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gainst all odds, pundits, cartoonists, elitists, talking heads and muckrakers, Donald Trump is the President Elect of the United States of America and no one is laughing, including Trump... and of course Hillary Clinton.

The sobering reality of the awesome responsibility that awaits him weighed heavily on the tone of his victory speech. His margin of victory in the Electoral College exceeded any predictions. His victories in rural America matched

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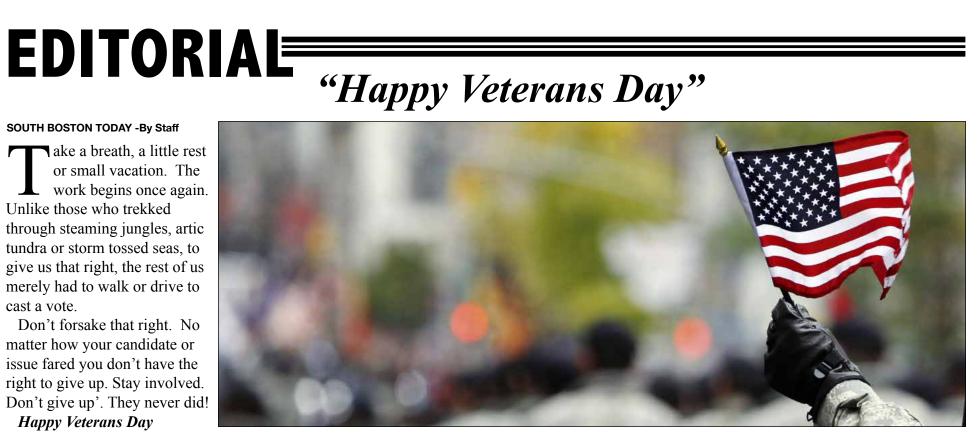




¬ake a breath, a little rest or small vacation. The work begins once again. Unlike those who trekked through steaming jungles, artic tundra or storm tossed seas, to give us that right, the rest of us merely had to walk or drive to cast a vote.

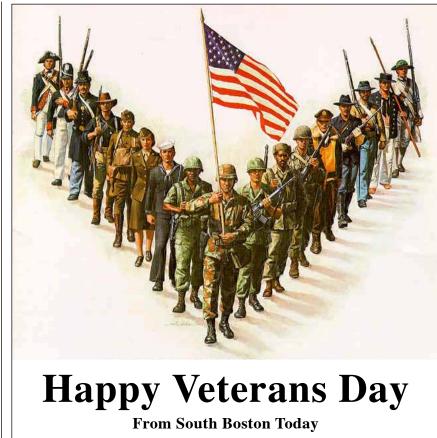
Don't forsake that right. No matter how your candidate or issue fared you don't have the right to give up. Stay involved. Don't give up'. They never did!

Happy Veterans Day



"The chilly crisp winds of November remind us that winter is just around the corner" - Oh joy" Adam Glenn Stockwell





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Country Music Fans Express their Feelings; 'Ladies' of 'The View' Have Strokes

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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his column was written on Tuesday Morning, well before the election results were in, so you won't have to put up with any election analysis from me – at least for this week. Instead, the lead topic will be the controversy over last Sunday's Country Music Awards (CMA's) televised show. For those not familiar with what the outcry was, something possessed the organizers of that event to invite 'Beyoncé' to perform and with of all people, 'The Dixie Chicks'.

In response, tens of thousands of Country Music fans took to Twitter and other social media denouncing Beyoncé's appearing at the awards ceremony (as well as the Dixie Chicks but for other reasons). Threats to boycott future CMA's and even the show's sponsors came at a fast and furious pace. The following day, there was the typical and predictable response from the cackling hens on the TV show known as 'The View'; particularly from Whoopy Goldberg and Joy Behar. These two, right on cue called the reason for the backlash against Beyoncé's appearance racism, because Beyoncé is nonwhite and Country Music is considered by many to be a predominantly white music genre.

To Goldberg, Behar and other liberals with closed minds, there could be no other explanation. It had to be racism, plain and simple. You see, to people who think like they do, if you disagree with them on anything - politics,

education, the time of day, the weather or what topping you like best on your pizza, somehow there has to be racism involved. To disagree with their views on anything, since as far as they are concerned, theirs are the only views allowed and to hold a different opinion makes you a bigot and a hater. It's believed by many people that there is more hate in the hearts of some members of 'The View', than anyone they accuse of the same. But in fact, the reason for the backlash against this year's CMA's and the decision to invite Beyoncé wasn't racism at all. It isn't because she is not a Country Music performer and it's not what color she is, it's what she does.

