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# EDITORIAL

## *“Supreme Arrogance”*

Prior to going into effect every word in a law is argued, debated, scrupulously examined, before an agreement is reached and it becomes rule. Entering a house through an unlocked door cannot result in a charge of breaking and entering, (B&E), because the element of breaking is absent. Likewise a penalty that “may” result in imprisonment is different from “shall” result in imprisonment.

Our Constitution which is, after all, our law, does not prohibit the death penalty. Only that it is

not cruel “and” unusual. It does not say cruel “or” unusual. In the first instance all death and dying is cruel whether by violence, disease, accident or old age.

Is it unusual that loved ones and society should desire and demand death? Evidently not or the Constitution would have explicitly banned it as a penalty, which it does not do. The Connecticut Supreme Court, in a 4-3 ruling, found the penalty unconstitutional because a “civilized society” would not impose it and the penalty was not a “deterrent”. A “civilized society”

defends itself in the first case and in the second, execution has certainly “deterred” those unlucky but worthy recipients. Unlike the numerous cases of convicted murderers given “life” sentences only to be later released and sadly kill again.

Their decision means the poster boys for the death penalty, the two maggots who murdered and burned a mother and two daughters, get to live. If law is intended to protect innocent victims, who exactly is the Connecticut Supreme Court protecting?



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## Give Them an Inch, They'll Try to Take a Mile. A Tale of 2 Flags

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
John Ciccone

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We're hearing this saying more and more lately. "You can describe the liberal or progressive philosophy in a nutshell": "Everything they don't like must be banned". "Everything they do like must be declared a human right and paid for by others". For this week's column, we'll concentrate on the first half: The attempt to ban everything they don't like but we'll add to it the following: "If they dislike or disagree with anything or anyone, it and they must be racist."

Case in point, the huge move to ban the Confederate Flag after the South Carolina Church murders, where the attacker displayed that flag on his car and in photos he put on social media sites.

The uproar was so great by civil rights activists along with allies in the press and of course the haters of American Southern culture that they succeeded in removing the flag from the South Carolina State House grounds and several other locations. The libs were winning this battle at first. Feeling their oats, some of them were of the mindset to see what else they could ban that they didn't like. Social media had video of people stomping Old Glory. But as we can imagine, that didn't go over well at all. So at least for the time being, they have backed off that idea. But now, there is actually a move afoot by some prominent lefties in the country to try to ban that Black and White banner that waves so prominently nearly everywhere. Yes, that's right folks; they have now set their sights on the POW/MIA Flag because according to Rick Perlstein, who wrote an article that appeared in Newsweek Magazine and is supported by other prominent liberals, the POW/MIA Flag is racist. Of course it is. To these radicals – EVERYTHING is racist.

According to this bunch and I'm quoting directly here from Perlstein's column: "It's time to haul down another flag of racist hate (the POW/MIA Flag). It supposedly honors history but actually spreads a pernicious myth useful only to venal right-wing politicians who wish to exploit hatred by calling it heritage. It's time to pull it down". What is prompting these insane outbursts by the clearly troubled haters of our country and in particular our military? Well it seems part of the reasoning is that more white missing service members are on the list than are service members of color. So by their warped reasoning, the flag must be racist – haul it down.

Now I'm certainly not comparing the Confederate Flag to the POW/MIA Flag. But movement by the left wing in this country against both banners has similar reasons behind them. Both these flags 'offend' many liberals; hence they both must be banned. But they have miscalculated. There is a backlash and it is huge. When the campaign to ban the Confederate Flag was in full uproar, it really did look like it could be the end of that flag's acceptance even in the South. But then the momentum shifted and that backlash is growing daily all over the country and even in many parts of the North. News reports from stunned media sources now say that there has been a rush to purchase these flags and they are selling literally by the hundreds of thousands. The several flag manufacturers who buckled to the pressure to stop producing them have been replaced by dozens of other companies who never made them before but do now. And these companies are making a killing in profits.

It's estimated that there are more

than twice as many Americans, numbering now in the many millions who own Confederate Flags of all sizes. They are flying them from their homes, from the backs of pick-up trucks, waving them in defiance at sports events and home and property owners are offering their locations to Southern Pride organizations to allow huge rebel battle flags to be put up. It's being said that the southern states are now literally peppered with these banners everywhere you look and as I said, it's

spreading far beyond the South.

