



PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION 2016

The Presidency A Battle For The Heart Of A Cynical Electorate

The 2016 presidential race is transforming right before our collective eyes as the candidates invade New Hampshire. On the Republican side Texas Senator Ted Cruz rode a high percentage of Iowa's activist, so-called conservative evangelical population to a 3% margin of victory over Donald Trump. Trump bet and boasted that his appeal to the rabid, but not traditionally organized, disaffected Americans would carry him to an Iowa victory. He has been humbled but only temporarily, as he has become the master of out-spinning the spin masters, as well as the

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Black leaders in Boston, led by the Rev. Charles Stith, who has been a prominent figure in the advancement of diversity in the board room and in political circles, joined with the black student group, Black @BLS, at the Boston Latin School and met on their behalf with Boston School Superintendent Tommy Chang to discuss racial undertones surfacing on campus and on social media that these students have publicly denounced as being racist. These allegations and the press coverage have reverberated globally, given the numbers of devoted and proud Latin School alumni working in high level jobs and businesses

here and around the globe. Rev. Stith, whose daughter is an alumna, characterized the meeting as very productive but cautioned that action speaks louder than words.

There are a lot of questions being asked about the attention given to and action taken or not taken by the headmaster Lynne Mooney Teta, also an alumna, when these students first grieved the matter presented to her over a year ago in the form of racially charged tweets they said were acts of bullying. When their concerns weren't addressed, the students turned to social media — using the hashtag #BlackAtBLS — in a call for action. Some feel that there is a legitimate

basis for the students' demands for a cultural shift and proactive diversity sensitivity. Others feel that it is a diversion tactic with the real agenda being that of forcing the exam school to modify its acceptance criteria, since there has been a decline in African American students being accepted in recent years. Still others feel, as evidenced by a facebook post by a black Latin School alumnus being circulated, that the media has blown the whole matter out of proportion and he advises the black students to get a 'thicker skin' because 'the reason you're at Latin School is you were competitive enough to achieve at a very high level!'

In the end however, if indeed Latin School and its students boast 'sumus primi' (we are first) as its motto, a higher burden is placed upon not only the academics, but also on the social, behavioral, leadership and moral aptitudes of each student. The same goes even more so for the administration.

The allegations of the black students do not indicate a pervasive racist atmosphere, but their demand for respect and a firm and decisive response from their head master is at the very least an expectation they should realize from the best and brightest of Boston.

“Contrary to what some believe, the Constitution is the instrument by which the people restrain the government” - Ronald Reagan

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‘13 Hours - The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi’ A Must See Film

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From time to time, when I think a particular movie warrants it, I'll write about it –pro or con. Like most, I admit I'm no professional film critic but, like everyone else, we know what entertains us, what bores us and, on occasion, what really moves us. If you haven't yet seen the film called '13 Hours - The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi', it's definitely worth seeing. We've all watched at least in part, the hearings in Washington about the attack on the US Embassy in Benghazi, Libya where 4 Americans, including the ambassador, were killed. Many people, not having the time to sift through all the information coming out of these hearings, are still unclear on what happened that day on Sep-

tember 11th, 2012. Seeing this film is almost guaranteed to clear it up for you and probably shock you as well.

The film will keep you on the edge of your seat with the action, while giving you an accurate and indisputable picture about what went on. It's a gripping, fast paced and true story about the 6 elite former military operatives assigned to protect the CIA. It's based on the nonfiction book and NY Times best seller by Authors Mitchell Zuckoff and the annex security team. You'll watch the battle scenes where a handful of America's finest in an effort to protect their fellow country men and women courageously and furiously held off wave after wave of terrorist attackers as they frantically called

for help that never came. You'll see actual scenes of America's military might and air power just waiting off shore to be sent to the rescue, but ordered to stand down and do nothing, not by our military itself, but by the bureaucrats and politicians in DC. You'll learn, finally, how the US Ambassador to Libya and three other brave Americans came to lose their lives and how, if it was handled differently, may not have.

The acting in this film is superb and the characters are relatable to anyone who loves this country. If you still don't know what all the fuss is about at these Benghazi hearings and why the families of those brave Americans that were killed refused to remain silent, once you see '13

Hours', the Secret Soldiers of Benghazi' you will understand. This is a film that will make your emotions surge and one you'll probably never forget. It's a film that every American should see.

Moving on, Secretary of State John Kerry two weeks ago finally admitted what most suspected. Some of the billions of dollars being released to the Iranians as part of the disastrous nuke deal he helped negotiate will go to terrorists. In a TV news interview Kerry said this: "I think that some (of the money) will end up in the hands of the IRGC (Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard) or other entities; some of which are labelled terrorists." Translation: Under this Obama Administra-

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In Suffolk University drama, Globe editorial backs McKenna

In the soap opera between embattled Suffolk University president Margaret McKenna and the university's board of trustees, the Boston Globe editorial board has sided with McKenna. "The trustees, who are supposed to look out for the best interests of the nonprofit university, must confront an uncomfortable possibility: that they, and not McKenna, are the problem." The board definitely is the problem, writes longtime Suffolk University political science professor John C. Berg in CommonWealth magazine. "On the one hand, there is a strong hope that McKenna can lead us forward to a period of strength; on the other, there is a profound fear

that the trustees will once again set us back through their micromanaging of the university's day to [day] operations and sacking of yet another president." And some Suffolk trustees are baffled by what's going on, including Jennifer Nassour, the former head of the Massachusetts Republican Party. "For some reason the rest of us are being kept out," she said in Globe reporter Laura Krantz's update of the ongoing controversy.

