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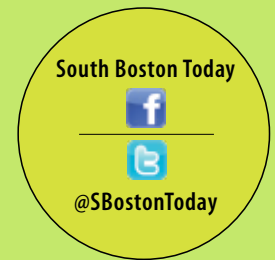
The City is holding another public hearing on April 26th at the Condon Community School to present more information to the South Boston neighborhood regarding the BRA's planned rezoning initiative. At this meeting, the focus will be on what dimensional regulations including height, density, setbacks, parking ratios and others are appropriate for the neighborhood. For residents who plan to attend, a refresher course on the First Street rezoning process is in order.

The First Street Corridor had long

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# EDITORIAL *“Empty Gesture”*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY -By Staff

While the gesture by His Holiness may benefit the 12 Syrian refugees given sanctuary in the Vatican, it actually exposes the complexity of the refugee situation. Unless the Pope is going to land us a few squads of the guards in the fancy rainbow pantaloons and allow us a couple of weeks to do a background check on the refugees that we can handpick, (like the Vatican staff did), it would be national suicide.

It could be argued that it is an empty gesture, designed more for window dressing to divert questions as to why the Church has remained quiet for so long on this crisis. After all, this crisis actually began 3 or 4 years ago, when Christians began fleeing slavery or extermination. All the Church did then was to issue a few condemnations and then moved on.

Perhaps next time, rather than for believers of the religion producing the murderers, His Holiness might find, “room at the Inn”, for those who share His faith.



*“We have seen great intolerance in the supposed support of tolerance” - Samuel Taylor Coleridge*



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## Now the Kentucky Derby is Racist? Who Knew?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY  
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I'm willing to bet that most people have heard the saying "We learn something new every day" from either family members or our teachers in school. It's a saying that has been carried over through countless generations and pretty much has turned out to be true. In today's world, those words of wisdom seem to be just as much the case as ever, maybe even more so, in the current politically correct climate pushed by some segments of our population. I say this because we are almost daily learning that things, which normal people consider to be perfectly ok and harmless, are actually – are you ready for it? – Racist.

In recent times, we've learned, from those who see a racist under every bed and in every nook and cranny, that many foods are racist. From peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to the famous New England 'Fluffernutter', these American favorites are racist and should no longer be enjoyed because, we're told, children from foreign countries are not familiar with them. Therefore when American-born kids eat them, the immigrant youngsters feel left out. This brilliant declaration actually came from the mouths and the pens of some school administrators, teachers and even some pandering politicians. It's believed that if you passed by a Mexican restaurant to dine at a Chinese restaurant there would be some liberal somewhere who would accuse you of hating Hispanics.

They have attempted to ruin Halloween by labelling nearly 80% of costumes as racist, because they somehow offend some ethnic

group, animal species or a variety of vegetable. A few months back, the MIA-POW flag was deemed to be racist with demands by some group with a chip on its shoulder against the military that it no longer be flown on public buildings or anywhere else for that matter. Certain makes and models of cars are now racist, the Humvee chief among them. And of course NASCAR is high on that list. Too many Rednecks, we're told. The items, words, clothing styles, movies, books and flavors of ice cream that have been labelled racist have now become so numerous that the list of what isn't racist might be much shorter.

The most recent thing to be targeted with the 'racist' label was announced last week from the Liberal Command Center is The Kentucky Derby. The Kentucky Derby? Who knew? This latest declaration made me curious. Was it because there were too many horses of one color as opposed to another shade? Are there no Safe Places at the track so that progressive college students, delicate little flowers that they are, don't feel welcome there? Maybe with the jockeys being all small in stature, it causes no size diversity in the ranks of the riders. So I looked into the reasoning behind this latest racism charge. It seems that a Dartmouth College sorority had planned to throw a party with a Kentucky Derby theme. But the Black Lives Matter group - cop haters that they seem to be - sent a message to the Dartmouth students that they must cancel the party or change the theme because it would be a racist party. Of course it would. To these nuts, everything is racist.

But why, pray tell, is the Kentucky Derby now racist?

The reasoning goes like this: The Kentucky Derby is reflective of the Old South and promotes genocide and police brutality. How they link the Kentucky Derby horse race with genocide and police brutality would ordinarily be mindboggling, until of course you look at the mentality of those throwing the racist label around. They would somehow be able to find something racist about

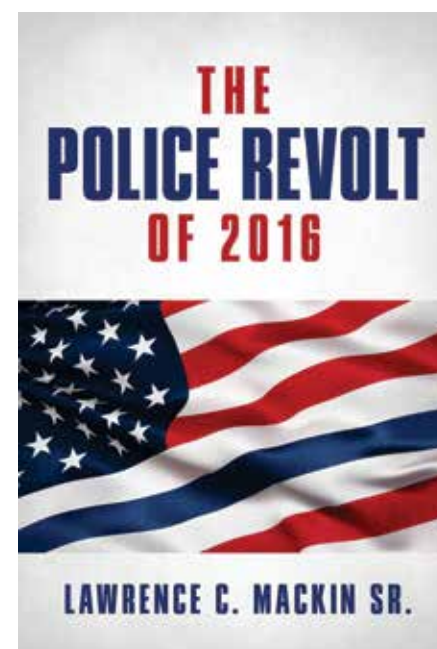
a pair of green striped stockings. They are that creative when it comes to this. The big question is why does anyone even pay attention to these groups? And as far as the members of that Dartmouth College sorority, they should be ashamed of themselves. They've got a problem if they let a bunch of whining, cop hating radicals dictate to them what theme they can have at their own party. If Black Lives Matter tells

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## Window Into The State House

Window Into The State House provides our readers a synopsis of important issues of interest, past and current, that are being proposed, debated or acted upon by the Massachusetts Legislature. Many issues that are not related to local city government services are acted upon and have a direct impact on daily life. They are tax policy, transportation infrastructure, judicial appointments, social services and health, as well as higher education. We will excerpt reports from the gavel-to-gavel coverage of House and Senate sessions by news sources focused on this important aspect of our lives. These sources include a look ahead at the coming week in state government and summaries and analyses of the past week, re-caps of a range of state government activity, as well as links to other news.

