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Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country.

LABOR DAY LEGISLATION

Through the years the nation gave increasing emphasis to Labor Day. The first governmental recognition came through municipal ordinances passed during 1885 and 1886. From these, a movement developed to secure state legislation. The first state bill was intro-

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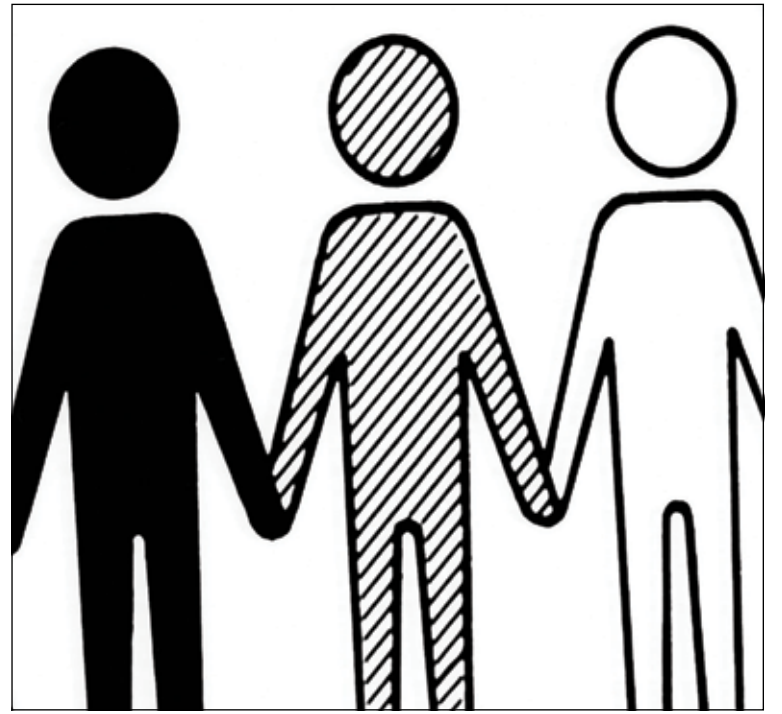
Recently, Boston University hired a professor who teaches that “white males” are the problem in society. At Northeastern University, resident assistants or R.A.’s (they live in and oversee rules in their dormitory) have been instructed to teach white students in the dormitory that “white people are only oppressors and cannot be oppressed”.

The best of these developments is at Washington

State University, where an English teacher has decreed that any student who uses the term “illegal aliens” will have a point deducted for every such usage. Instead “undocumented worker” is allowable. What arrogance allows this Fascist to issue such an order? What special insight allows her to know that all those illegals are here to work? The answer is - she cannot know. All she or anybody can say factually is that they are aliens, who are

here illegally.

The new philosophy, in contrast to BU graduate Martin Luther King Jr.’s philosophy and hope that “people be judged on the content of their character and not the color of their skin”, seems to be that “truth is what we say”. Perhaps they should remember that Dr. King always held that “truth and justice pressed to the ground, no matter how hard or for how long, will always rise again”.



“Political correctness does not legislate tolerance; it only organizes hatred” – ” Jacques Barzun, Noted Historian

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A Few Pointed, Maybe Even Soul Searching Questions

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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Let's start with similar questions sent in by 3 of our readers: Why is it that so much negative publicity is generated each year around South Boston's St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day Parade, but very little comment and follow-up to the violence that takes place around the Caribbean Festival?

For weeks each year, South Boston is victimized by negative publicity leading up to our celebration in regard to who should march and who shouldn't, but with much of it about the potential for public drinking, rowdiness and how many hundreds of police will be needed to line our streets to control the mean, drunken crowds etc. Most of them are outsiders anyway, so fair enough. Yet, after the million or so spectators leave our town, there are no dead bodies left in the parade's wake. Then for the week or two that follows, blowhard pundits in the press continue to scold and lecture our community about being backward, intolerant and crude.

Across town however, each August at the Caribbean Festival, like clockwork there are stabbings, shootings, deaths, open drug dealing and all kinds of mayhem. But no one calls for behavioral changes and soul searching to take place among the residents there. Not to stereotype you understand, I feel bad for the innocent and decent people who just want to enjoy the Caribbean Festival in peace and safety. But media double standards have always made me curious.

Now let's stay on double standards for a bit. We'll take a look at Barack Obama – yes, again. There is a war on law enforcement going on in America. Police are being attacked and killed frequently and it's being incited deliberately. But for the most part, Obama

and his minions are silent. The sickening display of the Black Lives Matter crowd last weekend should have been enough to bring a response and condemnation by the White House. As this group marched through the streets they chanted "Pigs in a blanket, fry 'em like bacon". Translation? That's easy. They were urging the killing of cops. As of this writing, not a word from Obama.

Just prior to that, Islamic radical agitator Louis Farrakhan was urging the forming of a 10,000 man army to stalk and kill white people. Not a word from Obama. The assassination of a Texas Deputy Sheriff over the weekend by what is believed to be a racist and a cop hater also got no comment as of this writing. Compare that to when the notorious criminal thug Michael Brown was killed by police in self-defense or when another punk, Travon Martin was killed after attacking and beating George Zimmerman. Obama was all over that and those aren't the only incidents where this president displays selective outrage.

Then there is the nuclear 'deal' with Iran that he so desperately wants approved yet will pretty much guarantee this terrorist nation will get nuke weapons plus \$150 billion due to the lifting of sanctions with which to further promote terrorism all around the world. And as we just learned, the Iranians, thanks to the shrewd and savvy negotiating by John Kerry, will get to inspect their own facilities and let us know if they're cheating.