Pollack won't opine on millionaire's tax

Now the score within the Baker administration on the millionaire tax is: No: 1; undecided: 1. Secretary Transportation Stephanie Pollack, asked after yesterday's MBTA Fiscal Control Board meeting, said she had

"no position" about the ballot question that would tack a surtax on incomes over \$1 million. Andy Metzger of the State House News Service notes that Pollack provided written testimony in favor of transportation revenue in 2013 when she worked at Dukakis Center for Urban and Regional Policy at Northeastern University.

Charter school principal excluded from meeting with Rosenberg

A meeting in Greenfield with Senate President Stan Rosenberg organized by a group opposed to the expansion of charter schools blocked a charter school principal from attending, Shira Schoenberg of MassLive reports. Peter Garbus of the Four Rivers Charter School in Greenfield read a story about the impending meeting, but wasn't allowed in the private home where it was being held. "I thought to myself, why does this even need to be a private meeting? What is there to talk about that can't be discussed in an open meeting?" Garbus said.

Town of Medfield pays computer hackers ransom

This just in by John Ellement on BostonGlobe.com: "The town of Medfield paid a \$300 ransom to hackers who installed a virus that completely disabled the municipal computer network for about a week, the town reported Tuesday.

Rosenberg slams Baker's UMass funding plan

Senate President Stan Rosenberg is calling Gov. Baker's proposed 1.4 percent increase in funding for the University of Massachusetts system "woefully inadequate" and says the legislature will work hard to find a way to boost funding, the Daily Hampshire Gazette's Dave Eisentadter reports. Rosenberg said he hears often from business leaders concerned about graduates leaving UMass burdened by student debt.

Millions at stake as MBTA sues Amtrak

The MBTA has gone to court in a

bid to avoid paying out \$30 million this year alone to Amtrak for the cost of maintaining rail lines they share, the Boston Business Journal's Greg Ryan reports. The T is arguing that an agreement to allow Amtrak to use the T's Attleboro Line in exchange for maintenance and upkeep trumps a decision by a commission created by Congress to require equal cost-sharing.

Fantasy sports companies scramble to keep cash flowing

The decision by the main payment processing vendor for daily fantasy sports sites to stop handling payments to the sites has the companies searching for alternatives, Curt Woodward and Don Adams of the Globe report. The vendor, Vantiv, said Friday it would drop the sites by the end of the month. Boston's DraftKings is not affected immediately, as a judge has issued a restraining order enforcing the contract between the two that runs until the middle of next year.

Technical schools laud Baker funding plan

Leaders of technical and vocational high schools are applauding Gov. Baker's plan to boost funding for them in the fiscal year 2017 budget he unveiled last week, the Lowell Sun's Amelia Pak-Harvey reports. Such schools in and around Lowell - and other so-called Gateway Cities - have some of the longest waiting lists, with more students than they can take each year.

Lawrence sees windfall from Affleck movie

The city of Lawrence received \$330,000 for hosting filming of the Ben Affleck movie "Live by Night," Jill Harmacinski of the Eagle-Tribune reports. The city was originally slated to receive \$100,000 for allowing the star's production company to shut down and transform some downtown streets. About half of the money will go directly to businesses impacted by the shoot.

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Reading Between The Lines

“Rise Up”

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Years ago, it was the rule, not the exception, that the whole family would sit down to the table together at supper time. Counting my parents that put 12 of us at the table at once. With 17 years separating the oldest to youngest sibling, opinions were obviously varied. Anything from Captain Kangaroo to pending military service might be discussed. An opinion on a topic of the day would be voiced invariably leading to a different opinion being stated, all of which would cause one of my sisters to humorously remark, “welcome to supper at the Mahoney’s. Pick a subject and we’ll argue about it”.

Writing a column in South Boston is a lot like that. Opinions and differences cover every shade in the rainbow in this town. However, when it comes to doing what’s best for the town the majority put aside their differences and come together like a big family. Until that moment of “coming together” arrives, the different opinions continue to battle.

Such is the state of the presidential primary. A state or situation that has the lame stream media confused, a self-induced confusion due to a refusal to accept anything or anyone disagreeing with that media. The information in this column is not the result of specific questions but general, casual conversation. For instance, not one single resident engaged in conversation has spoken favorably of Hillary. Of course, some like her but not many. Crazy Bernie, believe it or not, has much more support.

On the other side Cruz, Rubio and Christie have some

momentum but none can seem to separate themselves - no one, that is, but Trump. Why this is so had become clear this week.