If you ask most people why they chose to buy and fly the Confederate Flag now, even when many never did before, most will tell you that it has nothing to do with racism or Civil War era divisions at all. Their reasons can pretty much be summed up with the message on bill boards and bumper stickers being displayed. There is an image of the Confederate Flag behind the following words: "We fly this flag

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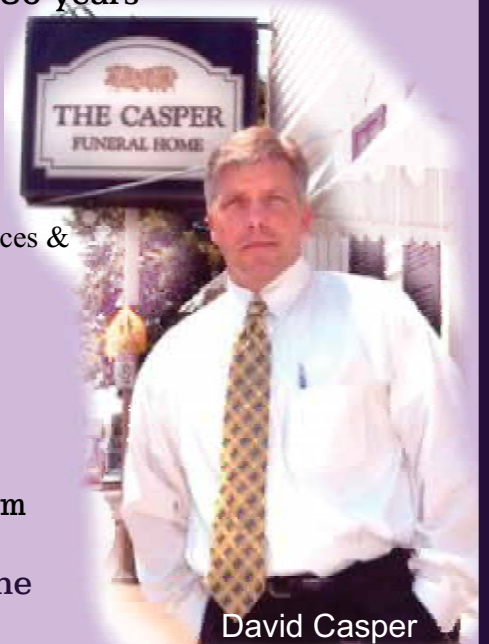
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## Window Into The State House

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.

### Local insurance cos. take it on the chin from Obamacare, drug prices

Massachusetts' leading insurance companies continued their string of losses, including Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, which lost \$51 million in the most recent quarter. "Intense regulatory pressure, low reimbursements from the state, high taxes and fees associated with health reform, expensive drugs and costly IT upgrades were some of the many reasons insurers cited for negative operating margins," writes Jessica Bartlett of the Boston Business Journal. <http://bit.ly/1DZljsX>

### Plainridge off to the races

The state's first and only casino brought in \$18 million in its first month of operation, the Globe reports, generating \$9 million for state coffers. The majority of those state funds will be redistributed to cities and towns in the form of local aid, though 18 percent will be set aside to

support the state's horse-racing industry. <http://bit.ly/1JnWWap>  
**Healey targets Fentanyl**  
 Attorney General Maura Healey wants the state to make trafficking in fentanyl -- a powerful synthetic opioid often added to heroin -- a felony in the state, the Globe reports. Healey said the stiff penalties of up to 20 years in prison would be another important tool for law enforcement in what she called a multi-pronged attack on opioids. <http://bit.ly/1K2rPQo>

### White House follows Gloucester lead on opioids

Meanwhile, Federal efforts aimed at battling the opioid scourge will apparently be modeled after the city of Gloucester's intervention program, which diverts those arrested for drug possession into treatment programs. The Gloucester Times says the White House has committed to spending \$5 million, half of it on a program similar to the "angel" program the city's police chief put in place nearly three months

### ago. <http://bit.ly/1MzSPbY> **The Elements of Blogging**

Just who are the best bloggers in Boston? I asked that question of Mark Leccese, longtime political journalist and now professor of journalism at Emerson College. Leccese, an old friend, former colleague and fellow hacker on the hardscrabble fairways of Putterham, was unequivocal as usual. "Adam Gaffin at UniversalHub.com, hands down. He has so many readers who contribute so much to his blog -- it's a true conversation, led by Adam." Others? Bluemassgroup.com and redmassgroup.com-- "I always read them one after the other." Leccese himself was an accomplished blogger, writing the "Gatekeeper," following the deeds and misdeeds of the media on Boston.com. Now he's written, along with co-author Jerry Lanson, THE book on blogging, called "The Elements of Blogging." It is well written, practical, informative, and full of Q&As with bloggers of all

stripes, from a travel blog couple to a California woman who blogs in Portuguese. Here's a link to the book's web page: <http://bit.ly/1NiPE8w>. And please send us links to your favorite bloggers, which MASSterList would be happy to feature in future editions.

### Hurry up and wait

Some special education staffers in the Boston schools tell the Globe they are spending two weeks of their summer watching movies and reading books as they fulfill a requirement that they work beyond the school year. With no students around, the staffers say they are confined to a school cafeteria and are forced to pass the time on their own. The district, however, says the assistants are supposed to be working and preparing for the upcoming school year, but acknowledges the need to find better facilities for the workers to complete their contract-mandated summer work.

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### PRINCETON REVIEW CONTINUED FROM front page

Best Colleges: Region by Region," which showcases schools considered to be academically outstanding and well worth consideration in college searches. Only 25 percent of the country's four-year colleges were named to the list.

UMass Boston is known as a model urban university and for its dedicated and diverse student population, affordability and proximity to the cultural riches of the City of Boston. Noted for a solid academic

reputation, active faculty, modest class size and flexible schedules, the University of Massachusetts Boston is a uniquely low cost/high value institution. Its proximity to the city's cultural and social riches and urban sophistication, moderate cost structure, and its dedicated, highly diverse student body make the campus a desirable academic destination. The picturesque harbor side campus is accessible by car, bus and train, and help is available to locate appropriate housing. A rich mix of student organizations provides social options con-

necting to both the campus and the surrounding metropolitan environs. With more than 60 undergraduate majors, a range of programs of study, 42 master's and 20 doctoral degree programs, UMass Boston surely has something just right for you.

"The University of Massachusetts Boston is honored to be included on the 'Best in the Northeast' list. Our excellent and committed faculty and staff strive to put our students on the path to success each and every day," Chancellor J. Keith Motley said.

