Headlined by Mayor Martin Walsh and Congressman Stephen Lynch and other dignitaries, and joined by his colleagues, competitors, friends and family, 50 years of South Boston native Ray Flynn’s political career was capped off with a three-fer.

Mayor Walsh, along with Massport’s Executive Director Tom Glynn, cooperated in the naming the Marine Industrial Park in his honor. That was further enhanced...
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“The Law”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Over the years it seems whenever a law, opposed by most voters, is passed regardless, the response by officials to the outcry is, “we can’t do anything about it because it’s the law of the land.” More recently, after the 2008 election, our soon-to-be former President Obama pointedly told his Republican opponent Sen. John McCain, “elections have consequences.”

Since President Trump’s election, seven city Mayors have stated that their city will remain a “sanctuary city”, despite our new President’s plan to end them. In New York, the crime rate has nearly tripled under DeBlasio. Rahm Emanuel presides over a Chicago that has more murders this year than Kabul, Afghanistan. Both should be reminded their main job is protecting American lives, not burnishing their P. C. credentials on the backs of citizens.

After all the, “law of the Land” makes unauthorized entry into our country an “illegal criminal act” and “elections have consequences”. Our “broken” immigration system is only broken because of P. C. refusal to obey and enforce existing immigration law.

Charity, as always, begins at home. Serve America’s citizens first.

“Once again, the only poll that mattered was the one on election day” - Judge Janine Pirro

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We all have our personal views on what happened with and after last week’s election. Here is mine.

After the news of the last week, two quotes seen on social media sites come to mind. Commentary on both will follow each.

The first: “I rode by a college campus today and yelled ‘BOO’. 15 people went to the hospital; 734 needed trauma counselling and classes were then cancelled for a week.” At first, all the crying, whining and hand wringing was embarrassing to watch. When (physically) grown people are being comforted by therapists, with some actually curled up in the fetal position and others screaming and having childlike tantrums, it made millions of Americans cringe. Cornell University even held a ‘Cry In’ to calm the fears of students, so horrified by the results of the presidential election. But as it continues, those of us, who were somewhat disgusted, watching all the fragile snowflakes blubbery like infants in their cribs because they didn’t get their way, started getting amused by it all. It’s now becoming hilarious entertainment – yes, still embarrassing but funny just the same. Pass out the popcorn, now they are all wearing safety pins to comfort each other (and maybe even hold up their diapers according to Rush Limbaugh).

These are the snowflake protesters. As for the oh so tolerant leftists, the paid demonstrators in the streets, smashing windows, setting fires, burning and stomping on American Flags and assaulting police and civilians, because they hold differing views, just keep it up. It may get to the point when the rest of the country, the majority in America, will decide that they’ve had enough of your antics and start giving you a taste of your own medicine. If it comes to that, it won’t go well for the professional anarchists out there causing all the trouble. They might find that they are way out of their league if things get rough.

The second quote is this: “The good guys now have the US Senate, The US House of Representatives, the White House and will soon have the US Supreme Court.” That red glow coming from DC and state houses all across the nation sure is getting brighter.

Getting the presidency back in the hands of patriots who love America is certainly big. But an even bigger accomplishment is the Supreme Court justices that will be appointed along with all the new judges in the lower courts. This will put our country back on the RIGHT track for generations and it comes just in time. The First and Second Amendments will be protected, job and small business killing regulations will be tossed out and our military, which has been decimated under Obama, will be rebuilt. And oh, yes, finally, our veterans will get the respect they deserve and the VA itself will be overhauled and run like it should be.

There are many reasons for Clinton’s loss to Donald Trump. Along with the obvious lies and corruption from her side, she ignored the working class and she made the mistake of declaring war on the NRA. She said early on in her campaign that she considers the National Rifle Association to be her main enemy. Like so many Democrats before her, they just never learn and always underestimate the power and sheer numbers of the ‘gun vote’. Millions of law-biding gun owners turned out and voted against her, happy to oblige her declaration of war against them. And she wonders why she lost Pennsylvania and other states that the Democrats usually win.