Most Country Music fans are

fiercely patriotic. They aren't afraid to wave the flag, stand for the National Anthem and praise our troops. They are also for the most part, pro-law enforcement and were sickened and outraged at Beyoncé's disgraceful antipolice and pro Black Lives Matter performance during this year's Super Bowl halftime show. It was bad enough that the NFL allowed her to spout her hate against cops, but with Roger Goodell in charge, it didn't surprise too many. But for the CMA's to reward her with a prime spot at their awards ceremony, well, it was a little too much to take for many Country fans and they weren't afraid to voice their disapproval to the CMA's organizers. Just as **CONTINUED ON PAGE 6**





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.

'Trump Stuns the World'

That was the online headline earlier this morning at the U.K.'s Guardian – and what else can you say? Donald Trump's presidential victory was stunning and an even bigger upset than the famous Truman-Dewey race in 1948. Simply amazing.

Here are some links from around the world and country, as everyone tries to come to grips with an election outcome that most polls said couldn't and wouldn't happen: From the U.K.'s Guardian ("one of the most improbable political victories in modern US history"); from the Times of London ("a stunning shock victory"); from France's Le Monde (we don't know what it says, we're just show-

ing off); from the NYT ("a stunning culmination of an explosive, populist and polarizing campaign"); from the Washington Post("a campaign that defied expectations and conventions at every turn"); from the Boston Globe ("sending shock waves around the world"); and from theBoston Herald ("stunning political upset").

And from The Onion ("nation elects first black-hearted president").

GOP's Ayotte holds slim lead in NH; recount expected

U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte was holding a razor-think lead of only 1,500 votes as of this morning in her race for reelection against Gov. Maggie Hassan, the NYT is reporting. The Globe is reporting that a recount, no matter who technically squeaks by when all the votes are counted, is all but inevitable. Meanwhile, the Concord Monitor is reporting that Republican Chris Sununu, son of former N.H. Gov. John H. Sununu, comfortably defeated Democrat Colin Van Ostern in yesterday's gubernatorial race in the Granite State.

Question 2 resoundingly rejected, setting back charter school expansion for years

In the end, it wasn't even close: Ouestion 2, which would have expanded charter schools in Massachusetts, went down in flames, with 62 percent opposing the measure and only 37.9 percent favoring it, with 96 percent of the vote counted as of this morning, the Globe reports. The trouncing shows that supporters overreached by trying to lift the caps on charter schools – and now the charter school movement will suffer major blowback on Beacon Hill. For at least the next few years, who's going to listen to charter-school proponents after such a lopsided vote? The biggest winners last night: Teacher unions that vehemently opposed Question 2. The biggest loser, from a political perspective: Gov. Charlie Baker Baker, who championed the measure.

Marijuana legalized in Massachusetts – and now comes the hard part

Count on it: Beacon Hill lawmakers are going to be very, very busy in coming weeks, months and years on the issue of how to regulate marijuana in Massachusetts, after state voters yesterday approved the Question 4 initiative that legalizes marijuana in the Bay State, starting next month. The measure was passed by a somewhat narrow 53.6 percent in favor and 46.4 percent against, with 97 percent of the votes counted, the Globe reports. California also passed marijuana legalization yesterday, the NYT reports. Moving forward, lawmakers in both states will now have to grapple with how to regulate and

implement marijuana sales and a host of other issues – and you know the debates are going to get fierce at times. It's going to consume a lot of time on Beacon Hill.

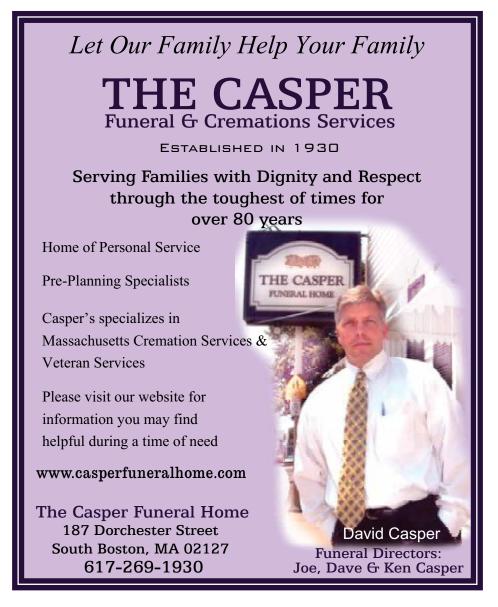
Slots parlor Question 1 gets crushed, handing win to Wynn

Opponents of Question 1, the ballot initiative that would have allowed a new slots parlor to open in Revere, were heavily outspent by the casinoindustry backers of the measure. But Question 1 was easily and most emphatically trounced vesterday, with 60.9 percent of statewide voters opposing the measure versus 39.1 percent in favor, with 96 percent of votes counted as of this morning, the Globe reports. Beside the people of Revere who voted against the measure in an earlier local referendum, the big winner following Question 1's defeat is Steve Wynn, who's building a fullscale casino in neighboring Everett and who donated last-minute money to the anti-Question 1 cause

In Rhode Island, meanwhile, voters statewide said yes to a proposal to erect a casino in Tiverton, just yards from the Massachusetts border. But as of late Tuesday night, some 800 mailin votes remained to be counted in the host community, which has the power to veto the project that could impact gaming revenues in the Bay State, WPRI reports.