The Princeton Review, an education

services company widely known for its tutoring, test prep programs and college and graduate school guides, selected schools based on academics, staff visits, and student surveys. In the UMass Boston write up, student reviewers praise the devoted faculty, research and innovation emphasis, and small classes. One student writes that UMass Boston offers "private-quality education at a state school price."

This is the third time UMass Boston has been named "Best in the Northeast." UMass Boston is also one of The Princeton Review's 353 Green Colleges.







# Reading Between The Lines

## *“Black Lies Matter”*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
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They absolutely do. The black lies being conjured up, repeated and spread is a main cause and reason for the violence, unrest, chaos and hate being generated from city to city recently. Which, of course, is the purpose - to destroy the social fabric and America itself. A close examination of news footage reveals a strong presence of pony-tailed, bearded white boys. Then you realize they're part of “black lives matter”, which is different from angry, grieving, family and community members demanding justice.

These are the same anarchists from the “occupy” movement. Those old enough to remember Viet-Nam can relate to the movement within the anti-war movement. One movement was protesting against the policy of the American government. The other smaller, radical movement was against the very existence of America.

The war ended, protests ended and America moved on, except, of course, the hard core self hating malcontents who continued to fester and spread and at every opportunity lie, confuse, distort, and attack their own country, duplicitously using black lives as a cover to sow dissension through the land.

They operate under a similar philosophy of the Obama administration. “Never let a crisis go to waste”. Only now every police and community controversy is twisted into a case of racist police brutality.

In Ferguson, Officer Wilson was helping deliver a premature black infant when he received a lookout broadcast for a robbery suspect. When E M Ts arrived at his location, P.O. Wilson returned to active duty and began patrolling, where he spotted and stopped two suspects. One of them, Michael Brown, 6 ft 6 inches

300 lbs (which is bigger than Rob Gronkowski), punched P. O. Wilson in the head, while trying to grab the officer's gun. Brown fled, but Wilson exited his cruiser with drawn weapon and ordered Brown to stop, Brown instead lowered his head and charged Wilson who fired, killing Brown. A grand jury, two investigations plus a Justice Department review agreed with the above version.

Yet from all this legal, lawful and justified police action, this lie, perpetrated and nurtured by the media and politicians alike, has become a “hands up, don't shoot” narrative that is harming us all.

In New York, where it is expensive for rent, food, cigarettes and everything else police responded to a complaint by merchants. It seems these mostly black owned businesses were having an on-going battle with street hustlers selling goods in front of their stores. One in particular, Eric Garner, 6 ft 4 inches 360 pounds (which is bigger than Vince Wilfork), was intimidating to owners who asked him to move. As video showed, he refused to comply with police requests to produce identification. This resulted in 6 officers, under a black supervisor, to forcefully arrest Garner. During the struggle, an officer grabs Garner in a “headlock” attempting to bring him down. Not, as erroneously reported, a “chokehold” which is completely different. When finally brought down in a heap of bodies, Garner, on the bottom, can be heard saying “I can't breathe”. The coroner states heart disease and his grossly overweight frame were the reasons for his death. All officers were cleared.

The lie, instead, continues to grow. Now its “hands up, don't shoot, I can't breathe”. Meanwhile politicians who state “all lives matter” are booed

off stage. So scared of the anarchist, politicians later apologize for saying “all lives matter”. The fear goes all the way up to the top.

These incidents last week prove the point. A black man caught on tape vandalizing a car dealership is shot and killed by a responding white officer, who states that he feared for his life when the suspect drove a car through a showroom window at him. With no other given reason except he is “troubled” by his officer's actions, the obviously P. C. police chief fires the officer

and the justice department announces an investigation. At the same time, in Utah, a black police officer shoots and kills an unarmed white teen because the teen, “was pulling up his pants”. No one is troubled. The justice department is not investigating, nor should they.

Race is not the common factor. The commonality is that all these criminals refused to comply and instead became aggressive toward the cops. Support the police.

Remember, “Blue Lives Matter”.

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## “Gentrification of Southie”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
By Coleman Flaherty

When I was five years old, my parents enrolled me in Saint Augustine Elementary School. However, beginning this August, the school is being destroyed and replaced with luxury condos. The church where we once prayed is going to be condos too with prices ranging from \$649,000 to \$1.29 million, according to the Boston Herald. Those that we once sat and the classrooms we once were taught in are now being converted into tiny living rooms for the rich.

This is just one of many examples of the surge South Boston is experiencing. Expansion of housing has gotten out of control and has changed the neighborhood that my friends, my family, and I have grown up in. Back when I was once enrolled, there was a school, a tailor, a florist, and two convenience stores on my street. All of that is gone now. There just isn't that same spark of community. Younger and more affluent people are moving in and this is driving original residents out. Not because they make lousy neighbors - they move out because having property in South Boston has only become more of a burden to hold on to. The current median value for a home is \$404,000, a 89% increase

from fifteen years ago. Why keep that house or store when someone will buy it off you and turn it into an apartment complex?