As if our border security wasn’t weak enough, Clinton promised to open it even wider and said she wanted to increase the flow of ‘refugees’ from terrorist countries by “550%. She also promised more tax hikes. Talk about tone deaf and out of touch with everyday Americans who had had enough of leftist leadership in this country. It was only a matter of time before the backlash against it all came crashing down on their heads.

Besides the Clintons, the Obama legacy of weakness and the liberal politicians from many parts of the country, the other big losers in Election 2016 were Hollywood actors and the news media. Hollywood’s ‘progressives’ and so many preaching musicians learned that they don’t influence anyone. No one cares what they want or who they want the rest
Last Monday night was truly an event to behold. The Super Moon rose majestically into the evening sky and thrilled all who saw it. There hasn’t been a moon like this since 1948 and won’t be another for 18 years. Luckily, South Boston photographer Jim Gavaghan was at Castle Island, camera in hand and got this fantastic shot. Jim joined the crowd that gathered all along the beach to view this rare event. The air was warm for November and the sky was as clear as could be. We could not have asked for better viewing of the Super Moon. Special Thanks to Jim Gavaghan for sending in these great photos.

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Super Moon over Southie; Jim Gavaghan Was There

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of us to vote for. The news media is at its lowest level ever in terms of credibility, being trustworthy and objective. They were so bias during the recent campaign that they didn’t even try to hide it.

Another quote on social media memes, which resonates, is where a newscaster says “It’s six O’clock and here’s what we want you to think today.” They don’t fool anyone anymore. The public knows exactly what they are up to. And to make them even less liked, they are already coming out with new polls telling us who is ahead for the 2020 presidential election. After 2 years of this last presidential campaign, it’s time to give it a rest and give the public a break.

In closing, Donald Trump will be our next president whether some like it or not. For the sake of our country, let’s give him a chance and hope he does well. I believe and hope he’ll be a heck of a lot better than who we had for the last 8 years.
The early morning election result led to a sunrise visit to “M St. Park to share the victory with the 25 men on the Viet Nam Memorial, who gave more than anyone to win this day.

While it is true that they died in Viet Nam, that was not their war. They had nothing for or against the Vietnamese. Viet Nam could have been on the other side of Andrew Square for all most of them knew. Their world was Southie and what they were taught of America.

Their war began March 15, 1965. Prior to that day, America had been experiencing dramatic change. Many of these 25, as young teens, sat in front of black and white TVs, alongside their parents, horrified as black civil rights marchers were set upon by fire hoses, police dogs and riot police. Most were also filled with admiration for the people, led by Martin Luther King, Jr., who maintained a non-violent response and proving the justice of their cause. This only made our 25 lads love America more. Here was proof that while there was hate and injustice everywhere, even in America, America was the one place in the world that would confront its own shortcomings and seek to correct them.

At the same time the Civil Rights Act was being created, America was becoming more heavily engaged in a Viet Nam war that was explained to America as a battle between the ruthless Northern Communists and a peace loving Southern Democracy. The truth was hard to find and is still debated. Then, however, opposition was rising mainly on colleges. A draft, mainly among the working class, was supplying the combat troops. For the most part the anti-war college protests were viewed from South Boston with disdain. At the same time, the right to do so was grudgingly acknowledged. After all, Muhamed Ali famously declared, “I ain’t got nothing against no Viet Cong,” and elected to be stripped of his title and go to jail rather than be drafted. A stance some disagreed with, but all admired Ali’s courage of conviction.

Too many college kids, however, were coming off as self-centered, pampered wimps unwilling to emulate Ali, but instead engaging in various forms of criminal acts. Among them blocking ports and military installations. The Black Falcon Terminal was both and when protestors singled out and tried to shut it down, longshoremen “detained” them until police arrived and arrested them. Their court date was months later in March. Why they chose Southie seems to be their correct perception that this was a town where fathers and brothers had always served, war or not. Where people were raised in and believed and cherished America’s Revolutionary history.

South Boston sons were already serving in harm’s way, so on that March morning on the steps of the Southie Courthouse, when those anti-war defendants arrived early and began taunting kids on their way to High School those same kids gathered and struck their own blow in the War and gave the demonstrators the beating they richly deserved.