### Arlington To Lexington And Concord – Stop Bragging!

Patriots' Day is sort of like Thanksgiving: It's a pleasant, non-commercialized, simple holiday, officially commemorating the Battle of Lexington and Concord both in Massachusetts and Maine. It also unofficially marks the start of spring in these parts. But did you know that Patriots' Day is also observed in Wisconsin? It's true.

And here's another Patriots' Day factoid to think about today, amidst all the reenactments and Boston Marathon festivities and late-morning Red Sox game and the pancake breakfasts and afternoon barbecues: The most fierce fighting on April 19, 1775 didn't take place

in the towns you might think. From Edgar B. Herwick III at WGBH: "Today we remember April 19 for the Battles of Lexington and Concord, but the majority of the fighting and the dying that day actually took place in Arlington, known then as Menotomy. It was here that more than half of the 122 Americans and British who were killed that day lost their lives."

Arlington, take a bow.

### The Backstage Battle For Delegates

At this point, anything less than overwhelming victories in New York's primary elections today would be disappointing for Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton. But assuming Trump and Clinton

handily win in New York, what next? There are more primaries and delegates to pick up. Yet, the real battle being waged, at least on the Republican side, is taking place behind the election curtains.

The New York Times has a great story about how veterans of the contested 1976 GOP convention – which pitted Gerald Ford against Ronald Reagan – are being drafted back into service. From the report by the NYT's Jeremy Peters: "Political campaigns are often viewed as a young person's game, especially in an era in which digitally savvy, data-fixated strategists track the behavior of millions of voters nationwide and target them with increasing sophistication and precision. But this year, as Republicans face the prospect of a contested convention, the party is turning to its oldest hands, who learned how to fight over delegates using walkie-talkies, loose-leaf notebooks and quick-footed young pages."

Meanwhile, the Globe's Jim O'Sullivan reports that Trump may have won big in the Massachusetts GOP primary in March, but Ted Cruz may end up picking up a plurality of state GOP delegates after the first convention vote. In true Frank Underwood fashion, Cruz, who came in a pathetic fourth place in Massachusetts, is hustling and knows what it takes to win. Trump? He's too busy throwing juvenile fits on stage while the action is backstage.

### Would 4-Year City Council Terms Really Protect Incumbents?

OK, they may have strong ties to certain members of the Boston City Council. But James Sutherland and James Chisholm argue that a proposal to extend council terms from two years to four years is not an incumbent-protection scam as portrayed by critics and the media. In fact, four-year terms could lead to increased

competition and more broad-based representation and interest in races, they argue. Their points are well made. But count us among the non-convinced. Does anyone really believe council members are doing this to make themselves more politically vulnerable?

### The MBTA Fining Other Agencies For Poor Service?

State officials are eyeing a new contract with Amtrak that would include provisions allowing the MBTA to fine the federally subsidized passenger train service for poor maintenance of its equipment that leads to delays in T commuter service, the Globe's Nicole Dungca reports. The state's move comes after problems with an Amtrak-owned signal system near South Station delayed or canceled dozens of MBTA commuter trains on Sunday. Somewhere in the brain, the phrase "pot calling the kettle black" rattles around.

### Report: Baker's Local Focus Could Clear 2018 Field

Boosting local funding and supporting measures to streamline municipal government has helped Gov. Charlie Baker build a strong base of support among city and town leaders of all political stripes and it could serve to keep potential challengers on the sidelines come 2018, according to a report from Salem News Statehouse reporter Christian Wade.

### Teachers Union Hits Pay Study

The Boston Teachers Union is seeking to throw cold water on a new report showing that Hub teachers are paid well above their counterparts nationwide, Jack Encarnacao of the Herald reports. In its \$100,000 study, Education Resource Strategies said Boston teachers receive an average of about \$88,000 in salary and \$18,000 in benefits, well above the cities it used for comparison, which includes

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# Reading Between The Lines

## “Keep Truckin”

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“The Arsenal of Democracy” is the apt description President Roosevelt used to proclaim America’s role early in WWII. Millions of tons of tanks, planes, jeeps, ammunition and other war material were shipped from America’s ports to England and Russia in their fight against the Nazis. The port of Boston naturally was a prime shipping point. The supplies arrived at what is now the Black Falcon Terminal by way, in most cases, of the Summer Street Bridge. This bridge covered the span over the Reserve Channel. The bridge opened in the center and 50 feet to either side of the center was heavy fir planking. Built around 1890, it was replaced and rebuilt about 25 years ago by the Army Corps of Engineers into the solid cement span in use today. During the reconstruction, truck traffic from Conley Terminal was diverted down First Street.

This diversion was supposed to be temporary because only trucks servicing existing business on First Street were allowed to travel on First Street. In the ensuing years, the Williams Tunnel and BCEC were either built or approved. The new bridge, long completed, but the trucks continue to roll down First, completely avoiding the sturdy new bridge. As new development became an everyday thing and community meetings mounted, a constant theme emerged, “why are the trucks still on First instead of the new bridge, like they had for the previous hundred years? It soon became obvious the community would be fed excuses instead of answers.