Voters approve the 'groundbreaking' Question 3 initiative to protect farm animals

From the Globe's Joshua Miller: "Massachusetts voters Tuesday passed a groundbreaking ballot question that will mandate all pork, veal, and eggs farmed and sold in Massachusetts come from pigs, calves, and laying hens not confined to ultratight quarters." The ballot question was supported by an astounding 77 percent of voters. Now we'll see if passage of the measure indeed leads to higher food prices, as opponents of the measure had warned.





ReadingBetween The Lines

"Honoring Veterans And An Angel"

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian R. Mahoney

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f all the six states, New Hampshire probably best captures the essence of what is New England. The forests of Vermont, the lakes of Maine, the seacoasts of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and rural country roads of western Connecticut. There is a little of all of them in New Hampshire. Wise guys in Boston sometimes refer to it as Cow Hampshire, but there's a touch of envy in those remarks to try to disguise that state's bucolic beauty.

No matter who you voted for and how tiring all the candidates' words and speeches became, there was one remark Donald Trump made that caused some of the deepest reflection on the sad state of affairs in our nation.

From the very beginning of his numerous trips to the state, he constantly remarked on the pastoral beauty of New Hampshire. Sounding every bit the city slicker on his first visit to the "country". The memorable point of his words was the puzzled and sad wonderment in his voice, as he decried a land with so much beauty was also the "ground zero" of heroin and opiate addiction in the nation. If he said nothing else you believed, then believe that. It is simply out of control.

We here in Massachusetts, especially in Southie, know we are not immune. Just the opposite, we are deeply impacted. While New Hampshire undoubtedly has dedicated and caring people fighting this problem, there is no doubt that here in the "big city" we are fortunate to be blessed to have scores of caring people, who step forward to serve.

Here in South Boston, we have some of the finest organizations and people who do that. One is Julie's Family Learning Program with director Bob Monahan. Bob, a lifelong South Boston resident and Harvard College graduate brings the best of both worlds to our community. His street sense and knowledge gives him the insight to what is needed and his educational credentials give him entry into the enemy camp. But seriously, we are lucky in South Boston to have a person with his smarts and dedication. We are not the only ones to recognize this fact.

Recently, Bob was given an "Ambassador" award for his work in bringing communities together. This is by way of saying that, if anyone is a judge of dedicated caring people, Bob is that person. Which is why at the annual Julies Award Night our friend, neighbor, local son and State Representative Nick Collins, will be honored with their 2016 Angel Award.

The event will be held at Venezia Restaurant located in Port Norfolk, Dorchester. The event will run from 6-8:30 on December 1, with raffle baskets and silent auctions. As a regular attendee, the only advice is, if you go to one of these events a year this should be it. It's a great take and you will leave feeling better for having attended. Particularly this year to honor Nick.

Anyone who ever applied for a permit or license, usually experiences bureaucratic red tape. Imagine trying to find your way through the budget process of our legislature. It is daunting, yet somehow Nick Collins was able to maneuver through the mine field and, through the Division of Children and Families, was able to secure needed funding to assist Julie's in their mission. He was truly their Angel.

Of course, Nick stepping forward when there is a need should surprise no one. Sitting with Nick in a Washington D. C. hotel lobby, discussing what the future would bring, after his tenure as aide to Senator Hart, he considered the military among his options. Ironically, at the time, we were in D.C., largely

through the efforts of Nick, the late great, Dodo Nee and many others to bring mainly WWII Veterans to view the new memorials built in their honor.

That is Nick, never stopping to consider what he was already doing before looking to see where else he could help. So, here's a chance to double up on goodness. On Dec 1 attend Venezia and help Julie's, while at the same time say thanks to our Angel, Nick Collins.

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City Council Hearing On Possible Commercial Helipad

he Boston City Council's Committee on Parks, Recreation and Transportation has scheduled a hearing to discuss plans for a commercial helipad in Boston. The hearing, sponsored by City Councilor At-Large Michael F. Flaherty, will take place at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 6:00pm.

The hearing comes in response to the latest ongoing discussions between the business community and government officials regarding the construction of a helipad. Further, state and local officials have been actively identifying potential locations for the helipad without public input. The hearing provides an opportunity for those involved in the decision-making process to be transparent about a resurrected project that has been met with objection in the past.