While honest opposition to the war grew a small group of “leaders” engaged in plots and violence against the idea of America itself. One particularly loathsome group supported a plan to kill white people, make it look like black killers, hatch a “race” war and emerge from the chaos and take over.

Some of these same believers tried to blow up a Christmas party at Ft. Dix, targeting soldiers and their families. A few managed to go on the run after detonating a bomb accidentally killing most of these anarchists in 1970. Going “underground”, these America haters changed their tactics. Like rot in the beams of a house they wormed their way into America’s institutions.

By 1974, the 25 looked down with sadness as they saw their beloved South Boston High sacrificed allegedly to ensure racial integration, but, in reality, a device to destroy the social and cultural anchor of the town and its pride. The war continued Christmas, another mainstay of American culture, was attacked.

The rot spread as the haters, like a fungus, spread into all aspects and levels of society. Colleges first began the breeding ground of this hate.

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Another long-standing South Boston tradition continued last Friday, Veteran’s Day as local vets, elected officials and supporters gathered at the Thomas F Fitzgerald VFW Post # 501 on East Fourth Street for the annual parade, march to St. Brigid Church for Mass then the Veterans Day breakfast.

This year the crowd was larger than in some previous years as vets from the other posts in South Boston joined in as they always do, but crowds of residents lined the street to cheer them on. Leading off the procession were the Bag Pipers followed by the South Boston High School Jr. ROTC’s Color Guard and the entire Southie ROTC chapter, looking as sharp as always. Members of the South Boston Youth Hockey League in their uniforms were part of the formation as well to show support.

The procession formed up at 9:15am and stepped off at exactly 9:40am. This, after all was a military event and precision planning and timing are always the order of the day no matter what. The march would have gone off in rain or shine but fortunately, it was a bright and beautiful November day which added to the solemn but pleasant atmosphere enjoyed by all. Well done to all involved.

The Paul J. Saunders Post would like to thank all those who took part in Veterans Day Flag Retirement Ceremony in Ft. Independence, Castle Island. Besides the various color guards, the crown was enthusiastic and enlivened the whole event. The Saunders Post takes great pride in co-sponsoring this patriotic event with the Castle Island Association.

Saunders Post Commander Brian Mahoney is pictured presenting a check to CIA President Bill Spain and Ed “Butch” Sheflett of St. Monica’s Food Pantry as part of the Saunders Post Charitable Foundation work. Saunders Post members are pictured left to right Ed Sheflett, Barbara Signore, Jimmy Mullen, Moe, Al Petrie and John Killian.
While making his Veterans Day rounds, Mayor Marty Walsh, joined by Police Commissioner Bill Evans paid a visit to the home of South Boston WW II Vet Ed Hamilton. The Mayor and Commissioner stopped in to chat with Ed and his family and to thank him for his service to our country and to congratulate him on the work that he still does on behalf of veterans everywhere.

Ed Hamilton, a veteran of the United States Navy, who fought in several battles in the Pacific and was also assigned to Pearl Harbor during that war has received countless invitations to attend veterans and military events across the country and has been the recipient of numerous awards. He has also been guest speaker at area schools where he shares his experiences with many local youths, who are fascinated with Ed’s accomplishments and adventures.

As many know, Ed Hamilton has been invited back to Pearl Harbor by the United States Navy to take part in commemorative ceremonies in memory of the attack which led to WW II. The trip is expensive and though the Navy invited him, Ed has to pay his own way. To help defray that cost, a ‘go fund me’ site has been set up to help Ed raise money to take part in this historical event and donations of any amount, large or small, would be very much appreciated.

The web address for Ed Hamilton’s fund raising site is as follows: http://www.gofundme.com/pearl-harbor75th-for-ed-hamilton

At 91 years of age, Ed Hamilton is among a dwindling number of WW II heroes. These members of America’s ‘Greatest Generation are truly a national treasure. And even though they would tell you they just did their duty in America’s time of need, they have earned the county’s gratitude and respect.

Good luck Ed. Have a great trip and again, thank you for your service.