The plain reason was the BCEC

didn’t want trucks going by their not yet constructed building. This dance continued for nearly ten years with trucks banned from crossing the massive cement bridge. The city position was, “we don’t know the weight capacity of the bridge”. It wasn’t until community activist Mary Cooney investigated and elicited a statement from the Mass Dept. of Weights and Measures that there was “no weight limit”, and the bridge could carry anything that crossed, and that the city (allegedly) stopped trucks on First Street and returned them to the bridge.

The community and BCEC next agreed that the trucks would proceed over the bridge down Summer to Fargo, under the BCEC and on to Haul Road. Once again, the BCEC found an excuse to change course. The attack on 9-11 prompted their argument that trucks traveling under the BCEC might contain a terrorist bomb so they placed jersey barriers across Fargo Street preventing truck passage. Which must mean the Mass Pike under the Westin / Copley Hotels will soon be closed, right?

While the battle to demand their adherence to agreements continues another element has entered - the Grand Prix event in the process of trying to win approval. Tentative agreements have been forged with abutting community groups, but questions remain and some groups have sought legal advice. St. Vincent’s Lower End Neighborhood Assoc. (SLVENA) has taken a position to support our neighbors most affected. While the race, for us, will result mainly in an influx of crowds passing through, we have not been directly impacted as the

route passes through.

However, recent reports have emerged of proposals to, once again, make First Street a “temporary” truck route. The issue seems to be the use of Cypher Street between D Str. and Haul Rd. and the potential this declared hazardous site may be disturbed releasing harmful pollutants in the community.

Perhaps the BCEC could bear the brunt. The boundary of the BCEC parking lot stops barely 30 feet from the Cypher Street curb which it parallels. Why not

create a “temporary” race road through BCEC property to the Haul Road, avoiding Cypher Street entirely? It would have the added advantage of allowing race officials to build stands in the lot also. The community has never taken a NIMBY position on the race. On the contrary, as long as problems and concerns are addressed and benefits explained we remain open-minded. Another “temporary” truck route on First Street, however, is not the answer.

*Take care till next week.*



### We’re Seeking Input from Our Community.

The National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories (NEIDL) is seeking applications for new members for its Community Liaison Committee (CLC). The CLC was formed to facilitate communication between the NEIDL and the community and to ensure transparency in the activities of the NEIDL.

The mission of the CLC is to promote a continuing conversation between the community and the NEIDL about the NEIDL’s activities and research. This dialogue must be an honest and respectful exchange of information, questions, and concerns intended to build trust and understanding.

The NEIDL, owned and operated by Boston University, is dedicated to the development of diagnostics, vaccines, and treatments for newly emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases. The NEIDL contains state-of-the-art BSL-2, BSL-3, and BSL-4 laboratories to conduct this important research in a safe and secure environment.

Individuals interested in becoming members of the committee may apply online at [www.bu.edu/NEIDL](http://www.bu.edu/NEIDL) or by contacting Valeda Britton, Executive Director, Community Relations/Boston University Medical Campus; email: [neidl@bu.edu](mailto:neidl@bu.edu); phone: 617-638-1911.

All applications must be received by April 22, 2016.

# Obamacare May Have First Major Casualty

UnitedHealth Group, the nation's largest health insurer, said Tuesday that in 2017 it will exit most of the 34 states covered where it offers plans on the Affordable Care Act insurance exchanges, including possibly Massachusetts which has 214,000 persons enrolled. Stephen J. Hemsley, chief executive officer of UnitedHealth Group told investors that the company will be down to a handful of states that we will be actively participating in the Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchanges, noting that the small market size and greater expense of patients insured through the marketplaces led the insurer to make the decision.

UnitedHealth plans to withdraw from health insurance marketplaces in Arkansas, Michigan, Connecticut and parts of Georgia. The decision is a sequel to an announcement by executives late last year that the insurer had suffered financial losses and might leave the health exchanges altogether in 2017. UnitedHealth reported that it expects to lose \$650 million in the exchanges in 2016.

Prior to the call, the Obama Administration, according to reports, attempted to downplay any departures from UnitedHealth. "We have full confidence, based on data, that the Marketplaces will continue to thrive for years ahead. The number of issuers per state has grown year-over-year," Health

and Human Services spokesman Ben Wakana said in a statement released Monday morning. "The Marketplace should be judged by the choices it offers consumers, not the decisions of any one issuer."

Although UnitedHealth is the nation's biggest health insurer, it

marketplaces, according to the latest data. Several observers said that while the decision is a clear signal of the troubles insurers face in making money in the marketplaces, it doesn't mean that other companies will follow suit.

The true impact of UnitedHealth's departure will vary by location,

be significant in some rural areas and Southern states, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation analysis. Katherine Hempstead of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation said UnitedHealth's move was significant, but far from a death knell for the marketplaces. She took note of the fact that instead of leaving Georgia altogether, UnitedHealth is going to continue to participate, offering insurance through a subsidiary called Harken Health.

But the report also showed that, overall, the effects would be relatively modest. Even if United exited all states, most marketplace enrollees would still have the ability to choose between three or more insurers. An average health plan used as a benchmark would be about 1 percent more expensive if United had not participated in 2016.

