palate, its minerality really shines through with a defined steely character combined with lemon and green apple fruit. A clean, textured finish is distinctively balanced by fresh acidity. In short, the structure and quality of a \$25-35.00 bottle of California



Chardonnay at a steep discount.

Catena Alta Malbec, 2015, Mendoza Argentina, (\$44.99), is frequently compared to some of the premier growths from Bordeaux and with good reason. Catena Alta Malbec 2015 shows a deep violet color, with blue reflections. The nose is elegant and complex with ripe red and blackberry fruits, notes of violets and lavender and a touch of leather, spice and vanilla flavors. The palate is full and rich with soft and sweet tannins and a silky, smooth structure. Multiple layers of rich cassis, blackcurrant and blackberries are interwoven with hints of licorice and black pepper. Its lengthy finish is marked by wonderful minerality, finely grained tannins and lively acidity with a touch of leather, spice and vanilla flavors. The palate is full and rich with soft and sweet tannins and a silky, smooth structure. Huge body and structure for the money.

Montes Folly Syrah, 2015, Central Valley, Chile, (\$45.99), has a strong deep ruby red color. In the nose, the wine is both very intense and elegant with lively blackberries, blueberries and plums with hints of chocolate aromas. On the palate, the wine is layered and dense, showing exceptional complexity and structure, while blackberry, boysenberry, mocha and espresso flavors are supported by velvety and powerful tannins followed by a very long finish. This beauty is a natural with any meat-rib eye steak, lamb, venison, baby back pork ribs or Filet Mignon. Montes Folly art is designed by acclaimed illustrator Ralph Steadman and is considered a collector’s item as his paintings change at every available vintage. Another thing that’s also changing is the quality and elegance—it’s getting better every year!

Talk to The Wine Guy at [jdris8888@gmail.com](mailto:jdris8888@gmail.com)

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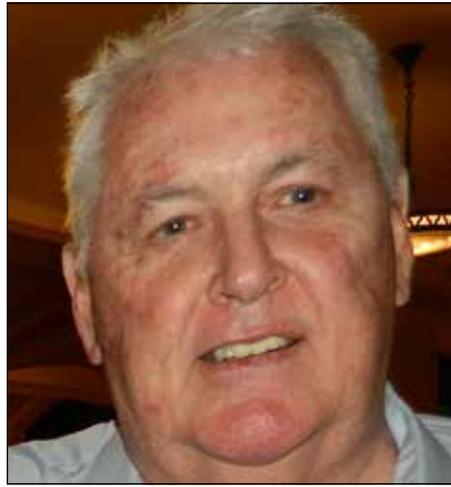
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# Security Clearances A Privilege Not A Right

By Kevin Devlin



Many are in an uproar about President Donald Trump stripping ex-CIA chief, John Brennan, of his security clearance, but I'm not because it was a privilege and not a right. This accusation of treason directed at the president can't be tolerated from someone with such a high security clearance. Brennan acted—and is still acting—in an unprofessional manner thereby negating any professional

courtesy previously given.

“Are ex-security officials entitled to retain the high privileges of the offices they held, if they descend into cable-TV hatred and hostility?” asks writer Patrick Buchanan. My answer would be no they don't. Is it a violation of his First Amendment rights? Again my answer

would be no, it isn't, and I doubt if any judge in the land would uphold this foolish assumption if Brennan would be foolish enough to bring it to court.

All this did not occur in a vacuum. Brennan lost that privilege when he accused President Trump of treason, a crime punishable by death. “Trump's...performance in Helsinki,” Brennan said, “exceeds the threshold of ‘high crimes and misdemeanors.’ It was...treasonous.” Brennan's accusation of treason is based on his personal hatred of Trump, not fact. He's the one who made this political. Contrary to what he's saying, Brennan's still enjoying his freedom of speech. The president certainly didn't send out any goon squads like a real Nazi-like leader certainly would have done to silence him because Brennan's still on cable

television bashing the president and babbling about how he's doing this for the country.