Pearl Harbor Veteran Ed Hamilton Gets Visit From Mayor

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The converts taught there infiltrated local educational boards. Soon our nation’s founders were being called “dead old guys”. Community activists, instead of bettering their neighborhoods, were thinly disguised political movements engineered in many classes by these haters. The 25 recoiled as Bill Clinton, who had marched in demonstrations calling American soldiers “baby killers”, became President.

Their influence grew until they had their candidate and plan for the final battle. Remember the anarchist bomber who went on the run? His name was Bill Ayers and he sponsored the first political fundraiser to launch the career of community activist Barak Obama. Everything went accordingly, Obama issued orders that Congress would not approve. Ah, then Hillary would come in, confirm his action and stack the Supreme Court with fellow believers who would change or eliminate the first, second, fourth and fifth amendment at least and America would be changed and lost forever.

They gambled all on this one last battle. The media gave up all pretense of objectivity. The Justice Department and FBI seemingly colluded to cover up Hillary’s criminal conduct. The DNC chairwoman Donna Brazile and CNN gave Clinton the answers in advance to the debate questions.

Instead, this election became their “Dien-Bien Phu”. They were surrounded and wiped out. Looks like those “dead old white guys” knew what they were doing when they set up our system. It’s over. The war is won. Sure, there will be battles and skirmishes, but America will continue. The haters time has come and gone. They are older than me. Their acolytes will dwindle from the streets, America can go back to growing up.

Private Mahoney reporting to our 25 heroes: Your death will never be forgotten or in vain. You have won your war and saved America and we will always be grateful.

Take care till next week
Flag Retirement Ceremony at Fort Independence

SBT Staff Report
photo credit: Jim Gavaghan

Last Friday, the proper way to dispose of an old, faded or tattered American Flag was on display for the general public to watch and learn in a formal ceremony that takes place in South Boston twice a year. This Veterans Day as is always the case, the traditional ceremony was sponsored by the Castle Island Association, South Boston’s local veteran’s posts and the DCR.

Flags to be disposed of were dropped off at various locations around the neighborhood for what is officially called the ‘Flag Retirement’ where the banners are placed in a special incinerator and set ablaze. The event took place on the parade grounds inside Fort Independence at Castle Island.

On hand was a large crowd of residents and spectators who observed the retirement. Also on hand this day, joining the local veterans was young Michael Sullivan, a candidate for West Point. Good luck Michael.

There was the playing of the National Anthem, an opening prayer, spoken words by local officials including Brian Mahoney, Bill Spain and others. Bag Pipers and drums

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Care Packages for our Troops

Volunteers from the Castle Island Association staff the tables in front of Sullivan’s Restaurant at Castle Island for the 3 day Veterans Day weekend. Requested and needed items to be sent to American service men and woman who are deployed overseas were dropped off on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The items will be put into boxes and packages and shipped to the troops to let them know that they have the support from Americans at home who appreciate the job they do in protecting and defending freedom. The effort was a success as would always be expected in South Boston.

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added to the pomp and ceremony as did the color guard and full complement of cadets from the South Boston High School Jr. ROTC chapter.

The Flag Retirement ceremony is a unique and very special event that evokes pride and patriotism in all those who witness it. The fact that ‘Old Glory’ is shown the proper respect when being retired is something to be proud to be part of and memorable as well. Once again,

by the Mayor’s surprised unveiling of the renaming of the Summer Street Bridge for Flynn as well. Representative Nick Collins and Senator Linda Dorcena Forry will host a future event that will name the Boston Cruiseport for Flynn.

Flanked by his wife Cathy, his children and many grandchildren, Flynn enjoyed the first-hand accounting of his political career outlined by his confidante, friend and protégé, Frank Doyle. His former legislative colleague, mayoral opponent and friend the Hon. Mel King stole the show with his dry and poignant humor and recollections, noting that he and Flynn continue to work together on urban peace initiatives.

In addition to the Mayor, the Congressman and Director, remarks were given by Senator Linda Forry, Councilor Bill Linehan and Rep. Nick Collins, reminiscing on their personal and political relationships with The Ambassador as he is now called, given the global role he played in service of the United States to the Vatican.