The National Review, a conservative magazine some see as a Republican Bible, in its last issue had 20 of its top writers and columnists join together to oppose Trump. Instead of joining its loyal readers, these writers have joined with the Liberal Democrats. Who are these so-called conservative leaders? They are the establishment. They’re not Republican or Democrat but a separate class. The political class. Their success and existence is operating in the world of D. C. politics. The world that the rest of the country is tired of.

Bush, Clinton, Bush and yet now another Bush or Clinton. Democrats in charge of the House, Senate and Presidency or Republicans taking over the House and Senate as is the case today, nothing changes. The status quo remains intact and the D. C. crowd continues to go along to get along.

Which brings us back to Trump. When he says “build a wall” the establishment claim racism but the people see security. When he says halt Syrian immigration, the same clamor arises. It seems Trump views America as a country, a nation filled with citizens pursuing the hopes, dreams and freedom our country offers. The media and their allies peddle the myth America is a stolen land filled with (mostly white) racists and thieves. Drought in Africa? America’s fault. Americans are tired of it. The constant hectoring and blame

being heaped on their shoulders.

Now comes Trump, urging people to be proud of, to love America. His worst sin is his call to “make America great”. This after 8 years of a leader and administration that seem to apologize at every turn for America’s very existence. The Iranian Navy holds our sailors at gunpoint because their ship breaks down and John Kerry thanks them? The greatest nation in history needs great leaders not apologists. The

fact that more Americans call themselves Independent instead of Republican or Democrat indicates most feel “a pox on both their houses”. There are two groups of Americans. Those who exist inside the “beltway” and the rest of the country. It seems the “beltway” is getting nervous.

To quote an old song, “we’re tired of your frozen smile, your twisted grin, we just might all gang up on you, get together and do you in”.

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Gov Baker Signs Bill Ending Civil Commitments of Women at MCI Framingham for Substance Use Disorder

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

At the end of January, Governor Charlie Baker was joined by Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders, House Speaker Robert DeLeo, Senate President Stan Rosenberg, Ways and Means Chair Senator Karen Spilka, and Attorney General Maura Healy for a bill signing ceremony to prohibit the civil commitment of women facing substance abuse disorders to MCI-Framingham and to provide addiction treatment services at Shattuck and Taunton State Hospitals.

“With the support of the state legislature and the Attorney General, our administration is proud to have delivered on a promise that took more than 30 years to fulfill” said Governor Baker. “Now, women with substance use disorder who are civilly commit-

ted will not be sent to MCI-Framingham and will have the opportunity to get treatment instead of jail time.”

This practice of committing women not even guilty of a crime, but with a problem has been on-going for many years. Women in this category sent to MCI-Framingham did not even have access to treatment while there. They were just sent there to be imprisoned rather than being helped or treated for their addiction. Under this new plan signed by the governor, women will now be sent to a place with an appropriate setting to get the proper treatment where their addiction will be treated like a disease rather than a crime and give them the chance to get on a road to recovery.

Monday’s bill signing is part of an ongoing effort across the state of Massachusetts to crackdown on the opioid epidemic which is claiming on average four lives each day in the Commonwealth.



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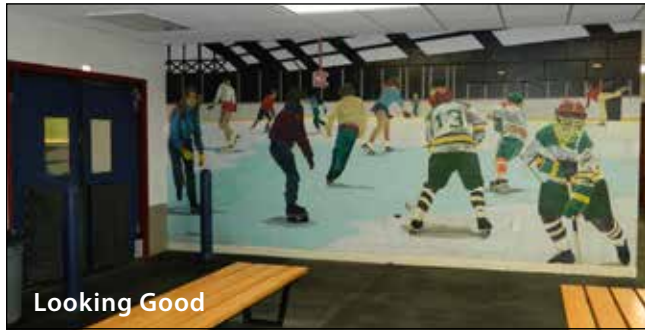
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tion’s nuke deal, America is actually giving money to terrorists that will most likely be used to kill Americans.

Are you remaining Obama supporters starting to get it yet? Can you finally see what’s happening here? Are you, like some of the Democrat lawmakers in Washington still actually ok with this? During the recent State of the Union address a clear message was sent by our nation’s military. As Obama deceitfully claimed from his teleprompter that America’s armed forces and position in the world have never been stronger, The Joint Chiefs of Staff, the heads of every branch of our armed forces remained silent and stone faced in the front row and refused to stand and applaud as most of the Democrat lawmakers were doing like so many trained harbor seals clapping for fish. These admirals and generals are sworn to protect our country and they take their job seriously. To their great credit, they refused to go along with and add credibility to the fairytales being presented from the podium.