"In 2008, I stood with neighbors who strongly opposed the development of a helipad that would offer a convenience to corporate executives at the expense of taxpayers' quality of life," said Councilor Flaherty. "We once again find ourselves in this dilemma that has yet to address critical issues such as public safety, noise, air pollution and other concerns relative to opening the city to an influx of helicopters."

City Council President Michelle Wu, who will chair the hearing, added,

"This is an opportunity for Councilors and residents to learn about any proposals for a commercial helipad and discuss potential impacts on surrounding communities and the city as a whole. Any plans must complement and not threaten the community-driven, long-planned development of Fort Point and the Seaport as a residential neighborhood with civic amenities."

The Boston City Council's Committee on Parks, Recreation and Transportation encourages community members to attend the public hearing that will engage officials from the City of Boston, Boston Planning and Development Agency (formerly the Boston Redevelopment Authority), Massachusetts Department of Transportation and other interested parties. If you are not able to attend the hearing but would like to provide testimony, please send your comments ccc.prt@boston.gov.

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the organizers have the right to invite who they like and airheads like Goldberg and Behar have the right to make fools of themselves by misrepresenting the motives of Country Music fans, the fans have the same rights to protest and boycott if they so choose.

They do and will.

Again, it isn't hate or racism that has so many fans upset with this year's CMA's. There are wildly popular non-white Country Music performers today, who are selling millions of albums/CD's and down loads of their songs and they are being bought up by millions

of their white fans. It is the actions of celebrities like Beyoncé, whose nasty mouth and hate generated at our nation's hard working police that has so many ticked off. And just like they are not afraid to wave that flag, stand for our National Anthem and support our troops, Country Music

fans, who are well known for not being prisoners of Political Correctness aren't afraid to express how they really feel and back those feelings up with boycotts and protest. Protest and boycotts can work both ways. But the 'ladies' of 'The View' aren't able to accept it. And that's THEIR problem.

On this day of remembrance, we say "Thank you" to all our veterans Castle Island Association

Flag Retirement Ceremony • November 11th at 11:00AM

Veteran's Day has a Special Meaning to South Bostonians

his Friday is Veteran's Day. An official federal holiday, it is celebrated all across America with memorials, parades, religious services and family gatherings. Its purpose is of course to remember and honor all of our nation's military personnel. In 2016, as it does every year, Veteran's Day has a deep and emotional meaning for most South Bostonians.

A brief history of the day shows us that Veteran's Day, once called Armistice Day was first celebrated in 1919. This followed the previous year, 1918 when the Armistice Treaty to end World War I was signed.

Initially, it was only to honor and remember veterans who fought in that war but later was expanded to honor all of America's veterans from the founding of our country, up to the present day and into the future.

Here in South Boston, it has always been and still is a strong tradition to pay tribute to all of this community's many veterans. It can be said that nowhere are veterans and military personnel held in higher esteem than in this town. We have active and thriving veteran's organizations, posts and monuments that neighborhood people worked diligently to create and main-

tain. All of them are a source of great pride to residents here. Many locals will visit cemeteries where family members who served are buried and lay wreaths and flowers. Often families will gather for dinner with the many veterans of all ages who are with us today.

Since Veteran's Day is one of this nation's most cherished holidays, government buildings, schools and banks will be closed. Restaurants, stores and other business will remain open; depending on the owners. This is also considered a good day to shop as Veteran's Day sales and discounts

are usually pretty tempting.

But here in South Boston the shopping, sales, discounts and all the entertainment that might come with this special day is fine, but has always taken a back seat to the real priority for South Bostonians, which of course is honoring our veterans and showing them they are appreciated because they make us all proud as they put their lives on the line to preserve America's freedom and way of life.

From the entire South Boston Today team, Happy Veteran's Day 2016 to all.

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Finally, if you had the opportunity to vote and would like an opportunity to thank America for that right and the folks who made it possible, tomorrow Nov 11 is Veterans Day. At 9:30am, the Thomas Fitzgerald Post will march to St. Brigid's Church and Medal of Honor Park. All veterans are invited to march and the public is urged to participate. At 11:00am, on the parade ground in Ft. Independence, Castle Island, the annual flag retirement ceremony will be held by the Paul J. Saunders Post and Castle Island

Association. Worn or damaged American flags will be honorably retired in a flag burning ceremony. Again, the public is invited to participate in this honor.

Take care till next week.

Remembering Our Veterans

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy





Bill Linehan

Boston City Council District 2 98 years ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, World War I came to an end and hundreds of thousands of citizen soldiers began the long voyage home.