Approximately five million Americans have varying degrees of security clearances. But they aren't entitlements that are owed to them. When you leave your job, that's it, you're all done, see ya' later gator, as you get a pat on the back walking out the door. Wouldn't you like a security clearance or access to your old job so you can use that leverage to make money from the information you're still privy too?

Congress should review this costly policy of allowing former employees continued security clearances. It's a privilege (granted to them by the government and funded by taxpayers) they enjoy while employed and should be stripped of while collecting their retirement checks.

## Staffing Requirements... continued from front page

\$464 million, and said hospital executive salaries that run into millions of dollars and expensive facility expansions prove the industry has the financial capacity to invest in nurses.

In Question 1 on the November ballot, the nurses propose to allow government-mandated nurse staffing ratios in every hospital across the Commonwealth. If approved, there would also be a \$25,000 fine on hospitals that violate those ratios. The exact ratios would vary depending on the hospital department and the type of patients for which the nurse is caring.

The nurses aligned with the ballot committee behind Question 1 say information about hospital finances from the Center for Health Information and Analysis show that a majority of hospital health systems reported positive margins in 2017, and 49 of 62 reported a surplus.

“Hospital executives are the reason that we need safe patient limits in the first place,” said Donna Kelly-Williams, the president of the MNA. “[They] have ignored nurses concerns, claiming a lack of resources for safe patient care, while pocketing seven-figure salaries.” “All they want to do is confuse people into voting no,” she said.

Now a decades-long debate

between much of the health care industry and the MNA, the stakes are high. Advocates for patient limits have been lobbying for the legislation for over 20 years, but according to the Committee to Ensure Safe Patient Care, nothing could be done through legislative branches due to the influence hospital executives have on Beacon Hill.

In 2014, legislation limiting the number of patients for nurses working in intensive care units was signed into law, but for the MNA, that isn't enough. Currently, aside from ICUs, there is no law or limit on the number of patients that can be assigned to a nurse at one time in the Bay State. Proponents of the ballot question say patient limits would dramatically improve patient safety in hospitals by setting a “safe maximum limit” on the number of patients assigned to a nurse at one time, while providing flexibility to adjust nurses' patient assignments based on specific patient needs.

The initiative has won support from over 120 groups across the state and country, including health and safety organizations, community groups, unions and elected officials.

Hospital and business industry opponents of Question 1, who are united under the Coalition to Protect Patient Safety, say it will drive up health care costs and assert that

discretion, rather than strict nurse staffing requirements, is the best way to ensure that providers deliver safe and efficient care.

In the last few weeks, mayors from across Massachusetts have announced their opposition to Question 1 as well. In a joint letter led by Mayor Gail Infurna of Melrose, who is a registered nurse, the mayors said, “the staggering price of Question 1 will jeopardize many of the state's community hospitals, which lack the same federal and philanthropic support enjoyed by the Boston teaching hospitals.” There are also 22 chambers of commerce listed as supporters of the Coalition, citing the adverse effect the initiative would have on community hospitals.

When asked about community hospitals, Kelly-Williams addressed where hospitals choose to put their finances, saying that, “Hospitals right now are making choices about where to invest their money. Whether it is in staffing and ensuring that their patients are cared for safely, or if they have decided to invest in buying other hospitals in other states, or even in other countries, it is a choice that is made by hospitals where they put their finances.”

Kate Norton, a spokeswoman for the nurse-backed Question 1 committee, called the issue of rising costs to

community hospitals “the same fear-mongering claims made when California was considering this law, and it just didn't happen. The ongoing threats about program and service closures are the same fear-mongering tactics used by the opposition in California some ten years ago, when safe patient limits were implemented there. The reality is that no hospitals - not a single one - closed as a result of safe patient limits. California healthcare costs and spending fall far below both the national and Massachusetts averages.”

Among the groups opposing the ballot initiative is the Massachusetts chapter of the American Nurses Association (ANA), a group that is also led by registered nurses. In a statement, Donna Glynn, the president of the ANA Massachusetts, accused the MNA of holding a publicity stunt. “Patients deserve quality care driven by the careful decisions of professional nurses, doctors and Massachusetts' top-rated hospitals - not by a union's self-serving attempt to increase its membership.