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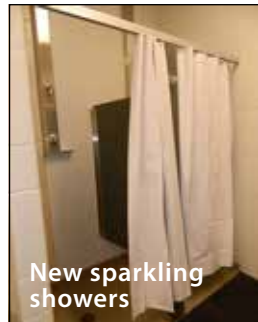
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DCR Announces Re-Opening of Murphy Rink

MA EEA Secretary Matthew Beaton announced a community open house and public skating schedule for the newly renovated Murphy Rink in South Boston. The public is invited to visit the Murphy Rink, located at 1880 Day Boulevard in South Boston, for a community open house on Saturday, February 6, 2016 from 10:00AM – 12:00PM for public skating. Public skating will be followed by two games by the South Boston Youth Hockey Alumni Men's League. While the rink will not be officially completed until fall 2016, DCR has completed sufficient improvements to allow an early opening before the end of the 2015-2016 winter season.

"The newly renovated Murphy Rink embodies our Administration's commitment to providing unparalleled recreational opportunities to all Massachusetts communities," said Governor Charlie Baker. "I commend all parties involved with this project – the local South Boston community, their elected representatives, and dedicated employees at the Department of Conservation and Recreation – for coming together and accomplishing so much for this community."

"As someone who grew up playing hockey in South Boston, securing the funds to improve Murphy Rink has been one of my top priorities since the day I took office," said State Representative Nick Collins (D-South Boston). "Though Mother Nature wasn't always on our side throughout the process, I want to thank Secretary Beaton, DCR and the Baker-Polito Administration for continuing to make Murphy Rink and the South Boston community a priority."

While the entire project will not be complete until fall 2016, the final improvements to Murphy Rink will include:

- Additional locker room facilities,
- Improvements to the existing warming room building,
- An enlarged concession area,
- A new skate shop,
- New handicap accessible team bench areas and rink access,
- Protective glass for the small rink,
- New protective netting around all rink areas.

"The renovations completed on Murphy Rink are proof of DCR's commitment to working with the South Boston community to provide safe, clean, and fun facilities for

our families to enjoy," said State Senator Linda Dorcena Forny (D-Dorchester). "Murphy Rink will continue to be to be a vital part of this neighborhood."

John Ciccone of South Boston Today visited the rink this week and noted, "It's been a long but necessary wait as major repairs were needed to repair and rebuild an aging structure. Initially, the price tag was to be around 2.5 million dollars according to DCR sources but with the added renovations and long overdue upgrades the price tag is said to be closer to 5 million

dollars when all is completed. The finished product will be impressive and will satisfy most if not all those who have called the Murphy Rink almost a second home for generations. In addition to two of the original locker rooms which received improvements, six new locker rooms have been built. There are new showers and a referee's room and new benches have been added to the warming area and lobby as well. The skate shop and concession stand have been done over and the facility is now

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Mayor's Late Night Task Force Announced

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced a set of recommendations made by his Late Night Task Force to help foster and grow a safe and vibrant late night culture in the City of Boston. The task force, which formally concluded its work in 2015, was comprised of a diverse group of students, restaurants and bar owners, law enforcement and business leaders from across the city.

"In the City of Boston we have an opportunity to create the kind of nightlife that visitors expect in a world-class city," said Mayor Walsh. "I thank all the members of the task force who came together over the course of several months to help us think about how to make Boston a more exciting and engaging place to live, work and play. I look forward to further exploring these recommendations to make Boston even more enjoyable for everyone."

"The MRA applauds the efforts of the Mayor and the City of Boston in moving forward these initiatives," said Bob Luz, President and

Chief Executive Officer of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association. "Common sense approaches, such as allowing small operators to serve food after 10PM and removing unnecessary regulations on downtown operators will continue to make Boston flourish. All neighborhoods of Boston benefit from increased restaurant vibrancy and occupancy. When the Mayor was first elected, he pledged to streamline the regulatory process and he has delivered on that promise."

Recommendations include:

1. Extended Hours

- o Extend liquor license hours within designated downtown area with the proper hearing;
- o Allow restaurants that have 10pm or 11pm license citywide to extend to midnight with proper hearing and community process;
- o Activate pilot areas throughout downtown Boston to extend liquor license hours. This option requires legislative action.

2. Operations

- o Establishments should be allowed to serve

drinks on a patio or deck without the requirement to serve food, unless otherwise stipulated at hearing;

- o In an effort to make it easier for operators to renew their Certificate of Inspection (CI), inspections should be automatically scheduled by the proper departments once their invoice is paid for the new CI;

- o Streamline all licensing requirements to eliminate redundant licenses and requirements.

3. Entertainment

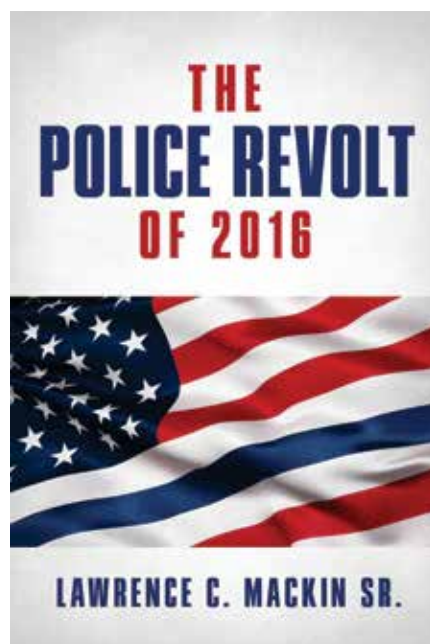
- o Live entertainment and music played on patios should be able to extend later in the evening if local residents are not disturbed.