This is not a call to end development of Southie. Rather, this is to voice an opinion and concerns us residents hold on to.

Mayor Walsh promises new things for Boston, but my community is different from the rest. The only new thing we really want is transparency. Communication is a keyword here, because South Boston and its residents have been in the dark for far too long. We can only hear of “new place here, new place there” when something as basic as parking is unaccounted for.

Parking, jokingly, is considered the biggest problem here. However, development is making that a very real claim. A developer could slip under the threshold of restrictions so parking is not included in the project. Condos may be an efficient use of space accommodate a swell of new residents, but this means we're going to need more parking garages.

According to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey and US2010 Longitudinal Tract Data

Base, Tract 612 (the area that makes up Broadway and most of the Lower End) has some significant booms. The population has nearly doubled in size. While one may dismiss this as just one case, these kinds of figures are on the rise in Boston holistically. The share of tracts gentrifying was 6.7% between the years 1990 and 2000. It is now 21.1%, which means more than a fifth of Boston is going through the same projects.

Gate of Heaven and Saint Augustine were two Catholic schools that held much sentimental and local historical value to locals like me. City developers have planned to turn these buildings with deep roots in the community into huge apartment complexes. The planned destruction of these buildings and others like it is a blow to the hearts of the residents.

But these buildings will greatly increase the amount of congestion. Gate of Heaven has two incredibly tiny streets run through it and Tynan Elementary School is at the end of one of them. Even if a future project incorporated garages and parking, the area just can't handle the traffic of new tenants rustling about. One of the streets can get completely backed

up as if there was one red traffic light holding the city frozen.

Simply put, the ambition of some projects are too big for the streets they will lie. With too much development, the amount of congestion increases and the comfort of living and ease of commuting only degrades. We can't let this happen.

The premises and notions that have enabled this careless development boom are something that can be changed and could fix a lot of things. This hands-off approach to developing condos has gone on for too long now it is time to rebuild that community feel. To us residents, ‘Southie’ has gotta be ‘Southie’.

The local government of Boston will get more praise and a lot more done for the community with smarter building and rebuilding. This could help push development into a place where it is much more necessary. I am not advocating for the end of development in South Boston. We just need to spend more time measuring before cutting. Maybe all this excess money and time used by private development could instead be used for affordable housing that would ensure all of the residents are happy.

# Linehan, Murphy Tax Relief Bill Pushed By Reps Collins And Michlewitz

**R**ecently, the Massachusetts Legislature held a public hearing on a home rule petition which would grant tax relief to homeowners throughout Boston. The petition was presented by City Council President Bill Linehan and City Councilor Steve Murphy and was approved by the City Council.

As written, the home rule petition would establish property tax deferrals for low-income, long-term residents over the age of 55. This deferral would allow older residents to stay in their homes despite the burden of rising property taxes.

In order to out this tax

relief program into effect, the City of Boston must first obtain authorization from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a result, Representative Aaron Michlewitz and Representative Nick Collins filed the home rule petition with the Massachusetts Legislature and testified in support of it at the public hearing at the State House.

“Councilor Linehan and I filed this petition to bring relief to long term homeowners who need it now” said Councilor Murphy. “I want to thank the Mayor, Rep. Collins, and Rep. Michlewitz for driving this home at the State House”

“This bill would give well deserved tax relief to those

longtime residents who need it the most” said Rep. Michlewitz. “Allowing residents to stay in their homes should be a priority and that is why I was happy to sponsor this bill with Representative Collins.”

“There are many lifelong residents of our city who are on a fixed income and are struggling to keep up with rising taxes in so that they can remain in their homes,” said Rep. Collins. “This is a problem we are aware of at the city and state levels and I am working with my colleagues in City Hall and the Boston Legislative Delegation to protect these members of our community. This bill will allow long-term residents on a fixed income, particularly the elderly and disabled, to continue living comfortably in their beloved homes.” The bill is now being considered by the Joint Committee on Revenue.

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because they say we can’t”. This, I believe, pretty much sums up the reasoning behind this surge in interest to own and display this item; nearly universally along with the American Flag of course. “We fly this flag because you say we can’t”. Those words speak volumes about this and so many other issues. Americans don’t like to be told what to do and often react with defiance and this is exactly what’s happening on this issue.

The outcome that those who feel they can tell Americans what they can and cannot do had hoped for in regard to the Confederate Battle Flag completely reversed itself. What they had tried to wipe out is now in places where it was never seen before. They will face an even bigger backlash if they continue their efforts to ban the POW/MIA. Because they will be messing with America’s heroes, the members of the military that protect our way of life and keep us all safe.