Kelly-Williams said that the ANA is primarily made up of “nurse executives and nurse managers,” rather than nurses who work directly with patients. “They are registered nurses who are not at your bedside,” she said. “They are not the ones who know what is best for patients.”

# Some People See Beauty In Everything

By Ray Flynn

After scrubbing gravestones for three hours on Saturday at St. Augustine's Cemetery with 50 other concerned citizens and sipping on a bottle of cold water, a Rabbi from New Hampshire, who was part of the restoration team, looked over at me and said, "Did anyone ever tell you that you look a lot like Ray Flynn?" Almost too exhausted to reply, I had to catch my breath before I could say anything.

But Mary Joyce, realizing that the Rabbi didn't know who I was, said, "that is Ray Flynn." I politely introduced myself and asked his name and where he was from. I might have asked him why he was at this brutally hot Catholic cemetery and part of the upcoming 200th anniversary celebration scheduled for Saturday, September 15th in South Boston.

But listening to him tell the fascinating history of this oldest Chapel and Cemetery in Massachusetts, while other people joined in with so many

other interesting stories, once again reminded me of the loyalty and dedication that people have for their faith. No matter how many negative things they hear or bad stories they read, they are not about to give up on what they believe. This wasn't just sitting in an air-conditioned Church attending a half hour Mass, this was a 9 am to 2 pm labor of love for the Church. We had committed citizens, Congressman Steve Lynch, Councilor Ed Flynn, local media and Fr. Casey all helping out in a show of unity.

The gravestones go back over 150 years and some weren't even recognizable, so a lot of hard scrubbing was going on by everyone. All the volunteers, myself included, will sleep soundly tonight. The pride that the people of the community have for this historic Cemetery is remarkable.

But one scene I will never forget is just after getting our scrub brushes and cleaning chemicals, my Special Needs grandson Braeden, wanted to get right to work. Looking out at all the unrecognizable epitaphs on the head stones that needed work, he spotted this small

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Ray Flynn continued from page 11 but severely disfigured statue of Jesus Crucified. He immediately went across the Cemetery and spent the next

2 hours scrubbing the statue. When he got finished, one of older volunteers said to us, "I have been coming to this historic chapel since I got discharged

from the Army after the Korean War. The statue of Jesus looks beautiful. Who did it? "But the question in my mind is, of all the gravestones in the

Cemetery, why did Braeden pick the most damaged one of Jesus? Ray Flynn is the former Mayor of Boston and U.S. Ambassador.



# End of Summer Beach Party at BCYF Curley Community Center

The end of summer celebration (or lamentation, if you will), presented by Massport and the Boston Police Department is always a well-attended and fun time for families and residents, who have enjoyed the safety of the Curley Center as well as South Boston's wonderful waterfront and beach areas.

Rocking to the tunes of the Linehan Brothers,

there was ice cream, Dave the Sausage Guy, and Popcorn with Rolly to satisfy any cravings. Save the Harbor Save The Bay members, a perennial partner in all things along South Boston waterfront, were on hand educating kids and providing crafts, including Mr. Balloon twisting his way into the hearts of children making dogs, cats, hats and of course swords.

Local elected officials stopped by mingling among the BPD community service police officers who were present. Candidates for State Representative David Biele and Matt Rusteika were shaking hands and greeting Moms, Dads and children in search of votes.

BCYF thanks all of the volunteers, who always make the day a smooth-running operation.



## South Boston Youth Soccer Coaches Meeting

There is a Coaches meeting on Tuesday, August 28th at 6:00pm at the Curley Recreation Center in the Senior's Room at the M Street Entrance to

hand out rosters for the 2018 season. All Coaches MUST attend. At this time, Coaches will receive their team rosters for the upcoming season. Remember, the season starts on Thursday, September 6th with the "Parade of Champions". The games start Saturday, September 8th for Under 10 & 12-year olds and Sunday, September 9th for Under 4, 6 and 8 year olds.