The Late Night Task Force was established in May 2014 with the goal of examining business districts and neighborhoods that are favorable for later closing hours; public safety requirements of expanded late night hours; existing liquor license restrictions; entertainment license expansion; late night transportation access; and how to effectively launch the expanded services. Rory Cuddy, former Advisor to the Mayor's Chief of Staff and current startup manager, and John Fitzgerald, Deputy Director of Imagine Boston 2030, served as co-chairs of the task force, along with 24 individuals who were appointed by the Mayor.

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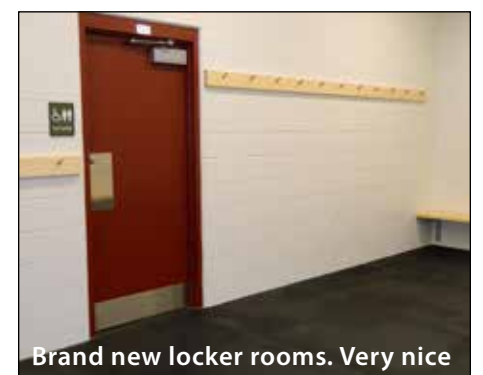
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handicapped accessible and will be certified ADA compliant. We want to especially thank Rep. Nick Collins for his tireless efforts in getting this done."

Public skating will be available on the small rink weekdays from 3:30PM-8:00PM, Saturdays from



8:30AM-2:30PM and Sundays from 2:30PM-8:00PM. Additional public skating will be available daily on the larger rink.

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161 Dorchester St UNIT 1 Condo	\$555,000	10/15/15	5	2	1234
7 Frederick Street Single Family	\$535,000	10/9/15	5	2	1351
102 Emerson Street UNIT 2 Condo	\$476,000	10/16/15	4	1	836
576 East Broadway UNIT 2 Condo	\$390,000	10/20/15	3	1	550
649 East Second St UNIT Condo	\$350,000	10/20/15	3	1	579
183 West Eighth St UNIT 1 Condo	\$325,000	10/16/15	3	1	508
109 Bolton St UNIT 1 Condo	\$311,000	10/14/15	3	1	480
418 West Second St UNIT 1 Condo	\$279,000	10/15/15	3	1	417
122 West Ninth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$275,000	10/5/15	3	1	542

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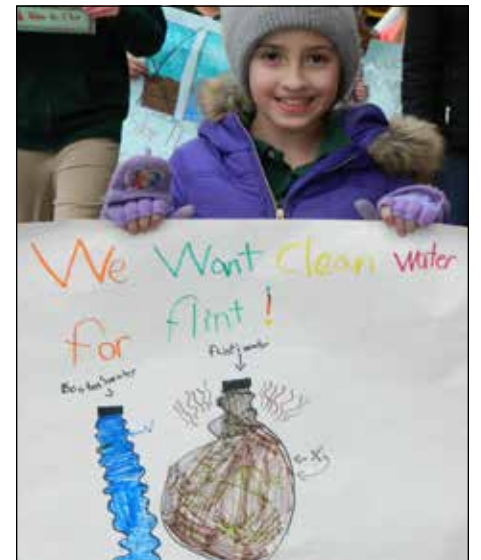
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St. Peter Academy Marches To Help Flint, MI Residents

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Compassion, caring, call it what you will and the students at South Boston's St. Peter Academy possess it in huge quantities. It's how they are being brought up by good families and it's reinforced by a great teaching staff at this wonderful school. So it came as no surprise when, after watch-



ing a video of the serious situation in Flint, Michigan; where residents have no safe water to drink, the 1st and 2nd graders enlisted the rest of the school to join in an effort to help do something about it.

It immediately became a school project and the kids jumped in with both feet to do their part to bring relief to the good people of Flint. With the help from teachers

and administrators, they reached out to the city of Flint and partnered with the Freeman Elementary School there. The two schools formed a bond of friendship and cooperation. Plans were then made to raise funds and awareness and last week the entire student body at SPA escorted by the adults took to the streets of South Boston for a march and rally which was not

only effective in helping reach their goals but was a lot of fun too.

The boys and girls from St. Peter Academy paraded along Broadway carrying hand drawn signs that they proudly made themselves. They were greeted along the way with encouragement and applause from spectators to which the kids responded with grateful smiles and appreciation. Some local businesses; among them Lincoln and Loco pledged donations on the spot and others said they would probably do the same. John Piekutoski of J&J Construction even delivered 15 pizzas and cases of water to the students who marched.