As for me, though nothing will ever take the place of Old Glory that I proudly fly from my home, I recently ordered myself a brand new 4x6 Confederate Flag. And if I should get the urge to display that banner I will. It won’t be to send any sort of racist or bigoted message and it’s certainly not to rekindle any memories of the Civil War. To paraphrase the saying on the bumper sticker: “I’ll fly it because they say I can’t”. And as soon as I finish writing this column, I plan to go online and order a 4x6 POW/MIA Flag as well.



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## Straight From The Mayor



### The Mayor's New Number is 311

**B**ostonians are the eyes and ears of their communities. That's why, in every neighborhood, I'm always asking residents what we can do better. I count on your responses to make our city services the best they can be. But I can't take every request

myself. That's why the Mayor's 24-hour Hotline is one of the most valuable tools we have. And that's why, this month, we gave it a big upgrade and a simple new number: Boston 311.

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both land lines and cell phones. Call to report any issue that affects our city's quality of life, from pothole to a broken swing set to an overflowing trash can. Call to ask questions about services, from big-item pickups to birth certificates and business permits. If our dedicated operators don't have the answer, they will connect you to someone who does.

Boston 311 is much more than a new number. It's also a smart-phone app called BOS:311, an upgrade of our award-winning Citizens Connect. The new BOS:311 version adds 10 new options on an easy-to-use, redesigned menu. Just as with the old app, you can pinpoint the location of the problem and submit a picture along with your message. You can download it today or simply update Citizens Connect on your phone.

If you prefer to connect through social media, Boston 311 also comes with a new Twitter handle—just tweet at @BOS311 with any of your requests or concerns. Meanwhile, @NotifyBoston has transitioned to @CityofBoston, which will provide news and events happening around the city. Finally, Boston 311 includes a new self-service website, [boston.gov/311](http://boston.gov/311).

In addition to being easy to use, this integrated new system is a powerful tool. All the input from across these platforms combines into a stream of data that we use to track our performance and better understand our city's needs. The reports appear on a dashboard mounted right in my office, facing my desk. It allows me to see concerns as they arise in real time across all of Boston's neighborhoods. Every single day, your calls and tweets motivate me and my staff to work harder and make Boston better.

I hope our commitment to Boston 311 makes it clear: we are dedicated to top-notch city services for every resident, in every neighborhood—and for commuters and guests, as well. We're incredibly proud of the innovative thought and dedicated work that went into building this new system. Boston is once again pioneering modern city services.

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## South Boston Waterfront Transportation Plan Underway

**T**he South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Committee, made up of the leadership of MassDOT, the City of Boston, the Massachusetts Convention Center Authority, the Massachusetts Port Authority, and A Better City, today announced the action steps that are currently underway, or about to be underway, that will begin to bring improvements to residential, commuter, and visitor mobility in the South Boston Waterfront District.

The action steps released today in a Progress Report come directly from the larger South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan created by the Committee and released in January of 2015 and fulfill a self-imposed six-month deadline of initial activities. The steps currently underway or about to be underway

to improve transportation in the district for neighborhoods, businesses, the port-based industries, and hospitality include:

- A six-month pilot program was launched on August 17th that will open up the South Boston Bypass Road to non-commercial traffic at all times in the section from Richards Street to West Service Road.

- The pilot also includes opening the South Boston Bypass Road in the eastbound direction from I-93 to Richards Street during AM peak hours (6:00 am to 10:00 am).
- The pilot will also open up the I-93 Northbound HOV lane from I-93 to the Ted Williams Tunnel to all cars at all times.

Improvements were made to the Silver Line's speed in June through changes in signal timing, which will be studied for further

modifications. Real time arrival information electronic boards will be posted in South Station, Courthouse Station, and World Trade Center Station in the fall to improve customer experience on the line. A four-month pilot of temporary, low-cost wayfinding signs was launched at 20 locations throughout the district on August 10th to test improvements to the pedestrian and visitor experience. People are encouraged to provide feedback about the signage on social media using the hashtag #WalkSBW.

The MCCA and the Seaport Transportation Management Association will continue to work with businesses to develop consolidated shuttle services with better levels of service that will move employees between the district and South and North Stations

MassDOT, the City of Boston, and the partnering agencies proactively came together to create a plan based on our experience and community input to improve mobility, the economy, and the quality of life in the South Boston Waterfront district and adjoining neighborhoods," said Thomas J. Tinlin, MassDOT Highway Administrator and a South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Committee member. "We are now taking action and delivering on that plan to begin bringing relief to congestion, improving the transit systems, enhancing intermodal connections, and creating better experiences for pedestrians and bicyclists."

"Massport is happy to report on progress on the South Boston Waterfront Transportation Plan and

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## Toby Keith Concert Review:



# Toby Keith Thrilled the Southie Crowd at the Xfinity Center

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Jessica Grande – SBT Staff

As August continues to shine its late summer warm weather upon us, the big name Country Music performers keep descending on our area. It was the Zac Brown band two weeks ago that attracted large numbers of South Bostonians to three sold out concerts at Fenway Park. This past weekend it was Toby Keith's turn to shine. A veritable caravan left Southie last Friday for the wilds of Mansfield, Massachusetts to see this top name artist rock the Xfinity Center. The big Southie contingent joined more than 20,000 other fans at this also sold out show for a rousing good time. Once again, I had the privilege of covering the event for South Boston Today. Not bad work if you can get it.