One of the testimonies to his legacy was the attendance of the current Fire Commissioner Joseph Finn and his predecessors, Leo Stapleton, Marty Pierce and Paul Christian. In Flynn’s remarks, he made special note of their presence. Flynn’s ecclesiastical friends, Fr. Robert Casey, Baptist Minister John Borders and Fr. Joe White were also on hand. The Hon. William Bulger, Clerk Michael Donovan and Hon. Joe Timilty gave witness to the ceremonies as long time colleagues. Mayors from around Boston and legislators joined along with more than 200 well-wishers.

On an interesting note, it seems fitting that the two main access bridges to South Boston are named in honor of native sons, whose careers were marked by a passionate and dogged defense of the values and character of the South Boston neighborhood. The other bridge is named for the late City Councilor Jim Kelly.
Cruiseport Boston ends 2016 season and looks ahead

As Boston’s 6th largest employer, the historic port of Boston – including Cruiseport Boston – is one of our city’s most treasured assets.

This week, Boston wrapped up another successful cruise ship season during which the Cruiseport welcomed 115 ship calls, from Disney Magic to Royal Caribbean’s Anthem of the Seas.

In the coming year, we’re looking forward to joining the South Boston community in rededicating the cruise port as the Raymond L. Flynn Cruiseport Boston, to both celebrate and honor the role Mayor Flynn played in launching the Boston cruise industry at Black Falcon Terminal in 1986.

With its 2,000 associated jobs, we’re pleased to say that Boston’s cruise industry remains an important contributor to the Massachusetts tourism industry – and our state’s economic engine.

On May 16, Former Boston Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, Senator Linda Dorcena Forry and City Councillor Michael Flaherty unveiled murals painted by South Boston Boys and Girls Club youth to mark the 30th anniversary of Cruiseport Boston.
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Mayor Martin J. Walsh joined Congressman Stephen Lynch, Councilor Bill Linehan, Senator Linda Dorcena Forry, Representative Nick Collins, Veterans Affairs Commissioner Giselle Sterling, the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation and Caritas Communities, Inc. to celebrate the dedication and ribbon cutting for Patriot Homes in South Boston. The more than $12 million redevelopment of the former City of Boston C6 police station will create 24 new affordable apartments for veterans.

“Our veterans who have fought to uphold the values of American freedom deserve access to safe, affordable housing,” said Mayor Walsh. “By working with South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation and our partners, we were able to transform an underutilized City-owned property into housing for veterans. Through this project, we are one step closer to housing all our Boston veterans.”

The 16,979 square-foot development included the rehabilitation of the former South Boston C6 Police station into 12 units, and including the new construction of 12 units on Athens Street which created a total of 24 affordable housing units. The new housing has 12 studios, 2-1 BR and 10 - 2BR apartments geared to the Veteran community. Six units will serve veterans at or below 30% AMI, while eight units will serve veterans at 50% AMI and ten units will be for veterans earning 60% AMI. Residents will also benefit from a multipurpose community room, and the South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation.
On behalf of the Thomas J. Fitzgerald Post #561 (Veterans of Foreign Wars, South Boston), I want to publicly thank the people of South Boston for making our Veterans Day ceremony special and meaningful. Thank you to the parishioners of Gate of Heaven and St. Brigid Church for joining us at our mass that celebrated by Fr. Joe White. We also want to thank the students of the South Boston High School Junior ROTC program for joining us as our honor guard.

A special thank you to the many hockey players from the South Boston Youth Hockey program for also joining us in the ceremonies. We are proud and fortunate to know that so many young people care about our veterans and military families.

Also on Saturday, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), held a road race and walk from Castle Island that raised funds and awareness in ensuring our disabled veterans and their families are treated with respect and dignity.

As less than 1% of the American public have worn the uniform of the U.S. military, we must have a meaningful dialogue about Veteran’s Day and why it is an important national holiday. It is important that our veterans and military families are treated with respect and dignity.