And of course, this state's congressional delegation, Democrats all, will support him on this, despite the overwhelming opposition of the American people. 190 retired US Military generals and Admirals have signed a letter opposing this deal, because they say

it's dangerous for America and for the entire world as well. Obama, and apparently our Massachusetts delegation, don't care. They will do it anyway. Christians in the Middle East are being slaughtered by the thousands by ISIS because of their religion. Obama says nothing, and is making only token efforts to prevent ISIS from growing and devouring more territory by the week.

So to the dwindling number of Obama disciples still out there I have a question: Are you still not getting it? Are you still unable to see the anti-American agenda

and plans this guy has for our country? Can you not see the divisions that he is creating among Americans and the weakening of this country's strength and position in the world? Do you not understand what this guy is doing to us or do you just not care? If it's a matter of just not caring, because the guy has a 'D' next to his name, then in my opinion you are part of the problem too. No time to be politically correct or to worry about offending the feelings of the easily offended. But It IS time to call things as they are.

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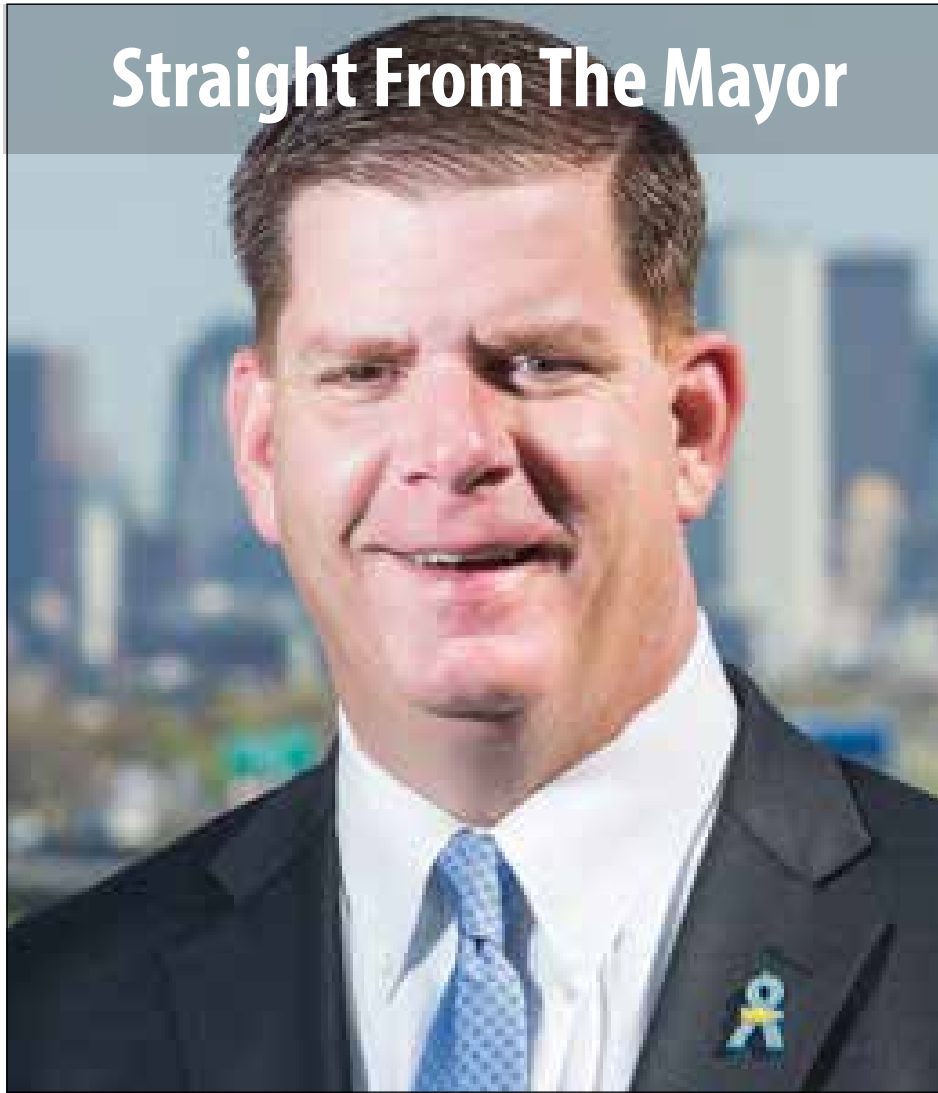
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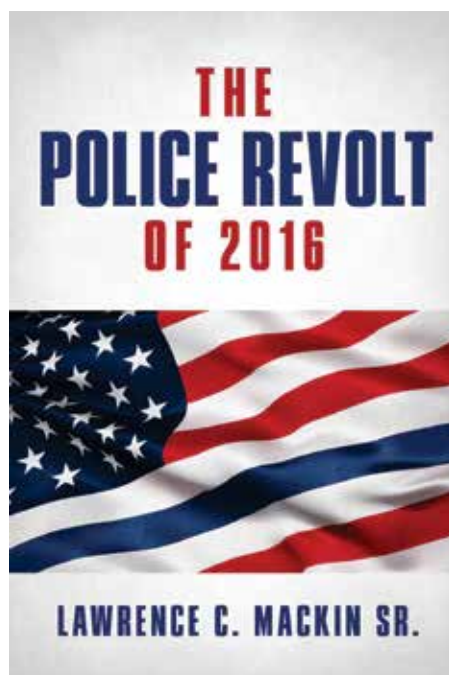
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SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

Hello students, and welcome to Boston. Like you, my Administration and I are looking forward to the school year. Boston is the world's greatest college town, and you are a big reason for our city's vibrant atmosphere. We hope your time here will be safe and rewarding. From Fenway Park to Franklin Park, and from the North End to Mission Hill, Boston has a wealth of diverse culture to explore. We're a global city with a small town feel.