United's announcement comes as other insurers have indicated concern over how they are faring in the marketplaces created by health reform, as well. Last month, the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association released a report indicating that new members who enrolled in individual plans used more medical services of all kinds and accounted for health care spending 22 percent higher than people with employer-based insurance in 2015. At Aetna's earnings call for the fourth quarter of 2015, chief executive Mark Bertolini said the insurer was concerned about the marketplaces.



was slow to enter the exchanges in 2014, rolling out plans in just four states initially. In the call, executives said they cover 795,000 people through the exchanges and expect that number to drop to 650,000 by December. There are 12.7 million people insured through the state and federal

according to a new report by the Kaiser Family Foundation. That analysis found that, if United were to drop out of all the states, 1.1 million people in the exchanges would have just one option for an insurer, provided no other insurers rushed in to fill the gap. State-by-state, the impact could

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places such as Buffalo, New Haven and Syracuse. BTU President Richard Stutman "likened the study to a push poll, a biased survey that spreads negative propaganda about the opposition," the Herald reports.

## Worcester's Latest Claim To Fame:

Home to the last major horseshoe manufacturer in U.S.

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UMass Medical School, Clark University, Holy Cross College and other institutions. But did you know that it's also home to the last major horseshoe manufacturer in the country? Indeed, it is, reports MassLive's Michael D. Kane. The company: St. Pierre Manufacturing. **Greater Boston's Incredible Construction Boom, By The Numbers**

During and immediately after the recent recession, the construction industry was one of the hardest hit sectors within the US economy.

The building trades fared no better in Massachusetts. But today? The state's construction industry employed more than 150,000 people in March, up 12 percent over last year and making it the third fastest-growing construction market in the nation, reports the Boston Business Journal's Catherine Carlock (below). Rhode Island is also doing especially well. Very impressive and very welcome numbers.

(C. Carlock Report) -

Massachusetts in March had the third-highest percentage of construction trades workers gained year-over-year, according to a recent report from the Associated General Contractors of America. The state employed 150,100 in the construction trades in March, up 11.9 percent from a year prior and up 1.7 percent from a month prior. That 11.9 percent growth was the third-highest percentage increase in construction trades jobs in the

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## STRAIGHT FROM THE MAYOR



# Boston is going Fiber

**T**his week I announced something that will change Boston's future: working closely with the City over the next six years, Verizon will rewire the entire city with an advanced fiber-optic network.

Replacing our outdated copper-based telecom infrastructure with state-of-the-art fiber will dramatically improve internet connection speeds for both residents and businesses and increased competition will help the city reach its goal of ensuring that

every resident has expanded access to broadband. This upgrade will help students, seniors, small businesses, and innovators of all kinds. The bottom line is, it's going to place Boston at the leading edge of technological firepower, and technological access, now and as we move into the future.

I want to thank Verizon for committing more than \$300 million to this investment in the City of Boston. And I want to thank them for committing to a roll-out that starts in the

neighborhoods of Boston where access is needed most.

I knew when I took office over 2 years ago that our city faced a disconnect. Boston is home to some of the brightest minds and best talent. But our infrastructure—the engine that makes innovation possible—lags behind. It's insufficient for the 21st century leader that we are becoming. So we made fiber a priority. We forged a strong partnership with Verizon. And together we crafted a plan that is fair and practical, yet bold and ambitious. We're going to go from lagging behind to leading the pack.

Our first priority was to make this service available all over the city. We've been working to extend the innovation economy beyond the Seaport and Downtown, with investments like Wicked Free Wi-Fi in our Main Street districts, and startup support at the Roxbury Innovation Center. Likewise, our fiber optic rollout will begin, this year, in Dudley Square as well as Dorchester and West Roxbury. Next we'll upgrade Hyde Park, Mattapan, greater Roxbury, and Jamaica Plain. The rest of the neighborhoods will follow. By 2022, residents and businesses across the city will be able to benefit from the state-of-the-art fiber optic connection.

Our partnership with Verizon is going to make Boston a smarter and more equitable city right away. For example,

Verizon is donating \$100,000 to support a mobile hotspot lending program at the Boston Public Library, bringing free internet access to families who need it the most. In addition, we'll work together on a range of "smart city" technologies to upgrade the way Boston moves and works. We'll start with sensors to improve safety along Mass. Ave., as part of our Vision Zero goal to eliminate fatal crashes. This fiber optic network will also support improvements to wireless coverage in Boston—so our smartphones and mobile devices always stay connected.

As our fiber network takes shape, the opportunities will only grow. And the infrastructure will not be static. It will be a platform for embracing—or inventing—whatever comes next.

That's only fitting for Boston. We have a proud legacy of punching far above our weight when it comes to innovation. Our revolutionary history encompasses both new ideas and new progress in social equality. This fiber optic network will help ensure we live up to that legacy, with resources that can support our highest aspirations. And those are dreams we don't even know about yet. They will come from the newly empowered—and accelerated—imagination of our students, our entrepreneurs, and our innovators across the city.

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U.S., behind Hawaii's 20.9 percent year-over-year growth to 40,500 construction workers and Rhode Island's 13.3 percent increase to 18,700 construction workers.

"Construction employment growth occurred all regions in the latest 12 months," said Ken Simonson, chief economist for the Associated General Contractors of America, in a prepared statement. "The only soft spots in construction

demand and employment are in states that rely on energy extraction for a large segment of their economy. The economic diversity across the leading job-growth states suggest that construction will continue to add to jobs gains in much of the country."

The statewide reports follows a metro-by-metro breakout, which in February showed that Greater Boston's construction industry employment had risen 10 percent year-over-year to 61,400 workers.

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you not to have a Kentucky Derby themed party, you should have two Kentucky Derby parties.