As a nation, we must be determined and resolved that our military families and veterans are given equal opportunities in society, including access to quality health care at the Veterans Administration, employment opportunities and training that ensures veterans are given an opportunity to live and raise a family, and that our disabled veterans are treated with fairness and respect.
MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
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The work includes AT BUILDING 25, REMOVE EXISTING CARPET AND REPLACE, AND ABATEMENT WORK.

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In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of FLOOR COVERING.

The estimated contract cost is THREE HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ($320,000.00).

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44H inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer’s or a cashier’s check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U. S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance, Auto Liability Insurance, and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of ONE MILLION DOLLARS ($1,000,000). Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

No filed sub bids will be required for this contract.

This contract is subject to a Minority/Women Owned Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than FIVE PERCENT (5%) of the Contract be performed by minority and women owned business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in Article 84 of the General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor’s Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds $10,000.

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informalities in or reject any or all proposals.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
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CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Contract No. AP1711-C1, FY 17-19 AUTHORITY-WIDE TERM FLOOR COVERING REPAIRS, BOSTON, BEDFORD AND WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, Suite 209S, Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston, Massachusetts 02128-2909, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2016, immediately after which, in a designated room, the bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 10:00AM LOCAL TIME ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016.

The work includes LABOR, TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, AND MATERIALS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FLOOR COVERINGS, INCLUDING CARPET AND RESILIENT FLOORING, ON AN ON-CALL, AS-NEEDED BASIS OVER A TWO (2) YEAR TERM AT ALL MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY FACILITIES LOCATED IN BOSTON, BEDFORD, AND WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.

Bid documents will be made available beginning WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2016.

Bid Documents in electronic format may be obtained free of charge at the Authority’s Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments, which the Authority may issue and a printed copy of the Proposal form.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this contract General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of FLOOR COVERING.

The estimated contract cost is THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS ($385,000.00).

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The Charitable Irish Society Silver Key Award Reception

The Charitable Irish Society held its eighteenth Awards Reception on Thursday, November 10th at the Fairmount Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston. This year’s Silver Key Honorees are Gerard and Marilyn Doherty, Sister Maryadelle Robinson and William Higgins.

The Charitable Irish Society was founded in Boston in 1737. It is the oldest Irish Society in America and is unique in its inclusive membership of 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, founder of Southill Children’s Fund and quiet contributor to countless individuals and causes and Sister Maryadelle Robinson, Director Emerita of the Laboure Center have each made significant contributions to helping others and the Charitable Irish Society was pleased to be able to honor them with the Silver Key Award.

Southie Native Sean Morrison Elected to the NH State Legislature

South Boston native Sean Morrison, who was born on East Sixth Street and still has strong Southie roots and many friends still living here, has been elected to the New Hampshire State Legislature. Sean ran as a Republican and will represent the Epping area in the Granite State’s 9th District, when he takes office in January.

Morrison is a veteran and served 3 tours in Iraq with the United States Army and still serves in the New Hampshire Army National Guard holding the rank of Staff Sergeant. He’s also a firefighter paramedic for Hampton Fire and Rescue.

Part of the platform Sean ran on in his quest for the State Representative seat is pro Second Amendment, lower taxes and less red tape for business in the hope of creating an environment that makes it easier to start a business and prosper. These are issues very important to voters in the 9th District. Sean has also long been an advocate for veteran’s affairs in New Hampshire, citing the high unemployment rate for returning soldiers, who served their country and deserve consideration for their service including veteran’s preference for hiring in all state jobs.

Sean is married. He met his wife while home on leave from his second tour in Iraq. He also has two children and he and his wife are foster parents as well. He will join 400 other state legislators, as New Hampshire has the 3rd largest state legislative body in the country. And knowing Sean with his dedicated work ethic, his concern for others and willingness to get involved in issues he sees as important to improving the quality of life for all, he’s sure to make a positive impact in the great state of New Hampshire and be a driving force well into the future.

Congratulations Sean Morrison. South Boston Today wishes you and your family the best of luck. And when you can find the time from your already busy schedule, don’t be a stranger. Come visit your old neighborhood. Because as they say, “Once a South Bostonian, always a South Bostonian.” You will always be welcome here.
Anton’s Cleaners Opens New South Boston Location

Anton’s Cleaners, based in Tewksbury, Mass. recently opened a new South Boston store at 116 West Broadway. Managed by Deana Calderon, the new store is Anton’s 43rd location, expanding its Boston footprint with locations on Beacon Hill (37 Charles Street) and Back Bay (Church Park, 203 Mass. Ave.)