Come this fall, many students will be living in a new environment for the first time. Whether you're living on-campus or off, I want to make sure that the City is a trusted resource for you, and that you participate in our civic life while you are here. Register to vote. Get to know your elected officials. You are Boston residents, and have a say in how we move this City forward.

We're taking steps to connect with you and make sure your experience in Boston is positive. We work with local property owners and colleges and universities to ensure safe living conditions. We have established Boston 311, a convenient way to report non-emergency concerns in your neighborhood, like broken streetlights or a missed trash pick-up. You can call 311, download the BOS:311 app, or tweet at @BOS311.

It's estimated that out of the 148,000 students who are enrolled in colleges and universities in Boston, more than a quarter of them will live off-campus. To ensure your safety, I have requested all colleges and universities share student addresses with the city. That helps our Inspectional Services Department (ISD) monitor student housing and ensure all units are registered and up to code. Your safety is our top priority.

So if you are living off-campus,

make sure your apartment has working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Your apartment must also have an easily accessible second egress. If you're having issues with your landlord, reach out to the City of Boston's Rental Housing Center, which mediates housing disputes free of charge, at 617-635-4200.

In September, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, the Boston Police Department, the Boston Public Works Department and ISD will all be out in force in our neighborhoods, so flag them down or call 311 with any issues you encounter. Along those same lines, the BOS:311 app will have a specific section for reporting student issues. It's there to help you, so use it!

In addition, get to know your Neighborhood Liaison. These personable and approachable men and women serve as our eyes and ears for the neighborhoods, and they are your direct connection to my office and City Hall. To determine your specific Neighborhood Liaison, visit <http://www.boston.gov/ons/>.

And during your stay here, get engaged. Make Boston your hometown. Boston is a great city for students, because everything is easily accessible by walking, biking, or taking our public transportation system, the MBTA. Take advantage of this great amenity during the school year to explore the City. For information on everything transportation related, including carsharing and parking, check out www.boston.gov/students/transportation/.

Living on your own for the first time can be daunting, but here in Boston we are a community and we stand together. We are always here for you. To learn more about student living in Boston, visit: <http://www.boston.gov/students/>.

Welcome. Have fun. Stay Safe.



Reading Between The Lines

“Follow the Law”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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Anyone who played, or watches, sports knows the one taboo or line that cannot be crossed. It is physical contact with the referee. They might make a questionable decision, causing the penalized to scream, shout, curse, appeal to another referee or a written appeal to the league, but you must never, ever, ever touch the ref. Once done it is an attack on the league itself and is never tolerated. The penalties are and should be the most severe, which explains why physical contact incidents happen, at best, once every 10 or 15 years on pro sports.

Life and society has rules to abide by. Like sports, if the rules aren't followed, chaos does. Look at the chaos that failure to follow the law has caused in health care. Our previous health system wasn't perfect. It was only arguably the best in the world. True, there were anecdotal cases, some outrageous, of people facing astronomical medical bills, but people weren't dying by the side of the road or outside hospital entrances. Our system, for the vast majority, found a way. Over the last twenty years, however, illegal immigrants began using emergency rooms as their family doctor, directly coinciding with sky rocketing health care costs. Rather than follow the law, hospitals, instead, fell back on their Hippocratic Oath. An oath they seem to forget when selling baby body parts. If they just don't like the law, so they don't follow it.

The solution would seem to be to stem the flow of illegal aliens into the country. After all, there already exist rules and

laws for legal immigration. The administration doesn't like the law, so they don't follow it.

In America we have a system of checks and balances. Our state and local government has laws and rules to follow, right? Except, there too, our "leaders" don't like the law and invoke this "sanctuary" nonsense, going so far as to tell the officers they will be disciplined or fired if they follow the immigration laws. They don't like the law so they just ignore it. On and on it goes.

Voter ID laws prevent all those illegal voters that progressives need in order to stay in office, so again the law is not enforced. Time after time, what is forbidden by the Constitution, our law, is simply disregarded and overruled by Executive Proclamation.

Vehemently disagreeing with the 2nd Amendment, rather than just ignore it, the administration tried to undermine the law by smuggling 2,000 guns into Mexico, which resulted in the murder of a border patrol officer. If IRS law prohibits discrimination due to political affiliation it makes no difference. In the words of IRS director Lois Lerner "Republicans are evil". That must mean anything goes.

Is it surprising then that this ignore the law you don't like philosophy of the government is followed by the governed. In Missouri, Michael Brown didn't think rules applied to someone as big as himself who could intimidate people. So he robbed a clerk through intimidation and tried to beat and probably kill a cop. Eric Garner in New York thought he could ignore the law

the rest of the local merchants were forced to obey.

The common denominator in this and most of these over zealously publicized police-community incidents is the initial refusal to comply with the orders of the police, which is the law. This is a point that many of our elected leaders fail to make, instead joining with the mob to blame the police.