Toby Keith is a commanding presence at every show. The 6 foot 4 inch self-proclaimed 'redneck'; alternating between wearing a ball cap and a beat up well used cowboy hat mixed it up with some hard driving country rockers and slower ballads that bring a rowdy crowd down a few notches before firing them all up again with another scorcher. Singing many of his biggest hits, backed by an amazing and talented 10 piece band he was definitely a crowd pleaser. Songs like 'Beer for my Horses', 'God Love Her' 'Haven't Had a Drink All Day' and dozens more kept the fans in a party mood. And to rouse the throngs even more, Keith; like most Country Music acts mixes patriotism in throughout the set which lasted more than 2 hours. He always makes it a point to recognize veterans who are in the audience, and honors them with tribute songs like 'American Soldier' and 'Made in America'. And he never forgets his controversial song; a response to the

9/11 attack on the World Trade Center called 'Courtesy of the Red White and Blue'. That one always brings everyone to their feet and brings the house down.

Then it was full on party mode led off with what could be the theme song for Southie's own M Street Beach called 'Red Solo Cup'. Toby Keith enjoys interacting with the audience perhaps more than most and never misses an opportunity to introduce celebrities he spots in the crowd. This night he called baseball great Curt Shilling up on stage when he was spotted among the fans.

A Toby Keith concert comes complete with incredible special effects; among them shooting fire, explosions and a big light show and of course big screen videos. But those effects while good, are mere frosting on a perfect cake. Because the talent, the energy and perfectly coordinated blend of vocals and instrumentals would make the fans happy and put them in a party mood even if there were no special effects at all. The show was that good.

As the concert came to a close, the expressions on the faces of all indicated without a doubt that the crowd was clearly pleased and considered the cash they shelled out for the tickets was money well spent. It was a good time and the perfect way to spend a Friday. And next week, the biggest show and the biggest party of the summer will be coming to Foxborough, MA at Gillette Stadium. After taking a break last year, Kenny Chesney will return with Jason Aldean for 'Country Fest'. Can't think of a better way to close out a great summer. And hopefully, South Boston Today will be sending me to cover it. I love this job.

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hope that all involved will continue to make further the improvements for the benefit of all users of the waterfront without hampering the needs of the maritime industry," said Massport CEO Thomas P. Glynn.

"These improvements are being done as a result of the community input and the collaboration of the public and private sector," said Senator Linda Dornen-Forry. "I want to thank the organizations and individuals who dedicated their time and energy to this process. I'm encouraged by these early improvements and look forward to continuing to make the South Boston Waterfront an accessible destination."

"I think it's a great example of how private and public collaboration, with the input of the community and local businesses, can come together to develop innovative and responsive solutions" said Representative Nick Collins of South Boston. "I am excited to see how these initiatives work to alleviate some of the difficulties associated with the rapid growth of this area, making it a better place for businesses and residents alike"

"The South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan was initiated in response to the need for greater access and mobility in this rapidly developing area of our city," said Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty. "I would like to commend the committee on their diligence and express my gratitude for the efforts to involve the community in each step of the process. These improvements will enhance an already vibrant neighborhood and benefit both South Boston residents and visitors."

Growth in the South Boston Waterfront has accelerated in recent years, and projections are showing future development adding more than 17 million square feet in the Waterfront a 72 percent increase from the current status that will add approximately 9,200 new residents and 22,900 new jobs by 2035. Added to this will be the growth of the port and maritime activities and increasing convention and hospitality activity. This will increase the total transportation trips with origins and / or destinations in the Waterfront by as much as 63 percent during peak commute hours.

The South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan builds upon the successes of the South Boston Waterfront district and seeks to ensure its ability to reach its full potential as both a vital economic engine and a vibrant neighborhood by defining and prioritizing transportation investments, influencing people's travel behaviors, and improving the public realm. Among the The Plan's major goals is to improve multi-modal access to and from the South Boston Waterfront as well as improve mobility within the district for residents, workers, maritime-related commerce, and visitors.