Today, we offer our heartfelt remembrance as well as our sincere reverence for all the veterans of the United States both young and old.



Nick Collins
State Representative

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

This Veterans Day, Massport joins our community in thanking all U.S. Service Members and Veterans - and military families - for their service to our nation. We remember all those who are serving far from home, often in harm's way - and are forever grateful to those veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Thousands of men and women in East Boston, Winthrop and South Boston as well as Massport employees have served our nation in the military, and we join their families in honoring their service as well. Some 338,000 veterans call Massachusetts home. Every day, service members, veterans and military families travel through Boston Logan International Airport. Massport is pleased to welcome them home to New England, and to host the U.S.O. office in the lower level in Terminal C. For a complete list of Veterans Day activities throughout Massachusetts, visit www.mass.gov



Major General Edward Lawrence Logan

As a 22-year old student, Edward Lawrence Logan (1875–1939) enlisted in the 9th Infantry Regiment of the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia. During World War I, Logan served in France with the 101st Infantry Regiment. Following the war, Logan rose to the rank of Major General, commanded the 26th Infantry Division, and oversaw the organization of the Massachusetts National Guard. He retired from military service in 1938 – long after he had established his successful political and judicial career.



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Flag Retirement Ceremony Friday, 11am at Castle Island

SBT Staff Report

his Friday, November 11th, Veterans Day, the semiannual Flag Retirement Ceremony will take place at Fort Independence at Castle Island on the parade grounds . It begins at 11: am. It's open to the public and admission is free. This is a formal ceremony which will demonstrate the proper way to dispose of or 'retire' the Flag of the United States of America – Old Glory/ The Stars and Stripes.

Most know that when disposing of an old, faded or ripped and shredded flag Americans do not simply throw them away. They are incinerated the proper way and that will be on display this Friday. Any member of the public who is in possession of a flag that should be disposed of is invited to bring it to the ceremony on Friday and it will be retired with other flags.

On hand, there will be a color guard, as well as other military units. The Flag Retirement Ceremony is sponsored by the Castle Island Association, the Paul J. Saunder's VFW Post #6536, The Thomas J. Fitzgerald VFW Post # 561and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).



MY FLAG

I have been carried over many lands and Even across the face of the moon I have enkindled a fire in the inner being Of peoples freed from suppression I have been toted to the death by many A faithful citizen serving in battle I have been altered to allow those who desire My value to be represented I have been defamed, burned and spit upon By those who are angry By those who fear my purity By those who cannot live up to my demands Still! Unfurled, every person who understands The implications of freedom and justice for all Cannot help but to feel the human spirit Move within, cannot halt the accelerating Heart beat, the bursting nerve ends, the Joy of declaring "you are my flag" No flag, in any land ever said "I fly for you the people. I am nothing without you. This Land I fly over is never completely owned by anyone,

It is ours to care for, it is ours to defend, It is ours to love." Let the words of Emma Lazarus represent

What I stand for." ...give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free... And I shall have immortality."

E. M. Buccigross

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the Clinton victories in the cities. It appears that Clinton may have won the popular vote by 150,000 votes, but Trump won the Electoral College. In 2000, Democrat Al Gore won the popular vote by 544,000 over George W. Bush, but lost in the Electoral College (266-271). Clinton's margin of victory is slightly more than the 113,000 votes that John F. Kennedy won by over Richard Nixon in 1960. However, Kennedy also won the Electoral College (303-219)

Over the coming days and weeks, analysis as to the impacts of turnout, demographics, negative advertising, media bias, poling methods, status of organized labor and unions, millennials, senior citizens, ethnic groups, national party tactics, wikileaks, hacking in general, the FBI, Obamacare, social media, or just name any traditional political institution will be exhaustively nauseating but important to listen to. The UK has dubbed the election "America's Brexit", others are calling us the "Disunited States".

There is talk of healing the divide. Trump made it a point to ask for help in unifying the country. However, many Democrats interviewed in the aftermath, especially those who self-describe as progressive liberals, were having none of joining in any unifying effort, at least for now.

Hillary Clinton, on Wednesday morning, clearly sad and disappointed, congratulated and pledged her support in working with the President-elect to keep the country on track through the transition of power from President Barack Obama. Clinton was more gracious than her supporters and perhaps her acceptance of the loss and the enormity of the challenges ahead will temper those Democrats whose sensibilities have been shaken. Trump can also build on his election night overture to all Americans and lead by example and focused temperament in the next ten weeks.

Shortly after her concession speech, President Obama and Speaker Paul Ryan joined her is calling for unity so as to stabilize not only concern of Americans but that of friends and allies around the world.