It all breaks down to the new definition of Liberalism: 'Everything they oppose or dislike must be banned. Everything that they DO like must be declared a human right and paid for by others.'

I'll close with not so surprising results from a new Associated Press poll on what Americans feel about

the main stream news media. The trust level continues to drop. Now, less than six percent of Americans have a lot of confidence that the press can be trusted to report the news accurately. The overwhelming number of Americans now believe that the media is much more interested in pushing their agendas than they are in truthfully presenting news as it really happens. The only shocking thing about these results is that there are still 6% of the people that haven't figured it out yet.



## Bill Cosetta's Murphy's Jewelry Is Back in Business

Most people like happy endings to stories. Whether it's a movie, a book or a play or some sort, especially when the issue is an up and down roller coaster ride of a situation, when all turns out well at the end, it makes us feel good. Such is the story of Bill Cosetta, owner and operator of Murphy's Jewelers on East Broadway in South Boston for decades.

His story was followed literally

by thousands in the news and on social media. As most know, after being at the same location since he was a child hired by the original owner to spruce up; he went on to learn the jeweler's business, buy the store and has served the neighborhood well ever since. When he received his notice; a relatively short notice, from the building's owner that he had to leave and find a new place or close the shop for good; like



most people would, he went into a bit of a tail spin trying to figure out what to do. Well, with the help of a supportive community that comes to the aide of one of its own in need; especially someone who had built a reputation of treating all of his customers with fairness and respect for so long as Bill Cosetta has done, Murphy's Jewelry is back in business at a new location and ready to go right back to work providing some of the finest merchandise at some of the fairest prices that can be found anywhere.

His new location is at 403 West First Street, still in South Boston as Bill had hoped to always be. The new shop is bright and beautiful and ready to serve. To say that Bill Cosetta and his family were overwhelmed by the support shown to them by a concerned home town would be an understatement. At times he was speechless in how to respond. South Boston Today spoke with Bill about the ordeal he had been through and the positive outcome. He found it difficult to come up with the words to express how grateful he was for the kindness shown to

him by so many. The donations and words and offers of help and encouragement were what enabled him to continue in the business that he loves so much. It's important to him that all those who offered their help and their prayers know how grateful he and his entire family are to them. In his words of thanks to all those who helped he stated that he was "humbled, awestruck and brought to tears." He went on to ask: "Who knew I could be so emotional? Please know that I sincerely appreciate each and every person that helped."

Though Murphy's Jewelry has moved from East Broadway to West First Street, friends, neighbors and every customer can be sure that the same friendly and personal service and fine merchandise Bill Cosetta has provided for so many years will still be priority. He wouldn't have it any other way because that's just the type of person he is and has always been. Stop in to check out the new location to make a purchase or to just say hi at 403 West First Street or give him a call at 617-268-0033. Bill will be glad to see you.



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225 Dorchester St UNIT 8 Condo	\$1,050,000	3/22/16	5	2.5	1919
192 Dorchester St UNIT 2 Condo	\$885,000	3/18/16	9	2	1850
835 East Fifth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$865,000	3/23/16	4	2.5	1300
13 Carpenter Street Three Family	\$860,000	3/18/16	15	3	2970
236-238 E Street Condo	\$775,000	3/16/16	13	3	2970
808 East Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$736,000	3/18/16	4	2	1223
330 Dorchester St UNIT 4 Condo	\$599,000	3/16/16	4	1.5	1047
368 East Eighth Street Single Family	\$551,115	3/16/16	5	2	1206
100 Emerson St UNIT 3 Condo	\$483,500	3/17/16	6	1	897
108 I St UNIT 2 Condo	\$482,500	3/21/16	4	1	854
483 East Seventh St UNIT 1 Condo	\$436,000	3/17/16	4	2	880
161 I St UNIT 2 Condo	\$345,000	3/23/16	2	1	512

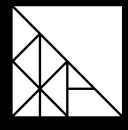


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**PUBLIC MEETING**

## SOUTH BOSTON REZONING INITIATIVE

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**200 D STREET**  
*Condon Community Center Cafeteria  
South Boston, MA 02127*

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
This South Boston Rezoning Initiative meeting will build upon the first meeting on February 29th which focused on current zoning regulations and existing building conditions. The BRA will now begin to focus the discussion on what dimensional regulations (height, density, setbacks, parking ratios etc.) are appropriate for the neighborhood. Possible dimensional regulations will be presented at the meeting followed by workshop style table discussions.

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# Mass Convention Center Authority Presents Annual Fund Check To South Boston Community Development Foundation



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TOP LEFT: In attendance SBCDF Board Members for the check presentation (Lto R) Fred Ahearn, Sen. Linda Dorcea Forry, State Rep. Nick Collins, David Gibbons, Executive Director of MCCA, Helen Allix, John Hurley and Donna Brown.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Bob O'Shea, Community Liaison MCCA, Nate Little Director of Communications and External Affairs MCCA, Fred Peterson, Deputy Director of MCCA.



# The Ed Hamilton Story: A Correction plus, More Impressive Details

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

As well as this being a correction regarding South Boston Today's continuing coverage of the travels and accomplishments of South Boston WW II Veteran Ed Hamilton during his wartime service to our country, this week we'll report on additional impressive events that Ed was involved in during his time in uniform.

First the correction: We reported that Ed Hamilton was at Pearl Harbor during the attack. Our mistake, we misunderstood. Please accept our apology. He was at Pearl after the attack took place and as part of the crew on the Destroyer USS Bennett, he patrolled the waters around the Hawaiian base. What we didn't include in previous stories was new information we received about the Battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa where Ed and the crew of the USS Bennett played prominent roles.