Any questions call 617-269-7930 and leave a message. See you at the Parade!



## SOCCER PARADE SEPTEMBER 6th



On Thursday, September 6th at 6:00 p.m., the South Boston Youth Soccer League will be holding its 35th annual "Parade of Champions" at Moakley Park in the Paul Saunders Stadium. This is the official kickoff for the Fall season in which over 600 of Southie's finest – it's kids - will participate in a fun filled opening night parade.

City Councilor Ed Flynn will be the Master of Ceremonies and as usual he will provide all of us with a fun filled night of merriment with his wit. The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be providing the marching music for the kids once again. The Boston Police Hon-

or Guard will lead the slowest parade in town, as they lead the kids on their route around the track. Some of the officers have been involved with this parade for over 34 years and tell me that this is the one event they look forward to every year where they get to be right up close with all the kids.

All players should be at the stadium by 5:30 to get jerseys and line up with their team for the start of the parade. Look for the age group and team number on the signs located on the fence outside the stadium. Any player who registered but has not been contacted by a coach and does not know their team should go to the clubhouse at 4:30 where an information table has been set up.

There will be no registration of players on this night. Coaches should be at the clubhouse at 5:00 p.m. to pick up their jerseys and line up with their teams and have their team sign all set and great costumes on the kids. So, if you want to have some fun and cheer on the kids then make it a point to be at the stadium on Thursday, September 6th at 6:00 pm for the "PARADE OF CHAMPIONS."

## PARKARTS WATERCOLOR WORKSHOPS RETURN IN SEPTEMBER



Budding artists ages nine and up are invited to join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department for its popular fall series of ParkARTS Watercolor Painting Workshops during the month of September at six Boston locations. The series of free workshops is just one

of the many offerings of the 22nd annual ParkARTS program sponsored by Holly and David Bruce.

The workshops welcome artists of all skill levels to create their own greenspace-inspired masterpieces with instruction and materials provided. This fall's featured instructor is Juleen Jones. Ms. Jones has a BFA in Fine Art from Montserrat College of Art as well as a custom painting business called The Artist Touch where she transforms rooms with faux and spe-

cialty painting, murals, hand painted furniture, refinishing, and more.

All classes are held from 12 noon to 2 p.m. weather permitting. Dates and locations for the workshops are as follows:

Saturday, September 8  
Blackstone Square, South End  
Sunday, September 9  
McConnell Park, Dorchester  
Saturday, September 15  
Kittredge Park, Roxbury  
Sunday, September 16

Medal of Honor Park, South Boston  
Saturday, September 22

Oak Square, Brighton  
Sunday, September 23  
Public Garden (Swan Boat Dock),  
Back Bay

For further information on the workshops and other ParkARTS programs, please call (617) 635-4505 or visit the Parks Department online at [www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment](http://www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment) or [www.cityofboston/parks](http://www.cityofboston/parks).

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the Flight Out TRUCK will offer Bostonians a chance to win one of twenty pairs of roundtrip flights out of town for themselves and a companion to places such as Punta Cana and Grand Cayman. Complete with a JetBlue ticketing counter inside, the truck is also a convenient place to purchase a JetBlue flight out of Boston during moving day weekend.

The truck will be open for business in South Boston, Brighton, Back Bay and the Waterfront. Details:

Wednesday, August 22: 12:00PM – 2:00PM: Waterfront – Rose Kennedy Greenway 5:00PM – 7:00PM: South Boston – West Broadway

Thursday, August 23: 7:00AM – 9:00AM: Brighton – Washington Street near Brighton Center 12:00PM – 2:00PM: Back Bay – Commonwealth Avenue Mall

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project is in construction and full beneficial use is expected this year.

In summary, over \$15million has been invested by the State, over the past 3 years, in transportation infrastructure and safety measures across South Boston. This is just a snapshot of the work being done, and there are still many more improvements being planned ensure that our streets are

safe for all. I will continue to work together with my elected colleagues in South Boston and in the Legislature to provide the necessary funding for transportation investments, and advocate to our transportation officials for their prioritization and completion.