It's sadly instructive to note that it was only two black police officials from separate regions of our nation who stated what

the rest try to ignore. They said in addition to being a target, because he was in uniform, he was targeted because he was white and that attitude was being fostered at the "top of the government". An attitude resulting in the hate group "black lives matter," marching after news of Texas officer Goforth's assassination, calling for more killing of cops. The administration should be proud seeing the chaos they've intentionally sown.

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Mayor Files Ordinance Banning Replica Handguns In Public Places

Mayor Martin J. Walsh recently filed an ordinance banning replica handguns in public spaces. If approved by the Boston City Council, these regulations would take effect immediately.

"We've seen too many violent incidents this year, and we will do everything in our power to ensure the safety of Boston residents and visitors," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "This ordinance will send a strong message - that guns of all kinds, including imitation firearms, make our community dangerous. By engaging parents and guardians, we hope to create allies in our effort to remove replica firearms from the hands of our youth."

The ordinance will increase public safety by banning replica handguns that are not clearly labeled in public spaces. So far this year, the Boston Police Department (BPD) has recovered over 100 replica handguns in connection with crimes. Given the authentic look of many of the replica guns on Boston's streets, residents and even police officers have a difficult time determining 'what is a real firearm versus an imitation firearm'.

This ordinance will allow BPD to confiscate replica firearms and require the owner to pick up the confiscated replica firearm in person at the district station. If a replica

handgun is confiscated from someone under the age of 18, BPD will notify the parent or guardian that the minor was found with a replica handgun in a public space, and the parent or guardian will have the option to retrieve the replica firearm. BPD will not release a replica handgun directly to the minor.

"Replica guns have become a big issue for us. We all too often encounter young people who are carrying these fake guns and even though they are fake, the public and police don't know they are," said Commissioner William B. Evans. "Our goal is to make the city the safest place it can be and this ordinance will help remind the public and residents of the dangers these replica guns present."

The goal of the legislation is to make residents aware of the danger of replica handguns and increase the dialogue about the consequences of replica handguns with Boston's young people.

"It is unnecessary and irresponsible for manufacturers to make recreational or toy imitation firearms which by sight cannot be differentiated from a real gun," said State Representative Dan Cullinane. "No one, especially a police officer who has the burden of making a split second decision, should ever have to guess if a gun is real. These replica firearms have no place in public spaces. I am grateful to Mayor Walsh for leading on this important public safety issue in Boston. I look forward to working with the Mayor and our colleagues in government to make these meaningful changes in both the City and the Commonwealth."

"We need to afford our law enforcement officials every tool possible in an ongoing effort to keep them and the public safe," said Councilor Frank Baker. "I support any measure that allows our officers to do their job effectively and helps to prevent a potential tragedy due to a replica handgun."

"The last thing we need in our city, as we struggle to improve police and community relations, is a tragedy involving a toy gun that looks real. In order to avoid tragedies like the one in Cleveland, OH, we need

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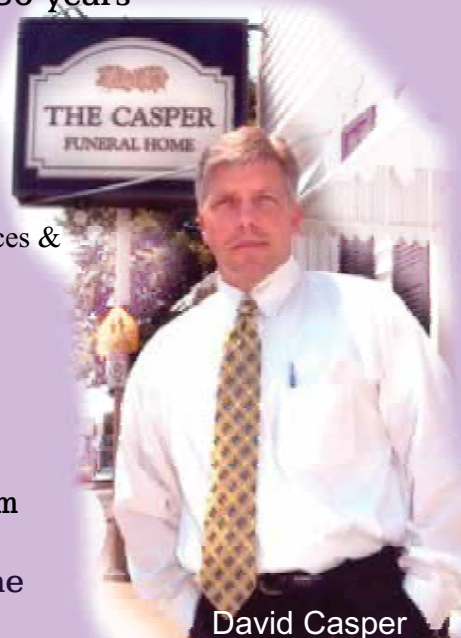
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SUMMER INTERNS!

Rep. Collins Hosted South Boston Summer Interns

Last week, the Class of 2015 Summer Legislative Interns completed their work at the Massachusetts State House before returning to school. Two South Boston youth, Aixa Davilla and Andrew Markarian, participated in the program through the office of State Representative Nick Collins.

"The State House Intern Program offers students a unique perspective into the legislative process," said Representative Paul McMurtry, Chairman of the House Committee on Personnel and Administration, who responsible for organizing summer internships. "It is my hope that students who participated are inspired to stay involved in the worthy vocation of public service."

"It was great to see youth from South Boston participate in the State House Intern Program and engaged in thinking about ways to give back to the community," said Rep. Collins. "Aixa and Andrew were a great asset to the office and learned about the importance of serving the community."

"This experience has been one that is unattainable anywhere else. As a high school student who doesn't know what career path she is going to take in life, I have found that working in the State House gave me a profound and extensive firsthand look into the public sector," said Aixa Davilla, a senior at Boston Latin School. "Public

service has a really broad definition but working here for Rep. Nick Collins has specified certain aspects of it through hands on involvement, and it has further defined my possible future of working in the field of public service."

"I enjoyed my experiences in the office because I got to meet leaders in our cities, towns and state," said Andrew Markarian who is attending Boston Collegiate Charter School. "I learned that everyone who works for the city and the state has a role and responsibility."

The Summer Legislative Intern Program begins in early June. Along with being involved with the work of their respective Representative, interns had the opportunity to attend daily seminars which are headlined by various speakers, including Governor Charlie Baker, Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, Attorney General Maura Healey, Auditor Suzanne Bump and Treasurer Deb Goldberg. Guest speakers also included representatives from private firms, in addition to nonprofit and charitable organizations as well as State House staffer.