Before the election, one media outlet had Republican pollster, public opinion analyst and CBS News consultant Frank Luntz scientifically capture the so-called dark mood of the public by selecting a focus group that would reflect those polling results. Some members leaned towards Trump. Some leaned towards Clinton. Some were uncommitted and most of them had an unfavorable opinion of both presidential candidates. Their language, mood, posture and attitude was as dark, as had been polled.

At the end, Mr. Luntz had this to say, "There is still the thinnest of threads that bind us together and the willingness, in certain situations, to listen and learn. But we're one thread away from everything being cut. And that's why Election Night is everything. I want to know what those two candidates are going to say. Please. Your words have power. Find words that unite. Find words that unify. Because if you don't, the consequences on the 9th, on the day after, will be horrific."

If both sides of the electorate, if both branches of Congress, if Republican and Democrats can get back to the business of governing for the betterment of the country, then there may be hope. However, the defeat is stinging and the victory can be intoxicating. Those two notions should be put aside, or the economy, civility and hope will be the unwanted victim, if not. Trump won and the Democrats must deal with it. How they deal with it may very well be the measure of the country's future.



Thank A Vet

by William A Predeau

Many people travel to our shores
To escape their world of strife
and leave their troubled lands behind
To enjoy our way of life
But our way of life in America
Didn't come easy, so don't forget
If you love what we enjoy today
Be sure and thank a Vet
They shed their blood on foreign
shores
to help keep others free

and many never came back home to their wives and family
Many Fathers, Sons and
Daughters
Still battle in distant sand
May they never be forgotten
Nor the fight they have at hand
The bells will toll in their honor
As long as we never forget
America is what it is today
Thank God, and thank a Vet



JOHN VANASSE JOINS NDEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ohn Vanasse of John Hancock Investments has joined the Board of Directors of the Notre Dame Education Center, Inc.

"John brings energy, passion and strong communication skills to our Board," said Mary Rose Durante, Esq., Executive Director and CEO of the Center. "We're looking forward to working with him."

As an internal business consultant at John Hancock Investments, Mr. Vanasse markets investment products and manages relationships with financial advisors. Prior to joining the company, he was a business development intern at Telos Corp. in Virginia, where he conducted market research and leveraged potential business opportunities.

A graduate of Colby College, Waterville, Maine, Mr. Vanasse was president of and founding member of Mayflower Hill Capital, an independent investment club, and a member of the strategy group team for the Colby Student Investment Association. He lives in Westwood, Mass.

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Care Packages For Our Troops

reminder, the Castle Island Association (CIA) in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will once again this year make it easy for you. On Friday, November 11th, Saturday, November 12th and Sunday, November 13th, which is the long Veterans Day Weekend, they will once again be holding a collection called 'Care Packages for our Troops' at Castle Island, directly in front of Sullivan's Restaurant (Sully's). You can drop off much needed items to be put into the packages. The times of day the items can be dropped off will be 10am till 4pm all three days.

The following is a partial list of the suggested and most requested items to be included in the packages to be shipped overseas. But if you have no time to shop for these needed items, donations of money will also be accepted and put to good use for our troops.

Dunkin Donuts Coffee and Tea, powdered milk, Gatorade, lemonade, Crystal Lite, individually wrapped hard candy, Jello and pudding cups, breakfast bars, Slim Jims, dried fruits, microwave popcorn, Dum Dum lollipops, Dinty Moore meals, fruit cups, canned nuts, reading materials – magazines for the guys and gals, feminine hygiene products, sun block,

bar soap, roll-on deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, tooth paste, dental floss and mouth wash, disposable razors, hand sanitizers and alcohol free wipes, band aids, Tylenol and aspirin, eye drops, foot powder, Tums and Rolaids, cortisone cream, Imodium AD, Neosporin and Chap sticks and of course, phone cards.

As was stated above, donations of money will also be gratefully accepted all of which will be used to purchase more of the mentioned items to be shipped to the troops. Donations of money should be by check and can be made out to the Castle Island Association.

Volunteers are needed to help with set up and to operate the collection tables at 'The Island' on the three days of this effort. To volunteer or to get more information you can contact Sheila King at 617-943-2081.

This 'Care packages for our Troops' effort has been run many times in previous years and has always been a success. The items collected, packaged and shipped to America's men and women in uniform who are bravely serving and deployed overseas are very much appreciated by the troops and help provide many of the items they so often are not issued or are in short supply in the areas where they are deployed.







Remembering the Legacy of Major K (Major Charles Korzeniowski)

Tou've seen them proudly marching in local parades and standing at attention at solemn ceremonies in honor of fallen veterans. They always look sharp, alert and focused with that unmistakable professional military bearing and posture that makes everything they are part of and everywhere they go look official. They are of course the young men and women who make up the Jr. ROTC at Excel High School which will forever be South Boston High School to this community. Yes, there are Jr. ROTC brigades at many schools around the country but the local chapter is considered to be among the best anywhere. And much of the credit for the high standards its noted for over the years and even for its formation is given to the late Charlie Korzeniowski or as he was affectionately known by all who knew him and served under his command – Major K.