Ed Hamilton received a total of 9 Battle Stars as he was in 9 major battles during his time in the US Navy. It was during the battles of Iwo Jima and Okinawa that his ship, the USS Bennett was attacked. The Bennett was damaged by a bomb at Iwo Jima, went in for repairs and then deployed to Okinawa where it was attacked by Kamikaze aircraft during the raging battle. In fact, it was the flag from the Bennett that survived those attacks that he donated to the National WW II Museum in New Orleans during his recent trip with his family, where he was once again honored by Naval Personnel and the museum itself.

As was stated in a previous article here in SBT, Ed Hamilton and his family have been invited to return to Hawaii next December for the 75th Anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. He is looking forward to this upcoming trip as he once again will be part of of-

icial ceremonies commemorating this significant part of America's history. It's heartwarming to see how our country never forgets it's veterans who gave so much and risked their lives for our freedom and liberty and we here at SBT are honored to be able to tell Ed Hamilton's story. And Ed just takes it all in stride because the way he sees it, he just did his duty when his country called just like millions of other veterans over the years.

SBT plans to report on Ed Hamilton's next visit to Pearl Harbor for the 75th Anniversary of the attack. It is our honor to share with our readers the news about this neighborhood's many veterans. We understand that our neighborhood is rich in history with its many military veterans and would like to hear from other veterans and/or their families if you have a story you would like to share with your neighbors through this



This is the flag from the USS Bennett that was damaged by Kamikaze attacks donated by WW II Vet Ed Hamilton to the National WW II Museum in New Orleans.

newspaper. You can contact us by email at [info@southbostontoday.com](mailto:info@southbostontoday.com) or just give us a call at 617-268-4032.

IS ARTICLE 68 SCARED?  
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been home to many commercial and industrial uses, including Massport's Conley Container Terminal. The previous decades-old zoning reflected a time when industrial uses were more prevalent along this corridor, and did not reflect the recent spread of residential uses into this area from the traditional South Boston residential neighborhood.

In May 2010, the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) began a community planning and rezoning initiative for the First Street Corridor in South Boston. With a task of aiding the BRA in creating a vision and mixed use zoning district for the area, a Working Group consisting of 13 South Boston residents was formed. Initial walking tours and two community-wide charrettes – defined as meetings in which all stakeholders in a project attempt to resolve conflicts and map solutions – were held to kick off the planning and rezoning processes. In addi-

tion, a total of 12 working group and community-wide meetings that included property owners, residents, business owners, civic groups and elected officials (all open to the public) were held.

The feedback received during those events and all meetings aided the Working Group and the BRA in developing a comprehensive vision and zoning recommendations for the First Street Corridor. The overall goal of the processes was the creation of a mixed use zoning district (Article 68) that reflects the changes in the area and protects both residential and commercial/industrial uses. These efforts have provided clear guidelines regarding height, density, open space and parking. The new First Street zoning was enacted on September 15, 2011, since then positive development has taken place with no zoning variances.

As stated on the BRA website, the purpose of Article 68 is to establish the zoning regulations for the South Boston Neighborhood District as re-

quired by the provisions of the South Boston Waterfront Interim Planning Overlay District, Article 27P of this Code. This Article builds upon the planning that resulted in the Seaport Public Realm Plan and the visioning of the First Street Working Group and the South Boston Community.

The visioning built upon the general planning goal of protecting residential uses, while encouraging commercial and industrial growth where appropriate. First Street is envisioned as a walkable mixed-use residential scale street. Development along First Street includes setbacks to provide additional sidewalk area and street trees, creating a pleasant pedestrian environment.

The goals and objectives of Article 68 are to provide adequate density controls that reflect and protect established residential areas and provide opportunities for growth where appropriate and to retain and develop affordable, moderate income, and market rate housing compatible with adjacent areas, particularly for fami-

lies as well as to preserve, maintain and create open space.

Today, the community is being challenged to work with the BRA to pre-plan and ultimately agree to codify new rules and regulations for a large corridor of home owner properties in South Boston Proper. It is a tall order.

So far, Article 68 has provided a blueprint within which property owners and developers can assess both value and opportunity that will be reflected in their acquisition or sales price, as well as development costs. Hence, no need to seek variances.

Remember, the goal is to preserve affordability and continued homeownership opportunities for native sons and daughters, as well as those newcomers who want to live in a traditional neighborhood in close proximity to such a vibrant city as Boston. Luxury condominium living has plenty of inventory for those buyers to choose from.

Is Article 68 sacred and will the new zoning be?

# South Boston Students Earn BC High School Honors

### High Honors

Connor Morrow-2018  
Timothy Smyth-2018  
James Luck-2019  
Chase Thomas-2019

of South Boston achieved High Honors for the Third Quarter at Boston College High School. For High Honors an upperclassman must have at least a 3.8 quality point average and all grades C+ or higher. Freshmen need a 3.6 QPA and all grades C+ or higher.

### Honors

James McDonnell-2018  
Andrew Topalian-2018  
John Flaherty-2019

achieved Honors. For honors upperclassmen need a 3.2 QPA and all grades C- or higher. Freshmen need a 3.16 QPA and all grades C- or higher.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863. The school enrolls approximately 1600 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts.

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**With Sally Snowman, 70th Keeper of Boston Light**

Sally Snowman, a native of Boston Harbor, is the 70th keeper of America's oldest—and last manned (or womanned) light house. Get the inside story of Boston Light—its history and its role in navigation. She will have available her book *Boston Light: A Historical Perspective* written with her husband, CG Auxiliarist Jay Thomson.