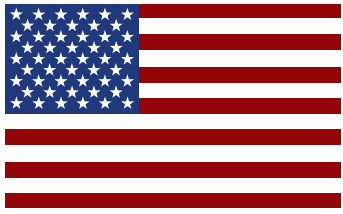
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parents to be just as determined as law enforcement to spread the word and change the culture around letting our children play with these replica guns," said Reverend Jeffrey Brown of Twelfth Baptist Church. "I applaud the Mayor and Councilor Baker on this move, and urge the council to pass the measure."

Mayor Walsh is dedicated to providing safe and secure neighborhoods where every resident can thrive. The Mayor's Office of Public Safety and the BPD have been actively engaged in local communities to change the trajectory of those involved in violence. Working side by side with a large cross section of City, social service and community based agencies, a wide variety of opportunity driven initiatives have been established; including career pathways into the trade unions and other private sector jobs and a partnership with John Hancock, YouthConnect and the Office of Public Safety to identify those 11 - 14-year-olds most vulnerable to become involved in high risk behavior.





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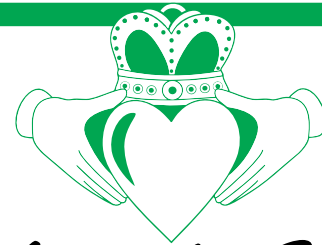
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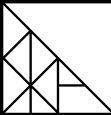
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The PLAN initiative is an opportunity to think strategically about the types of uses and the scale of development best suited for the future of the South Boston Dorchester Avenue Corridor. The goal of this study is to create a vision, with the community, that establishes guidelines to create a comprehensive plan that informs new zoning to guide future development.

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This year's festival will once again feature **"The Best of South Boston"** including over 100 merchants, restaurants, artists and community organizations, which will fill East Broadway from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Live performances will take place on two stages providing festival goers with live entertainment throughout the day. **This year's entertainment highlights include:**

Thomas Park – Lead by front man Paul Eastman, who himself is a South Boston small business owner along with drummer Joe Tobias, will performing a wide range of music that includes classic rock, dance, R&B, and top 40.

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Adam Herbert's Sinatra Band – Playing all the classics from Frank, Dean, and the rest of the Rat Pack. This lineup of local musicians pays tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes every Saturday & Sunday night at Lucky's Lounge.

Ben Rudnick and Friends – have been bringing families, music and fun together in their own unique style from their first release, Emily Songs, in 2000 to their recent Love is a Superpower. Boasting a high level of adventurous musicianship, their enthusiastic recordings and live performances seamlessly range from light folk, bluegrass, calypso, rock and even Irish Jigs. With countless kudos to their credit, including SEVEN Parents' Choice Awards, the band considers its main focus to be providing a common ground where all family members can, without compromise, enjoy a shared musical experience. This is best exemplified in their live shows.

Happy Cactus – Fronted by a young South Boston singer, songwriter and guitarist Joe Weydt, – who has put together a great new band and has been performing the Street Festival for the past 2 years – This year Joe and his new band are going to blow you away!

There will also be performances by: **The Peggy Wood's School of Irish Step Dance**, Miss Linda's Dancers, Ultimate Self Defense.

And much more!

FREE – Children's activities include face painters, balloon twisters, and street performers, Be

sure to keep an eye out for a band of Pirates that we are told may be roaming the festival site throughout the day.

Enjoy a great selection of food options from some of South Boston's favorite food establishments including; Larry J's BBQ Café, Lincoln Tavern, Loco, Lucky's Lounge, Miam Miam Macaronerie, Molly Moo's, The Paramount, The Sausage Guy, Sal's Pizzeria, and and others. Alfresco (outdoor) dining will be available at the Boston Beer Garden, The Cranberry Café, Café Porto Bello, The Paramount, and The Playwright.

Shop until-you-drop – enjoy outstanding savings from local retailers including; Bringing Up Baby, Covet, Habit, Ku De Ta, Neatly Nested, Pretty Reckless, Southie's Own, The Spot, and Wears + Wares, to name a few.

Beauty & Fitness – on site will be: The Beauty Bar, Clarins Cosmetics, Indulge Day Spa, Lifted Fitness, Nurture Day Spa, South Boston Yoga, and Ultimate Self Defense & Performance Center.

Be sure to visit the many booths of South Boston's and the areas vital non-profit agencies.

For up to date information visit : www.southbostonstreetfestival.com
Event: **16th Annual South Boston Street Festival**