The man currently in charge of the Excel High School Jr. ROTC who also has kept up the high standards of Major K and is doing an outstanding job as well is Lt. Colonel (ret), Anthony Hinson. Lt. Colonel Hinson is proud to carry on where Major K left off and has many fond memories of the man who meant so much to the young volunteers under his command. South Boston Today spoke with Hinson who then put us in touch with

Sgt. First Class George Machado who filled us in with many details about Major K that we here at SBT thought our readers would like to know about this great man.

Major K served in Vietnam with the United States Army. He had an impressive military record while in the service. And while he went in as an enlisted man, he came out an officer with the rank of major – no easy accomplishment. But in 1993, he started the South Boston High School chapter of Jr. ROTC and made it one of the tops in the land. At one point, when the number of students at the school was much higher than it is today, he brought the numbers of the chapter up to more than 250 members; one of the largest units anywhere. He reached out and went to work forming close relationships with the many veterans' organizations in South Boston as well as business's and community groups and city, state and federal agencies. Major K knew the value of promoting good neighborhood relations and he did so consistently. Because of those close community ties, the Jr. ROTC was well known and respected throughout of South Boston and thanks to the continuing efforts of Lt. Colonel Hinson, remains so today.

Major K had a way about him that won him the admiration and respect of the many cadets that served under him

at the Jr. ROTC. He was able to relate to each and every member no matter what background they came from. He gave one hundred percent effort and he kept the cadets so busy with so many exciting and constructive tasks that there was never time for boredom. He would even organize summer camp get a ways in the off months to keep the members occupied and involved. He gave the organization his all for nearly 2 decades.

It was two years ago this week that Major K left this life for the next. SBT was told that he had passed away from a long and courageous battle with cancer that it's believed came about from complications from Agent Orange that he had been exposed to in Vietnam. Because of the anniversary of his passing and the close proximity to Veteran's Day, SBT thought it would be a nice tribute to remember this good man and to honor him and also to high light some of the great work he did in our community for so many years. Major K touched the lives in a positive way of thousands of youths for nearly a generation here. If ever the terms hero, mentor and good influence applied to a person, Major K fit the bill perfectly. He was also a great Dad to his three children Adam, Charles Jr. and Ryan who miss him very much.

SBT also had the pleasure and hon-

or to speak to Major K's son Ryan; who by the way is now a teacher at the very same high school his dad played such a big part in. We asked Ryan Korzeniowski if he could give us a quote he remembered his dad using from time to time and he was more than happy to. "When showing up anyplace and for any occasion, always try to be the best possible person you can be at that particular time." Those words of advice, good advice will be remembered by all who knew Major K forever. Those are good words to live by as it was apparent that the major himself certainly did.

As we said, in 2016, our local chapter of the Jr. ROTC is still going proud and going strong thanks to the great work of Lt. Colonel Anthony Hinson who carries on the legacy of the chapter's founder Major K. It will always be appreciated as are the fine young men and women who continue to be part of this wonderful organization. And as we honor all those members who served in our nation's military on this Veterans Day weekend, we also say Thank you, Rest in Peace and God Bless to the memory of one of the finest men to have walked among us here in South Boston - Charles 'Charlie' Korzeniowski, fondly known by all those who knew and loved him as Major K.

Ray Flynn Shows Gatey CYO Basketball Players How It's Done

he Gatey CYO basketball league is brimming with youthful talent as anyone who has ever watched a game can confirm. But last Sunday, the

already excellent players got the benefit of some very constructive tips from former Boston Mayor and US Ambassador to the Vatican Ray Flyn, who as most are aware, knows a thing or two about the sport and what it takes to excel.

Ray was an outstanding athlete in many sports and especially on

the basketball court – a superstar by all accounts. Here he joined in with these future All-Americans at the PAL Gym on East Broadway for a session that all enjoyed.

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Notre Dame Education Center is a non-profit education center that has been providing goal-driven education for adults and youth since 1992. Three departments offer a wide range of programs, complemented by a variety of customized counseling and support.

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THE CHARITABLE IRISH SOCIETY SILVER KEY AWARDS RECEPTION

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he Charitable Irish
Society will hold its
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Awards Reception on Thursday, November 10, 2016, from
6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel, 138
St. James Avenue, Boston.
This year's Silver Key Honorees are Gerard and Marilyn
Doherty, Billy Higgins and
Sister Maryadele Robinson.