**BOSTON LIGHT turns 300 this September—help us celebrate!**

**South Boston Public Library**

**646 East Broadway**

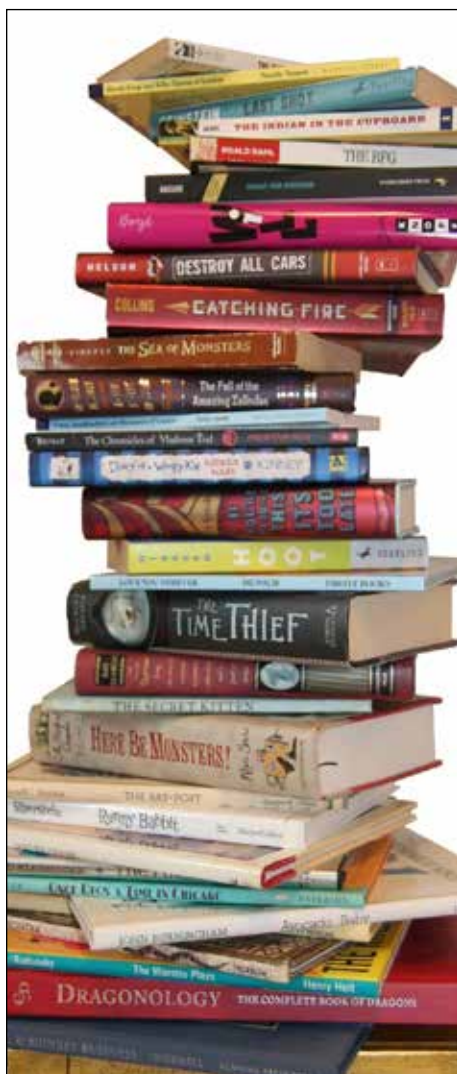
**Monday, APRIL 25**

**6:30 to 7:45**

**Free to all! Refreshments!**

## Springtime Book Sale at the Library Saturday, April 23

Calling all book lovers! Please join the Friends of the South Boston Branch Library as they present a Springtime Book Sale on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All types of adult, teen, and juvenile books, audiobooks, and CDs will be available for sale at the lowest prices around. Come by the library, at 646 East Broadway, and enjoy the bargains. This is a good chance to add to your stash of great reads for the new season and upcoming vacation time. Your support is always welcome! All proceeds from the Friends' book sales benefit your local library branch. Please stop by, meet the Friends and say hello.



## Tynan Happenings

The BCYF TYNAN will be hosting its first annual April School Vacation wiffleball tournament /cookout on Thursday starting at 3pm. The Tournament will be made up of 8 teams with 3

players on each. ages range from 12-16 years old. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served throughout the entire day so parents and spectators please stop by show your support and enjoy some food and beverages.



# The Senior Connection

By Lu O'Brien

**T**he Red Sox are back at Fenway Park, Lord Stanley will not be in Boston this year because the Bruins imploded at the wrong time of the season and the Celtics are in the play off's and the marathon has run its 120th this year. My azaleas are blooming. The birds are making their come back to Southie and street sweeping has started with tickets & towing and all the anger and headaches that goes along with this. UGH!!!

If you would like to apply for food stamps, Lorna Heron our advisor from city hall will come and fill out the application for you. All you need to bring is a copy of your income. Call me at 617-464-1910 if you are interested.

#### **Blood Pressure Screenings for the month of April**

April 21: W. 9th Street Apts. 185

W. 9th Street from 12:00-12:30

April 27: Bellflower Street Apts. 24

Bellflower Street from 10:30-11:00

April 28: The Msgr. Powers Apts.

120 L Street from 12:00-12:30

#### **The City Hall to Go Truck**

will be at the Condon School on Thursday, April 28 from 3:00-

6:00 This is a wonderful service

city hall is providing to the residents of Boston. You can do

all your city business with this truck...it saves you a trip to city

hall. Check it out!!!

#### **Taxi Coupons for the month of April**

April 26: The Foley Apts. 199 H

Street from 11:30-12:00

April 26: Old Colony Development

290 E. 9th Street from 1:00-1:45

April 28: WB Task Force 135 Orton

Marotta Way from 10:00-10:30

If this is your first time buying coupons, just bring some form of ID with your birth year on it. The cost is \$10.00 for two (2) books.

Coupons are always available at the Elderly Commission at city hall, room 217

#### **FRIENDLY REMINDERS:**

**Handicapped equipment:** If you have shower chairs, toilet seat risers, rollators, canes, power-chairs, scooters, and you would like to pay it forward...call me, Lu O'Brien at 617-464-1910

Sorry to say that I cannot accept the regular walkers anymore due to the high demand for rollators.

Commodes and toilet seat risers have to be clean before I accept them. Thank you!!!

**Fair Foods:** Every Tuesday, 115

Orton Marotta Way. \$2.00 for a

bag of food. Please bring bags

with handles because fruits and

veggies are heavy are heavy to carry.

The hours are from 1:30-2:30.

Everyone is welcome. Fair shoes

is still on hold. I will let you know

when it will start again.

**The Curley Center/BCYF:** Is

serving Kit Clark lunches on Mon-

day, Wednesday, Thursday and

Friday from 11:30-12:30. A \$2.00

donation is appreciated.

#### **Free & Reduced Cost Food Options In South Boston**

**St. Monica's Food Pantry**

617-268-1230

331 Old Colony Ave.

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the

month from 1:00-3:00pm

Requirements: Proof of South Boston residency with an ID or a bill in your name.