Date: **Saturday, September 19th 2015**

Time: **11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

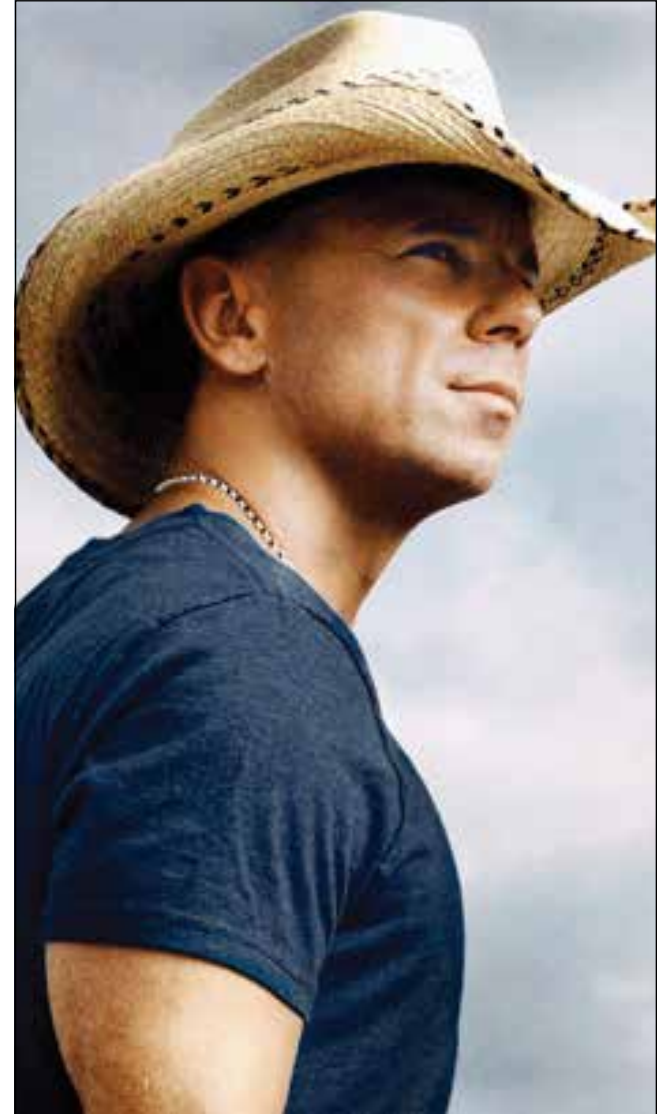
Location: **On East Broadway between I Street and L Street, South Boston**



Casino Related Statement of Mayor Walsh

Mayor Martin J. Walsh issued the following statement regarding Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Matthew Beaton's decision to approve Wynn's application for a Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) certificate:

"We will continue to fight for the best interests and public safety of the people of Charlestown - where the effects of the proposed casino would be enormous. Secretary Beaton's decision today could make it necessary to invest well over \$175 million in Sullivan Square and Rutherford Avenue. I will work with the Baker Administration and my colleagues in federal and state government to ensure that adequate funding mechanisms are in place for a regional project of this magnitude. We will also coordinate with these partners to push for an accurate and expert-based transportation plan in order to fully understand and then mitigate this development's impacts on Boston's streets."



Buses, Limos and Shuttles Brought Southie to 'Countryfest 2015'

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
By Jessica Grande/SBT Staff

South Bostonians made it to Gillette Stadium for 'Country Fest 2015' last weekend by whatever means of transportation they could come up with. They drove, they chartered busses, rented limos and shuttles and there was even talk of some locals hitch hiking to Foxborough to be part of this summer's biggest party.

How popular is Country Fest? Tickets went on sale 10 months ago and sold out in less than 12 minutes for one show. Another show was added for Friday night and that sold out just as fast. Over 60,000 people were at each performance; more than 120,000 total people and that didn't even count the thousands who couldn't get tickets and partied outside in the parking lots. Promoters say they could have easily sold out 3 or more additional shows. Country Music superstar Kenny Chesney sells out Gillette every year without breaking a sweat, but when he has the great Jason Aldean opening with him, it definitely makes it the place to be.

I had a blast covering so many concerts for South Boston Today's entertainment section this summer. All of them have been great shows, but I can't think of a better way to close out a fantastic summer than with the biggest party of all.

The atmosphere at the stadium and in the parking lot too was, to coin a word – electric. Everyone

was in a great mood as they anticipated a super show. And no one seemed disappointed as Jason Aldean, displaying that cool Red Neck swagger, belted out some of his biggest hits like 'Dirt Road Anthem', 'Burnin' it Down', 'She's Country', 'Just Getting Started' and 'Tonight Looks Good on You'. His Southern charm and twangy accent fit his music just right and gets the crowd going like few other performers of any genre can. He has a way of relating to his fans that make them feel like they've known him personally forever.

When Kenny Chesney finally came out, the crowd was warmed up and ready to continue to party nonstop. This is Chesney's 12th and 13th (Friday and Saturday) Country Fest here and most would agree that each time gets better. He, too, has been here now so often that he's thought of and treated like a returning family member by the massive crowds each time he performs. Singing favorites like 'American Kids', 'Dust on the Bottle', 'Party Crowd', 'Save it for a Rainy Day' and so many other platinum hits, he always seems clearly humbled that the thousands in attendance are singing along with every word to every song, on their feet and waving their arms. Talk about crowd participation. No one gets more of it than Chesney in concert.

There is much more to Kenny Chesney than being a Country Music giant and he has created a special bond with the Boston area by his charity work, even though he comes from the Deep South. He is founder of the 'Spread the Love Fund' which aids amputee survivors of the Boston Marathon bombing. And like all Country performers, he's very patriotic and helps veteran's causes as well. At his concerts, talk of God, country, family and supporting our troops is not only the norm, it's encouraged.

As the show went on and the momentum continued to build, the fact that the weather was hot and humid didn't faze anyone, because this party was raging. If most of the fans had their way it would have never ended. But when it closed with both Chesney and Aldean out on stage together for the encore, it was better than the finale at a fireworks display.

Covering so many incredible concerts for South Boston Today all summer long I have to say that it wasn't and isn't just a job, it was and is an adventure, like one long party. I am grateful to have had this opportunity. Going back to reporting on regular news may not be quite as exciting but that's ok. Because the memories of the great summer of 2015 and all the talent and good music and fun that went with it will last me forever. Once again, I have to say – I love this job.