A major part of the planning effort involved public engagement and input early in the process through a comprehensive Public Involvement Plan. The South Boston Waterfront Sustainable Transportation Plan Progress Report and the entire Plan and an executive summary can be found here:





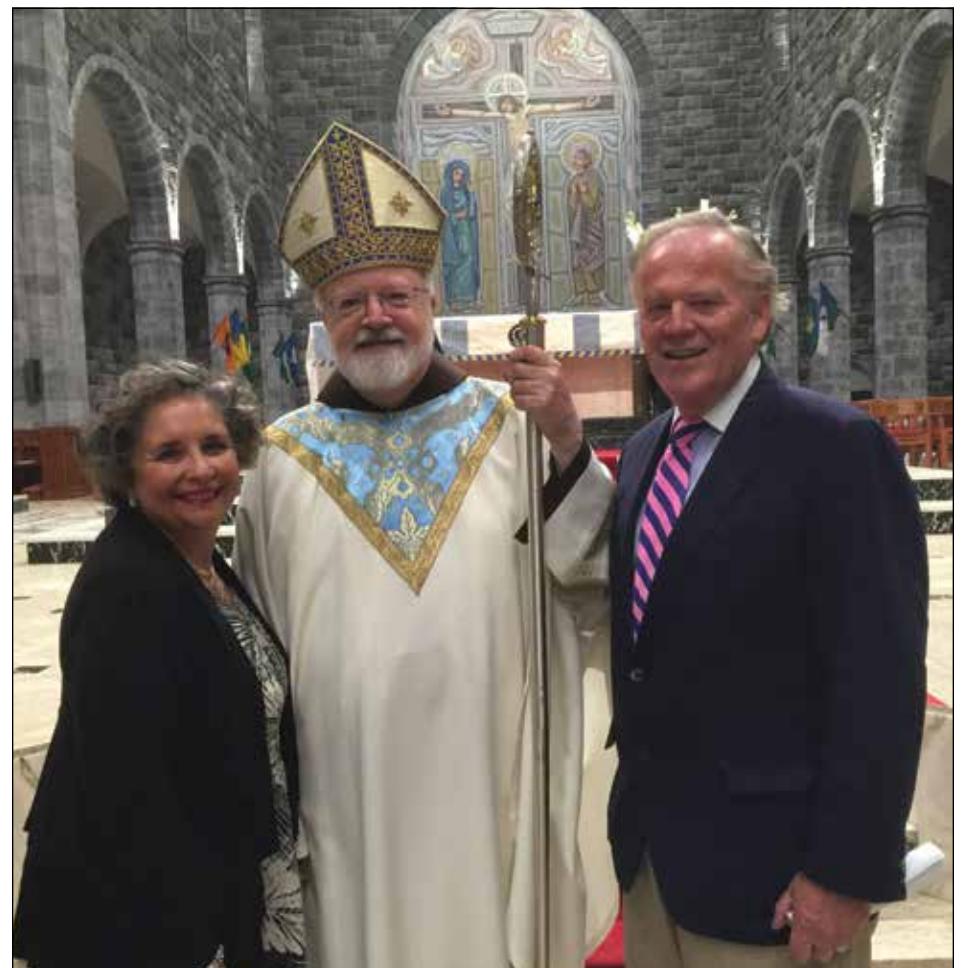
## 1. A Salute To Newly Promoted Lt. Colonel John Balbuena

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## 2. Lauren Moses Heading To UMass-Boston

Lauren Moses of South Boston recently graduated from Elizabeth Seton Academy, Dorchester. Moses plans to attend University of Mass-Boston in the fall. Elizabeth Seton Academy, the only all girls Catholic high school in Boston, is an independent, urban school that provides a nurturing community which embraces religious, cultural, and ethnic diversity for learners from 17 communities in the greater Boston area.

## 3. Jim Brett, President and CEO of The New England Council, and his wife, Pattie, joined His Eminence Sean P. Cardinal O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, on the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the Galway Cathedral, The Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and Saint Nicholas, Galway, Ireland.







## Massport Supports Summer Jobs For Students

**M**any South Boston students are earning a paycheck this summer thanks to the Massachusetts Port Authority's Community Summer Jobs Program. Now in its 24th year, Massport's program is supporting more than 40 South Boston high school and college students in summer jobs in neighborhood organizations.

This summer, Massport has

funded summer jobs for a total of 320 Boston-area students in 34 different organizations. Students are employed as junior and senior camp counselors, office assistants, lifeguards, and positions in maintenance and landscaping. In South Boston, Massport is supporting student summer jobs with Condon Community Center, Curley Community Center, Laboure Center, McDonough

Sailing Center, South Boston Boys & Girls Club, South Boston Neighborhood House, Stretch Walsh Community Center, Tynan Community Center, and West Broadway Task Force.

Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program is designed to help civic and social service agencies by providing funds to support youth employment in communities

where Massport facilities are located -- Charlestown, Chelsea, East Boston, Revere, South Boston, Winthrop, Hanscom and Worcester.

"Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program is consistent with our dual roles as an economic engine for the Massachusetts economy and a good neighbor to communities near Logan Airport and the Port of Boston. For many young people, summer jobs mean much more than a paycheck, they mark the start of an educational path and a career," said Massport CEO Thomas P. Glynn.

"Although South Boston has experienced a radical physical transformation, the basic services truly needed by our residents remain the same; the youth of our community need opportunities to engage in meaningful seasonal employment, the working families need a safe, nurturing environment for their children. Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program is a vital resource that has allowed our agency to continue its mission," said John Lydon, BCYF Condon Community Center Program Supervisor.