The Charitable Irish Society was founded in Boston in 1737. It is the oldest Irish Society in the Americas and is unique in its inclusive membership of both Catholics and Protestants since its early days. From its beginnings, the Society's mission has

been to provide aid and assistance to newly arrived Irish immigrants as they face the multiple challenges of adjusting to and assimilating into a new city and country. Consistent with the Irish traditions of hospitality and charity, the Society has expanded its focus to include immigrants from other countries as well as from Ireland.

The Silver Key Award is given to those individuals whose dedication and persistence in helping new immigrants have been truly outstanding. This year's honorees, most generous philanthropists and political and elected officials, Gerard

and Marilyn Doherty, Billy Higgins, South Boston native, resident, founder of the Southill Children's Fund and quiet contributor to countless individuals and causes, and Sister Maryadele Robinson, Director Emerita of the Laboure Center, have each made significant contributions to helping others and we are pleased to be able to honor them with the Silver Key Award.

Tickets are \$125 each and can be obtained by contacting Sandra Moody at 617-304-1076, or online at www.charitableirishsociety.org.





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DANNY PICARD: What is your plan for this offseason? Last year you were with the Washington Nationals organization, but shoulder and elbow injuries kept you from getting back up to the majors and you had to shut it down. Now you're a free agent. So what is the actual plan for you here, moving forward?

BRONSON ARROYO: Well, this is as normal of an offseason as I've had the last couple of years. The last couple years, from having Tommy John surgery, I've been just grinding to stay healthy and doing rehab most of the time. But I'm finally to a point where I'm finished with rehab and I'm just training normally, throwing, and lifting, and seeing if my body is going to accept being a baseball player again. I had stem cells pulled out of my pelvis around Aug. 15, and they're saying that's basically my last option, really. I've tried a little bit of everything. I've rehabbed for four different teams. So, I'm just trying to get healthy. I just started playing catch the last couple of days, and it's probably going to take a monthand-a-half before I really know if I'm going to be able to handle force. And if it doesn't, I'm just going to have to go home. But

if it does, if it responds, I don't feel like I'm in a position to really negotiate a contract with anybody. Last year I did that, and I didn't pitch the whole season. So, I'm just going to go into camp with somebody and basically play for free. So I'm not worried about getting a job. I'm worried about if the arm's going to turn the corner or not.

DP: Let's talk about the World Series. Theo Epstein, you know him very well. He's now won championships with the Red Sox and the Cubs and breaks both of those curses. This has to be one of the most impressive accomplishments in baseball history, right? How many guys can say that they've done this? Nobody else. Theo Epstein has done this. How impressive has this been to you? **BA:** Absolutely amazing. And he's done it in such great style, so methodical. I had a conversation with Theo when [the Cubs] traded for Travis Wood from the Cincinnati Reds for Sean Marshall. He was asking me about Travis, and I've had a lot of guys call me and ask me about personalities and work ethic and things like that. You become respected enough in the game where people will ask for your opinion. We were having a nice chat about

This week, Danny was joined by MLB pitcher Bronson Arroyo:

it, and I was telling him what I thought about Travis Wood, and I asked him how it was going in Chicago, and he said, "You know, it's been great. We give them a good hot dog and a couple good plays a game, and I feel less pressure here than I did in Boston." And I asked how long it would take him to turn the corner, and he said, "Maybe three or four years." And it probably took more like five or six, but he obviously had a game plan, and he's a really bright guy, and so likable and so honest, and you saw him do exactly what he mapped out. It took a little bit longer maybe than he thought, but I mean, to turn an organization around as he did that one, and coming from Boston doing the same thing, honestly, he deserves to be in the Hall of Fame for it.

DP: I want to ask you about David Ortiz Ortiz. You obviously played with him here in Boston. His career is now over, and the Red Sox are going to retire his number next season at Fenway. I think he should be the AL MVP. A lot of people have questioned whether or not he'd actually call it quits. What are your thoughts on his final season, and do you actually believe that he's ready to end his career?

BA: It's hard to say, honestly. I think that if you've got a bangedup knee or a banged-up back and you play a season hitting .225 and miss a lot of time, then I think it's easy to walk away. But to put up a season like he did — he's obviously in the conversation for MVP, I find it very difficult for the guys that I've known in the past to walk away from the game, especially after having success. With that being said, most guys also don't go around the entire country having every stadium honor him and give him gifts. So I think he probably put himself in a bit of a predicament by saying this was going to be his last season before it started. But in his mind, maybe he's ready to go home and maybe there are some things there that we don't necessarily know about. Unless you're inside the locker room with him, you don't know. He could have been getting treatment on his feet or his knees or his back all season long and really been in a lot of pain, despite putting up amazing numbers. So, every situation is individual, and only David is the guy who's going to know that.

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