South Boston Student Wins BC High Award

Conor Harrington of South Boston, a 2015 graduate of Boston College High School, won a special award at Senior Class Assembly, an event set aside to celebrate and reward its seniors.

Harrington won a Certamen Upper Level Team Classics award.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men in grades 7 to 12. Founded in 1863, the school enrolls approximately 1,600 students from more than 140 communities in eastern Massachusetts. For more <http://www.bchigh.edu>

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duced into the New York legislature, but the first to become law was passed by Oregon on February 21, 1887. During the year four more states — Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York — created the Labor Day holiday by legislative enactment. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska, and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 other states had adopted the holiday in honor of workers, and on June 28 of that year, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday in the District of Columbia and the territories.

FOUNDER OF LABOR DAY

More than 100 years after the first Labor Day observance, there is still some doubt as to who first proposed the holiday for workers.

Some records show that Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a cofounder of the American Federation of Labor, was first in suggesting a day to honor those “who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold.”

But Peter McGuire’s place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that Matthew Maguire, a machinist, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday. Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, N.J., proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York. What is clear is that the Central Labor Union adopted a Labor Day proposal and appointed a committee to plan a demonstration and picnic.

THE FIRST LABOR DAY

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day

holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed, and the Central Labor Union urged similar organizations in other cities to follow the example of New York and celebrate a “workingmen’s holiday” on that date. The idea spread with the growth of labor organizations, and in 1885 Labor Day was celebrated in many industrial centers of the country.

A NATIONWIDE HOLIDAY

The form that the observance and celebration of Labor Day should take was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday — a street parade to exhibit to the public “the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations” of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civic significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

The character of the Labor Day celebration has undergone a change in recent years, especially in large industrial centers where mass displays and huge parades have proved a problem. This change, however, is more a shift in emphasis and medium of expression. Labor Day addresses by leading union officials, industrialists, educators, clerics and government officials are given wide coverage in newspapers, radio, and television.

The vital force of labor added materially to the highest standard of living and the greatest production the world has ever known and has brought us closer to the realization of our traditional ideals of economic and political democracy. It is appropriate, therefore, that the nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation’s strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.

CITATION ON PETITION TO MODIFY BOND

G.L. c. 190B, ss3-604

Docket No. SU14P1686PM

**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court**

In the matter of: Michael Walsh

Suffolk Probate and Family Court
24 New Chardon Street,
Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition has been filed by:

Patrick M. Walsh of Norwell MA

requesting that the Court enter
a formal Decree and Order
modifying the bond of the Personal
Representative and for any other
relief as requested in the Petition.
Release or discharge the current
surety or sureties..

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have a right to object to this
proceeding. To do so, you or
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appearance and objection at
this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on
09/24/2015. This is NOT a hearing
date, but a deadline by which you
must file a written appearance
and objection if you object to
this proceeding. If you fail to file
a timely written appearance and
objection followed by an Affidavit
of Objections within thirty (30)
days of the return day, action may
be taken without further notice
to you.**

**WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong
First Justice of this Court**

August 19, 2015

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

September 03, 2015



Mayor Hosts 'End of Summer Beach Party'

The Mayor's Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment and Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is inviting all Bostonians to mark the start of the new school year and celebrate at an "End of Summer Beach Party" on Saturday, September 12 at the Boston Centers for Youth & Family (BCYF) Curley Community Center's M Street Beach in South Boston.

"The City is excited to celebrate the spirit of summer for as long as possible," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "I'm looking forward to closing the season on a high note

and coming together as a community for an afternoon of fun."

The event will be held from 12-5 p.m. and will feature a barbecue by Sweet Cheeks, beach games, kayaking, stand-up paddle boards, family activities and live music by the Endless Summer Band.

A recent study by Save the Harbor / Save the Bay found the beaches in South Boston to be cleaner than some of the most iconic beaches in the U.S., including Miami Beach in Florida and Waikiki Beach in Hawaii. Save the Harbor / Save the Bay launched its Better Beaches

Program with the support of The Boston Foundation in 2008 to help local beach communities create and sustain free events and activities on the region's public beaches. This year, with additional funds from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, Save the Harbor / Save the Bay awarded over \$200,000 in grants to groups in Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Quincy and Hull.

"Thanks to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission, the beaches of South Boston are the cleanest urban beaches in America," said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy, Communications and Programs at Save the Harbor / Save the Bay. "It is great to celebrate all we've accomplished together with Mayor Walsh and enjoy these spectacular urban natural resources."

The Mayor's Office of Tourism,

Sports and Entertainment is committed to producing fun, free public events for Bostonians and visitors to the city, and is proud to collaborate with Save the Harbor / Save the Bay to put on the End of Summer Beach Party. At the beginning of this summer, Mayor Walsh announced a new Family Friendly Beach at the M Street Beach at the BCYF Curley Community Center. The End of Summer Beach Party will be an exciting and festive closure to the Family Friendly Beach's debut season.

For further information please call 617-635-3911, visit boston.gov/summer, check out @VisitBoston on Twitter or visit <https://www.facebook.com/BostonCityTourism>. The BCYF Curley Community Center is located at 1663 Columbia Road in South Boston and is accessible by MBTA via Andrew Square (Red Line) or the 11 bus towards City Point.