South Boston Today had the opportunity and pleasant experience of talking to some of the kids in the line of march to get their thoughts on their efforts. 6-year-old Callan Deane from Grade 1 said "We're going to help them get rid of the sick yucky water." 7-year-old Ryleigh Clapham, also from Grade 1 said "It makes me sad that the



To support the students and donate to their Flint Awareness Campaign or to learn more about St Peter Academy educational opportunities visit StPeterAcademy.com.

kids are unhappy and sick. We can donate money to buy them better water.” Said 8-year-old Dimitrios Markos from grade 2, “We’ll donate money to fix their pipes and get clean water. The world needs clean water. We have really clean water in South Boston and need to send them some.” And when 7-year-old Mairin Condon from grade 2 was asked how they all felt

about participating in the walk said, “It makes me feel happy to help someone in need. We can help them not get sick and not have too much lead in their bodies by sending them clean water.”

Out of the mouths and the hearts of children so often come sincerity and honesty and a willingness to do something good to help those in need. They surprise us with the

depth of awareness they possess about issues affecting the world, beyond the boundaries of their own homes and schools. Caitlyn DeCarlo, who is the first grade teacher at St. Peter Academy and who did much of the organizing for the event and provided support and encouragement to the students, was very pleased with the outcome. She was thrilled that it was such a

big success and proud of the spirit displayed by all involved.

There will no doubt be more efforts to help others in need on other issues on behalf of the staff and students at St. Peter Academy, because to quote once again, 6-year-old Callan Deane from Grade 1, “That’s what we do here at school. We try to make the world a better place.”



The Senior Connection

By Lu O'Brien

February is here which means spring is on its way. Baseball spring training starts in three weeks. And Sully's opens at the end of the month. How great is that???

The Charlie Store: Last week I wrote that the Charlie Store would like to come out the neighborhoods to help seniors to get their Charlie Card. Five people have called for this service. Charlie Store would like at least 15 people or more for this to happen. If we can get more seniors who would like their Charlie Card Senior pass, please call Carole Sullivan at 617-268-1619.

Blood Pressure Screenings: Screenings will be held at the following locations for the month of February.

Wednesday-February 10 Neighborhood House 136 H Street from 10:30-11:00

Friday-February 12 Curley Rec. Center on the M Street side from 11:30-12:00

Wednesday-February 17 Flaherty Apts. 120 H Street from 10:30-11:00

Thursday-February 18 W. 9th Street Apts. from 12:00-12:30

Wednesday-February 24 Bellflower Apts. 24 Bellflower Street from 10:30-11:00

Thursday-February 25 Msgr. Powers Apts. 120 L Street fro, 12:00-12:30 The South Boston Neighborhood House will be hosting a Nutrition class on Monday, February 8 at 10:00. Susan Philips from Kit Clark House will show you how to prepare healthy delicious meals.

Lorna Heron, who is our advocate from Elderly Commission at city hall, will be here on February 10 from 9:00-4:00. Lorna can assist you in many ways with services

provided by the city of Boston, food stamps and the SHINE program. Feel free to stop by and just say hello to Lorna...give her a BIG Southie welcome.

Alison Emma Anderson Goldblatt from MGH will be here to talk about Alzheimer's research. Alision will be here at 10:00. There maybe be a stipend if you qualify for this study. Carole is looking for people interested in a painting party. Projected date is February 26 around 11:30. Janet Harrod will be the instructor for this painting class. Call Carole Sullivan at 617-269-1619.

Neighborhood House is also looking for people interested in cribbage or whist players. This will be for bragging rights only. Interested??? Call Carole Sullivan

HAPPENINGS AT SOUTH BOSTON NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

MONDAY
Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am
Exercise at 10:00 am
Knitting/Crocheting and Sewing from 9:00-2:00

Kit Clark lunch at 12:00
Bingo at 12:45

TUESDAY
Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am
Yoga at 10:00
Bowling at 10:00 am

S.B. Healthy Diet at 10:00
Kit Clark lunch at 12:00
Trivia at 1:00

WEDNESDAY
Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am
Exercise at 9:15

Computer Tech from 10:00-12:00
Bingo at 12:45

THURSDAY
Swimming/Aerobic at BAC at 9:30 am
Kit Clark lunch at 12:00
Cards from 12:00-3:00
Yoga at 1:00

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Exercise at 9:15

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. SU15P0247EA

Commonwealth Of

Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court

Estate of: Barbara Reardon

Date of Death: 03/13/2001

Suffolk Probate and Family Court

24 New Chardon Street,

Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300

To all interested persons:

A Petition for **Formal Adjudication**

of **Intestacy** has been filed by

John F Reardon of Canton

MA and Mary E Reardon of

Cambridge MA

Ann Donahue of MA

requesting that the Court enter

a formal Decree and Order

and for such other relief as

requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that:

John F Reardon of Canton MA

be appointed as Personal

Representative(s) of said estate to

serve Without Surety on the bond

in **an unsupervised** administration

You have the right to obtain

a copy of the Petition from

the Petitioner or at the Court.