People are asked to stay within the boundaries of this food pantry.

Thank you!!

**St. Vincent DePaul Parish Food Pantry**

617-268-8100

363 E Street

Every Thursday from 1:00-3:00pm

Requirements: Proof of Boston Residency with an ID or mail in your name.

People are asked to stay within the boundaries of this food pantry.

Thank you!!

**Fourth Presbyterian Church**

617-268-1281

340 Dorchester Street

Every 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each

month from 8:00-11:00am

**South Boston Community Health Center**

617-464-7482

409 W. Broadway

Tuesday & Wednesday from

10:00am-2:00pm

Requirements: Must be a patient

of the South Boston Community

Health Center

**BINGO!!!**

**Castle Cove Co-op.** 225 W. 2nd

Street. Wednesday night from

6:30-9:00

Mark your calendar for flea

market at Castle Co-op on

Saturday, April 30, 2016 from

11:00-3:00. There will be very

nice items...items that still have

some life in them...reasonably

priced...refreshments will be

served at a small cost.

The senior discounts will be published on the first of month. This way you can cut it out of the paper and hang it on your fridge...sounds like a plan to me!!!

My name is Lu O'Brien...I can be reached at 617-464-1910...

leave me a message and I will get back to you as soon as I

can...I am in and out of my office all the time...why??? because I am taking care of the

seniors of Southie!!!

*Have a wonderful week...*



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# LESSONS FROM THE PAST STILL IMPACT OUR FUTURE

April 15, 2016 was not only Patriot's Day, it was also the 5th Annual presentation of the South Boston Historical Society's History Slam. St. Peter Academy students marched

up to the Dorchester Heights as an extension of their classroom learning, to meet Phillis Wheatley, Henry Knox, Benjamin Franklin, Paul Revere, a Marine from 1812 and period musicians.

Students were broken into groups and rotated to different stations around the Heights to greet and listen to our famous historical figures and what roles they played in our history. The students enjoyed

themselves, asked many questions and appreciated having this history lesson in our own backyard! East Boston Savings Bank sponsored the event for the school children of South Boston.

# SOUTH BOSTON YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

This year we have added on a WEB site for all info. It is [www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com](http://www.southbostonyouthsoccer.com) and also on facebook.

You can get a registration form for players and coaches on line AND PRINT IT OUT, but you must bring them to the Curley recreation center after you fill them out and pay your fee.

You cannot register online as we feel we do not want this personal info about the kids online.

Registration for the fall season of the South Boston Youth Soccer will be held the week of MAY 9,10,11,12,13, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm and 9 am to 12 noon on Saturday the 14th at Curley Recreation Center on Day Blvd. (L. street bath house) in the seniors card room.

Children from the age of 3 and up to 12 are invited to register now for the fall program. A new division of 3 and 4 year olds has been added to the program. Age groups Birth years for 2015 season are as follows:

- 4 and under- 2012,2013
- 6 and under- 2010,2011
- 8 and under- 2008,2009
- 10 and under- 2006,2007
- 12 and under- 2004,2005

New players to the program must have copy of birth certificates to produce and proof of residency in

order to play in the program. Anybody who does not sign up at this time will be put on a waiting list with no guarantee that there will be a place for them in the program. **There will be no other registrations held.**

This is the only one we will be holding so if you want your child to play in the fall program than you must sign them up NOW. The fee for this year is \$30.00 per player. As usual we need coaches to make the program work and this year we will be holding a mandatory coaching clinic for all coaches in order to improve the quality of play by the kids.

The dates, location and time of the clinic have not been set yet and we will publish them in this newspaper when they are set up and send an e-mail to all coaches. We also are in need of referees so if you have the time and would like to help the kids out than you should come down and register also there is no fee for coaches or referees but you must fill out a CORI background check form to be allowed to coach or referee.

The season is scheduled to open on Thursday September 8th with our annual parade of "CHAMPIONS" and the games will start on Saturday September 10th with the under

## BABE RUTH LEAGUE TRYOUT SCHEDULE



### (13-15 Years Old)

Saturday	April 23	1:00 PM
Sunday	April 24	2:00 PM
Saturday	April 30	1:00 PM
Sunday	May 01	2:00 PM

Your age is based on how old you will be on April 30th of 2016. All tryouts will be held on the Babe Ruth League Fields at Moakley Park, which are located by the club house directly across from St. Monica's Church. If you have any questions, please call Kevin Lally at 617-943-5238. Or email him at lallycompound@aol.com  
Everyone Makes a Team

10,12, age groups scheduled. The under 4, 6 and 8 age groups will be starting play on Sunday September 11th. Of course all of this happens only if we have the people to coach and referee the games. You do not have to have a child in the program to coach or referee. We need all the help we can get. The banquet location has been shifted to the Boys and Girls club

at 230 W 6th Street for Saturday, November 20th you can check our new web site [www.SOUTH-](http://www.SOUTH-)

[BOSTONYOUTHSOCCER.COM](http://BOSTONYOUTHSOCCER.COM) and facebook.

So remember tell all your friends and anything else you want to for the dates for soccer registration so that they will not lose out on the fun of playing in the program. Remember the whole idea behind the soccer program is for the kids to have "FUN, FUN, FUN" .See you at registration and if you have any questions or would like to sponsor a team or help out in anyway at all you can call me Billy Baker at 617-269-7930 .

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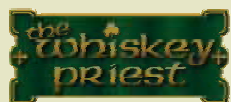
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