If you have any questions on these matters or any other, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely, NICK COLLINS  
State Senator



This week, Danny was joined by Sports Illustrated pro wrestling insider Justin Barrasso:

**DANNY PICARD:** We can't do a wrestling podcast today without saying Rest in Peace to Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart, who passed away last week. What is your lasting memory of Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart?

**JUSTIN BARRASSO:** Lasting memory of "The Anvil"? I loved his dropkick. Then, SummerSlam in 1990, the two-out-of-three falls match with Demolition. That match is probably my lasting memory, with the Hart Foundation. May Jim "The Anvil" Neidhart Rest in Peace. I think his legacy, and rightfully so, will be that he was an important part of one of the most important eras in all time. So much of pro wrestling is presentation. How do you present yourself? "The Anvil" presented himself like a legit tough guy. Whether he was or he wasn't, who cares? When he was out there, I believed that he was so tough, that he was so real, that he and Bret Hart worked so well together. I'm a huge Anvil guy. I loved his goatee. I loved his laugh. I loved the Hart Foundation. I loved the Pink and Black. Wrestling lost an important piece with the death of "The Anvil."

**DP:** And it's a reminder of how we're in a time right now, where, it's

tough to find characters like "The Anvil." You've got a lot of guys right now in pro wrestling, some guys who are stars, who just have a regular name. They don't even have a nickname. They don't even necessarily have a great personality. They're just guys that maybe came up through the indy scene that the fans love, and he's their sweetheart, and they love seeing him get the opportunity that nobody thought he could get. Sort of in an underdog role. And you see so many guys like that, I think we forget how many characters there were back in the day.

**JB:** And speaking of characters, I was just in Tokyo to cover the New Japan Pro Wrestling "G1 Climax," which is this month-long tournament. It's 20 guys, it's two blocks, with 10 guys in each block. You only wrestle the guys in your block. And the two guys who win each block fight in the finals. I was there for the last three days of the tournament. And for those who aren't watching the New Japan product, they have a lot of characters. My favorite is Tomohiro Ishii. He reminds me of someone I would have watched in the WWF in the 1980's. There's Zack Sabre Jr is a character, Naito is a character, Kenny Omega

is overflowing with personality. And not that the WWE doesn't have those guys, but New Japan reminds me so much of the WWF's Golden Era and the Attitude Era. Both of those eras were overflowing with unique characters, and I think that's what New Japan does well. And WWE, they definitely have guys that I love, but I think you're right, there could be more characters in WWE.

**DP:** I'm glad you mentioned the G1 Climax, because as you know, I'm a big fan of New Japan Pro Wrestling. Now that they're trying to make their mark in the U.S. by being on AXS TV, and Mark Cuban has some stock in it, and their partnership with Ring of Honor, you get to watch it a little bit more. But I'm a huge Kenny Omega fan. He's been the best in the world for a few years now. And the winner of the G1 Climax faces Omega for the IWGP Heavyweight Championship at Wrestle Kingdom in January at the Tokyo Dome, which is their version of WrestleMania. But you were over covering this G1 Climax, what was that experience like?

**JB:** It's a difficult month for these guys. It's a badge of courage for them, it's a badge of pride to do it. But for

me, it was so much fun. You're not allowed to stand during the show. You're not supposed to block anyone's view. So, in terms of having a good view, no matter where you sit, you've got a good view because the person in front of you isn't standing. And it was an older crowd too. There were more adults. I don't know if that was better or worse. It was just different. The show started at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and the show started at 3 p.m. on Sunday. The concession stands close at 6:30 on Friday and Saturday, and at 3 on Sunday. The idea is, when that show starts, what else would you be doing except watching? And you're not allowed to video tape on your phone. Even I, as media, I wasn't allowed to video tape on my phone, which is so fascinating because that's such a big part of the North American experience, to get clips on your phone and then post them on social media. So it was just so different there.

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