You have a right to object

to this proceeding. To do so,

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file a written appearance and

objection at this Court before:

10:00 a.m. on the return day

of 03/03/2016. This is NOT a

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you object to this proceeding. If

you fail to file a timely written

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followed by an Affidavit of

Objections within thirty (30)

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PROBATE CODE (MUPC) A

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or annual accounts with the

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regarding the administration

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relating to the estate, including

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WITNESS, Hon. Joan P Armstrong

First Justice of this Court

January 25, 2016

Felix D. Arroyo, Register of Probate

February 4, 2016

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 Pizzeria 260: 260 W. Broadway---10% off any order
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Dorchester Street
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 Valet Laundry---249 Dorchester

Street---15% of wash, dry and fold service

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Old Colony Ave.

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I would like to thank all the businesses in Southie that has offered a discount to the senior citizens of Southie. This will help them in some way to purchase a good or service or a sweetie. Thank you!!!

My name is Lu O'Brien. I can be reached at 617-464-1910 OR email me at obielulu@yahoo.com If you can't reach me, call Anne Brennan at 617-464-1910 and leave a message. I will get back to you.

Have a wonderful week.

THE SENIOR CONNECTION CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

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Taxi Coupons:

There are no sites in Southie this week for taxi coupons. Coupons are always available at the Elderly Commission at city hall, room 217

If this is your first time purchasing taxi coupons. please bring some form of ID with your birth date on it. The cost of coupons is \$10.00 for 2 books.

My name is Lu O'Brien. I can be reached at 617-464-1910 OR email me at obielulu@yahoo.com If you can't reach me, call Anne Brennan at 617-464-1910 and leave a message. I will get back to you. Have a wonderful week.

THE PRESIDENCY CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

mainstream media that have been trying to plot his demise.

The real Iowa stories are the emergence of Florida Senator Marco Rubio and the invisible former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. Rubio's unanticipated success in Iowa sets him up less for New Hampshire than for the swing into the South. Bush is hoping that he finishes in the top 3 in NH in advance of the Southern swing, but some observers believe that he may be a victim of Bush fatigue.

On the Democratic side 6 coin flips, against huge numerical odds, went in favor of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. The Iowa caucus vote between her and Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders was nearly an abso-

lute tie, such that in several precincts the coin flip was by rule the solution. Both claimed victory, although it is harder for Clinton to sustain that claim given that her ground game volunteer and paid staff operation was huge and the result was expected. Sanders on the other hand benefited from the zealous supporters he has attracted to his 'change Washington' campaign, so his emergence is considered all the more stunning and he may for the time being not be seen as the fringe candidate.

Heading into New Hampshire where the polls have Sanders in the lead, the prognosis is that Clinton will hold her own given the experience of 2008 and the influx of volunteers supplied by her Boston based supporters led by Congressman Stephen Lynch and Mayor Marty Walsh and Democratic party

regulars. Sanders also has support from liberal Massachusetts but not in as organized a way as Clinton.

Underlying this election are the philosophical and political divides, both within each party and between the parties. Trump and Cruz represent the far right, but with differing approaches, reputations and plans for attacking the establishment in Washington DC on topics ranging from the Second Amendment, border security, dealing with the ISIS threat, and on immigration and civil rights. Rubio, counting on the enormous base of Hispanic voters, espouses conservative leanings but tries to evoke decisiveness on national security issues and the right to life, and compromise on domestic political issues such as overhauling

the business tax code and reforming the legal immigration system.

Clinton and Sanders are a clash of liberals, Sanders representing the far left American socialism wing with Clinton trying to advance a pragmatic progressive agenda. Her philosophy is mitigated by the clouds of controversy that hover over her including her husband former President Bill Clinton, Benghazi and email questions. Sanders is complicated by the yet to be spoken of belief that the country isn't ready for turning the system upside down.

This points up the real elephant in the room for both parties – does the electorate want another Clinton or another Bush running the country? This is a legitimate question and one that will likely not be fully answered before either nominating convention.



Boston Thumps Philly Behind 20 Points from Crowder and Thomas

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Tony Samboras

In the Eastern Conference, the Cleveland Cavaliers and Toronto Raptors would seem to be destined to make the playoffs as the top two seeds. From there, it looks like the second half of the season is going to be a war with as many as 10 other teams cur-

rently within four games of each other for the third through eighth spots in the conference.

For the Boston Celtics, a chance to make it to playoffs depends heavily on them doing exactly what they have been doing all season long, playing solid ball on both sides of the court. In workman-like fashion, they have posted a 24-21 record by grinding through the schedule with only one meaningful lapse that occurred at the end of December and the beginning of January. During that time, a series of minor injuries put the team in a bit of a funk as they lost 6 of 7, including 3 straight at home.

On Sunday, January 24th at the Wells Fargo Center in Phila-

delphia, the Celtics laid a solid beating on the woefully bad Sixers 112-92. While beating a team with a record 6-39 might not seem like much of an accomplishment, it might well be the best game the Celtics have played in over a month. They were coming off a nice 110-101 win at home over the Chicago Bulls in the Garden as they try to build a little momentum with a favorable schedule coming up over the next couple of weeks.