Mayor Martin J. Walsh
& Save the Harbor Save the Bay present:

END OF SUMMER

BEACH PARTY

Celebrate the end of summer at the cleanest beach in Boston!

Free Event!
12-5 PM
Saturday, September 12, 2015
BCYF Curley Community Center - M Street Entrance
1663 Columbia Road, South Boston, MA 02127

KAYAKS * STAND UP PADDLE BOARDS * LIVE MUSIC
PIG ROAST (FIRST 500 PEOPLE) * FAMILY FUN * GAMES






SOCCER PARADE

SEPTEMBER 10TH

Next Thursday September 10th at 6:00 p.m. the South Boston Youth Soccer League will be holding its 31st 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 Billy Linehan 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 Honor 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 31 years and 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 5:30pm and lined up with their team for the start of the parade. Look for the age group and team number on the signs on the fence outside of 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 4:30pm, where an information table has been set up. Coaches should be at the clubhouse at 5:00pm to pick up their jerseys and to line up with their teams and have their team sign all set and with 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 Thursday September 10th at 6:00 pm for the "PARADE OF CHAMPIONS"



UHauls, Beach Wagons, SUVs, Utility Trucks and Asphalt Spreaders

Did you feel like you've been invaded? Clogged Streets, muscle shirts, couches, bookshelves, dressers, 30 packs, you name it, we all saw it this past weekend. The time of year that has the highest turnover of apartment renters just passed us by as this neighborhood was teeming with new residents. This was happening on top of the daily workload of National Grid and NStar not to mention pavers of many of the streets. Thankfully, the trash collectors were in action all day Monday and one could see have eaten sofa beds and other knick-knacks jutting from the rear of the garbage trucks.

While South Boston doesn't deal with college students per se, we get the next challenging thing – fresh out of college students, gainfully employed, but still in the partying mood. While this community is happy to have the lively presence of these millennials, they need to be mindful that families

and residents also want peace of mind and a decent night's sleep. With 70 or more restaurants in close proximity, the night life is tempting.

Uber drivers have also become an annoying by product of this migration of 20- and 30-somethings from other sections of Boston. Uber drivers are notorious for their ignorance of driving etiquette in their response to on-demand requests from 'always in a hurry' patrons.

Restaurants, package stores, laundromats, ATMs, convenience stores, coffee shops, clothing shops and boutiques are all here to accommodate this new crop. Let's hope they realize that there are also churches and schools who would like their patronage. In the first case at least one hour a week; In the second, 5 or 6 years from now should they decide to marry and nest here. Oh, by the way, check out the Soccer Parade of future athletes.



DeflateGate: Owners Starting to Reconsider Roger Goodell's Power

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

From PatsPulpit.com/ Rich Hill

On Sunday, ESPN's Adam Schefter tweeted out a conversation by New England Patriots' president Jonathan Kraft, where Kraft highlights the need to change the power structure of the NFL

"There probably needs to be a rethinking so that the league office and the commissioner aren't put in a spotlight in a way that detracts from

the league's image and the game, even if the league office is doing the right thing, or the wrong thing, or whatever you think," Kraft said to 98.5 The Sports Hub prior to the preseason game against the New Orleans Saints. "It probably needs to be rethought for the modern era that we're in and the different things that are coming up that I don't think people anticipated and how the

public wants to see them treated."

Kraft made a point of stating that this was not entirely about DeflateGate and how the league has botched the process at every turn. It's a point to how NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has absolutely whiffed on the disciplinary actions during BountyGate, the bullying scandal in Miami, and the headline trio of domestic violence cases with Ray Rice, Greg Hardy, and Adrian Peterson.

"At the end of the day, our league consumes the country's consciousness for big periods of the year and what we're doing at the league level," Kraft continued. "And what the players are doing and coaches are doing should be the focus of how the public views us that vast majority of the time. I'm talking about all the things that have been talked about over the last year. I think it's a general big-picture issue that needs to be addressed, but I don't have any answers for you today."

While Kraft doesn't have an idea on how to exact change in the league structure (spoiler: independent arbitration hearings), he's not alone in his thoughts. There have been some owners that have talked about how Goodell is embarrassing the sport of football and how they're getting "uncomfortable" with how DeflateGate has played out.

At least one team owner- well, heir to the San Francisco 49ers empire and current team CEO- has quietly made his opinion known. In MMQB, Peter King highlights the fact that Jed York retweeted Schefter's original

announcement of Kraft's thoughts. It will take the support of owners to remove or limit Goodell's power in the next collective bargaining agreement and it starts with other owners agreeing with Jonathan Kraft's statements.

And Kraft is absolutely right. It's deplorable that the narrative of February through August has been about approximately 0.2 PSI in a handful of footballs, when June and July are really the only dead periods in football news. The over-saturation of football might not have an immediate effect- the annual Hall of Fame Game was welcomed back with a 28% increase in viewers over last year- but not a single person will point to DeflateGate as the driving reason for an increased interest in the game of football.

People will watch football because it's a great product and it's well produced for television. They won't watch it for the legal drama, and they certainly won't support the NFL every time they show a complete lack of credibility and sensibility towards domestic violence.

In March of 2014, the one NBA owner, Mark Cuban, warned that "the NFL is 10 years away from an implosion...pigs get fat, hogs get slaughtered. And they're getting hoggy...when you try to take it too far, people turn the other way."

The ineffectual way Goodell has handled every softball toss in his direction over the past few years has certainly kept the NFL hog in the headlines, but he's been feeding the animal with garbage- and Goodell is left to be the one acting like a pig.

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