"The CSJP has been an asset to the Tynan Community Center 'Fun-In-The-Sun' Camp for many years. It has supported our summer camp, as well as provided an opportunity for local college students to work here during school break. These positions ensure that we deliver a safe, structured and successful camp program for families in South Boston," said Kathy Davis, Tynan Community Center Program Supervisor.

Participating organizations are responsible for recruiting, interviewing, hiring and supervising student employees. Since Massport's Community Summer Jobs Program started in 1991, thousands of summer jobs have been funded allowing local high school and college students the opportunity to gain valuable job skills while serving their community.





# South Boston Youth Soccer Coaches Meeting

## Thursday, August 27, 2015

There is a coaches meeting Thursday, August 27th at 6:00PM at the Curley Recreation Center in the Senior's Card Room, located at the "M" Street entrance, to hand out rosters for the 2015 season.

All coaches must attend. Remember, the season starts on Thursday, September 10th with the "PARADE OF CHAMPIONS" and the games start Saturday, September 12th so attendance is mandatory.

**Any questions, please call 617-269-7930.**

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Docket No. SU15P1566EA

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**WITNESS, Hon. Joan P**

**Armstrong First Justice of this Court August 3, 2015**

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## This week, the NFL Network's Albert Breer joined the show:

**DANNY PICARD:** Last week, we had the first Deflategate settlement hearing. The NFLPA said afterwards that it was a productive day for them. I looked at it, I looked at Judge Richard Berman's questions, I looked at the answers, and I agree, that was a productive day for the NFLPA and Tom Brady. Heading into the second public settlement hearing on August 19, do you agree with that?

**ALBERT BREER:** Yeah, absolutely. I still think we can go back to see that the NFL has dug into its position. Go back to — I believe it was July 17 — when the NFLPA made a settlement offer to the NFL. And you move that forward to when Roger Goodell rejected the appeal, well, you see that the NFL didn't make any formal counter-offer to the NFLPA. So, I think you have to start at the end here and work backwards. And the judge is certainly looking to get the sides to settle. And I think that what we saw [on August 12], clearly was the judge saw the NFL as the side that was being more stubborn, so he had to do more work to move them off their position.

**DP:** You're right when you say Judge Berman saw the NFL as being too

stubborn. But also, him getting NFL lawyer Daniel Nash to admit that there was no direct evidence that implicates Tom Brady in this, I thought just to get the NFL to confirm that was huge.

**AB:** And here's the thing too, Danny. In the end, the judge is in a really tricky spot. Because I think he looks at this and says, "My God, why are we here? What the hell are you guys doing in my court room? Why are we wasting taxpayer money on something like this?" And I think he sees that on one side, the NFL clearly overreached on a penalty. No matter what you think happened, they clearly overreached on a penalty and this has clearly gone too far. The other side of it is that, judges don't like to intervene in labor law. His job here isn't to rule on innocence or guilt. It's to rule on the process, and whether it was fair, based on the parameters of the CBA. And so, that's kind of the message he sent to both sides throughout the first hearing. I think it's pretty clear that he looks at the Wells Report and says to himself, "Ok, I need the NFL to disengage from this thing, because the NFL has clearly been protecting millions

of dollars in the investment that they put in this thing. I need to get them off of that, and get them to a place where they aren't so married to that money they spent that they can't see this thing clearly." So I think [August 12] was, in a lot of ways, an effort to say to the NFL, "We don't need to validate this. I'm going to make it look like crap in front of everybody. And we don't need Brady to accept this, to reach a settlement. So let's just drop that part of it." You see the experience of a federal judge in this type of setting, and he breaks down the Wells Report, and he undermines the Wells Report, I think, in an effort to promote a settlement.

**DP:** We'll see how far this goes after the August 19 settlement hearing. But before I let you go, I have to stay in the AFC East, because I know you've been all over this Geno Smith altercation that took place last week, as IK Enemkpali broke Smith's jaw in the New York Jets locker room and then Enemkpali was released. And that's what we can call it, right? An altercation?

**AB:** One side will tell you that it kind of came out of nowhere. The other side will tell you that Geno

was defiant and arrogant and acting like a jerk to Enemkpali, on top of owing him money, and that's what prompted the punch. I can tell you this. I covered Todd Bowles in Dallas, and I know a lot of players who've played for him. And this could wind up being a positive for Bowles. Because this is going to show what he's made of and how different it's going to be in New York, than it was under Rex Ryan for the last six years. He held Enemkpali accountable by basically firing him. Then he held Geno accountable by saying, "Ok, when you come back, that job is not necessarily yours." I think they set the tone going forward. Nobody in New York is under the illusion that they're winning a championship this year. I think this is an opportunity for Bowles to cement what he's been trying to build over the last six months, and take another step forward. The real loser here, of course, is Geno Smith, who blew probably his last opportunity to prove that he's worth committing to as the franchise quarterback in New York.

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