With significant contributions coming from as many as five players who were in double figures, the unquestionable stars of the game were F Jae Crowder and G Isaiah Thomas who both had 20 points. After scoring in double-digits in 17 straight games, Crowder was coming off a disappointing 7-point outing against Chicago where he only hit 3 of 10 from the field. Against the Sixers on Sunday night, he responded to one of his worst games of the season by hitting 7 of 12 from the field, including 4-6 from behind the arc.

As for Thomas, he was simply Isaiah Thomas. Even though his FG percentage over the season leaves a bit to be desired at 42.2%, he has become the undeniable leader and star for a team that was desperately in search of

such a man. In the game against the Sixers, he was 8-17 from the field and added 4 assists in just over 24 minutes of playing time.

Boston was led in rebounding and assists by C Jared Sullinger who had 11 and 7, respectively, while G Avery Bradley added 19 points on 7-13 shooting from the field, including 3-4 from 3-point country. The Sixers were led in scoring by F Robert Covington with 25 points and F Nerlens Noel with 12.

After Philly hit the first 2 baskets and 5 points of the game, the Celtics scored 13 straight points and would never again be seriously threatened for the lead. On the season, Boston is a perfect 3-0 against a Sixers team that again has the worst record in the NBA. Overall, the Celtics sit in 5th place in the conference behind Cleveland, Toronto, Chicago and Atlanta.

With the NBA season a little more than half over, some of the best betting systems and betting strategies have most likely been exposed. If you want to consistently beat your bookmaker over the remainder of the season, now is the time to determine which of these betting systems and betting strategies you can use to start building up your bankroll in time for the beginning of the MLB season and the NBA playoffs.

Gate of Heaven CYO Basketball League Standings



Boys Cadet League	Won	Loss
Metro Energy	10	1
Jack McDonough Club	7	4
Nick Collins Club	3	8
PS Deli	2	9
Boys Midget League	Won	Loss
Bill Linehan Club	8	0
East Boston Savings	6	2
Blasi's Café	3	5
Ryan Club	2	6
Joe Evans Club	1	7
Girls Cadet League	Won	Loss
Hoop Dee Doo	4	3
Kelly Collins Club	4	4
Seaport Realty	3	4
Olson/Caputo Club	3	3

Travel Teams	Won	Loss
Boys	Won	Loss
3rd & 4th Grade – Sister Pat Club	2	8
5th & 6th Grade – Massport	8	2
7th Grade	11	2
8th Grade – Sean Dwyer Club	5	5
9th Grade – O'Brien's Funeral Home	6	5
10th Grade – Boston Home Inspectors	8	4
11th Grade	8	2
12th Grade	7	4
18 & Under – Iron Wokers Local #7	4	4
Girls	Won	Loss
5th & 6th Grade	7	6
7th & 8th Grade	1	9
High School	6	6



Celtics Still Fighting Thru 4th Quarter Growing Pains

By Nate Fishman

Your Boston Celtics currently stand in 6th place in what is panning out to be a mediocre, but competitive Eastern Conference. However, with the amount of close games they have dropped, it is plausible that they could even be higher in the standings at this point in the season.

Closing out games has been the biggest theme for the Celtics since the Brad Stevens era began. Whether they jump out to an early lead or claw their way back from a deficit, the Celtics have been in almost all the games they've played. Rarely, have they been blown out. Their point differential is +4.1 a game which is good for 6th in the NBA, but their win loss record tells a different story (27-22). Unfortunately, only the record counts for anything.

There's no cold-blooded closer like Paul Pierce playing for the Celtics, which has been a common objection from the media and analysts. With this team that's not really the reason for their 4th quarter fades. It's really more about the team's execution. Too many times, offensive turnovers and ill-advised shots have crippled them. At the same time, opponents are much more aggressive against the Celtics D, and are able to take advantage of second chance rebounds against the C's 3-guard lineup of Marcus Smart, Avery Bradley and Isaiah Thomas lineup.

Really, the underlying issue is the Celtics are having trouble adjusting to 4th quarter play. The fact is, the fourth quarter play in the NBA is different from the first 3 - which is why this team is running into issues. Generally, the game slows down, defense becomes more intense

and foul management comes into play. The Celtics know how to play the first 3 quarters, but it seems like when the game intensifies, they become less aggressive - particularly on the offensive end, and taking the ball to the hoop.

The Celtics season will come down to whether or not they play to their strength - their team defense. In the few memorable late game wins they've had, the Celtics defense has played an integral part - particularly defense transitioning into offense. The Pacers game in January was a great example. The team came up with 4 key steals in the last 3 minutes of a close game in which they came back from a 92-89 deficit to win 103-94.

We know the Celtics are going to be competitive this year. As a city we have acknowledged they are relevant again with their playoff push last year. However, if they want to be in the upper echelon of teams in the Eastern Conference and the NBA they need to figure out how to win in close games. The more close games they play, the better this team will be. Until then, they need to play to their strength.



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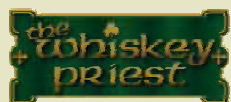
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