“South Boston is an area of the city we’ve been watching grow and thrive over the last five years,” said Arthur Anton Jr., CEO of Anton’s Cleaners. “It took us years to find the right place, but we are convinced that South Boston will succeed because of its proximity to condominiums and working professionals who need to look their best. We are looking forward to a great relationship with the neighborhood, and are thrilled to unveil our first-ever 24-hour kiosk at this new store, Anton said.

Anton’s Cleaners offers a free VIP Express service: a first-ever 24-hour pickup kiosk for customers who work non-traditional hours. All VIP Express members receive two free clothing bags, ready-today service, automatic credit card payments, no drop-off/pickup waiting, and monthly automatic charges. To join, visit https://www.antons.com/cms/services/vip-express/.

BNY Youth Leaders Attend Retreat

BNY Mellon Youth Leaders, a program of South Boston Community Health Center’s Youth Ambassadors, participated in a retreat last Friday November 11. South Boston Community Health Center is one of six sites funded by BNY Mellon through the Arthur F. Blanchard Trust. In South Boston, the Youth Leaders help lead the Youth Ambassador meetings on Tuesdays and help tutor younger children at the Tierney Center three days a week. Brooke Steadman, Robert Lee, Devin O’Neill, Malcolm Steadman and Sammy Valdez are the current BNY Mellon Youth Leaders in South Boston.

At the retreat the Youth Leaders from South Boston met with other BNY Mellon leaders from across the city to share team building exercises and complete a ropes course. A fun day was had by all!
The South Boston Christmas Stroll

Start your holiday shopping right here in your own neighborhood!

On Thursday evening, December 1st, Sip, Shop and Dine - your way around South Boston to take advantage of incredible ONE NIGHT ONLY savings and discounts nearly 40 local retailers, restaurants, salons, and specialty pop-up shops throughout South Boston. Splurge at participating businesses that will be displaying a Big Red Bow!
• Pedicabs will be available to transport you along East and West Broadway from 6 - 9 pm
• Enjoy entertainment by “The Original Dickens Carolers” along East & West Broadway

East Broadway Christmas Tree Lighting
• Celebrate the start of the season at the South Boston Branch Library starting at 4 pm, with Caroling, free hot chocolate & holiday treats
• Santa’s arrival for the East Broadway Christmas Tree Lighting on an antique Fire Truck at 5 pm, and FREE photos with Santa.
• Ginger bread cookie decorating at Cranberry Café
• Puppet Show at Bringing Up Baby

For up to date information: Follow us on Facebook and #Southiestroll16.
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South Boston Youth Soccer Wrap Up

The season is officially over after we have our annual Soccer Banquet, which will be held this Sunday, November 20, 2016 at the South Boston Boys & Girls Club, 230 West 6th Street.
We will start the day off at 12 noon for the Under 4 Division, at 1:00 p.m. we will have the Under 6 Division followed by the Under 8 Division at 2:00 p.m. and ending with the Under 10 & Under 12 Division at 3:00 p.m.

We ask parents to make sure they are on time as we are prompt and ask that you donate a dessert for whichever Division your child is in.
Lastly, we would like to take this time to thank everyone who has contributed to making this season happen, from the Sponsors to the coaches, to the parents and finally to the kids. We hope everyone enjoyed the season.
usually, this late into the season, everyone has at least one team that they just stop putting their money on. Well, for me, entering Week 11, that team is the Green Bay Packers. They’ve lost three straight, and I’ve had them as part of my picks the last two weeks. I’m officially done with Green Bay. Who am I relying on this weekend? Read up, I’ll tell you about it. Here are my picks for Week 11: MINNESOTA VIKINGS (+1) over Arizona Cardinals -What in the world happened to the Minnesota Vikings? They began the season 5-0, but have since lost four straight, and are coming off a 26-20 loss to the Washington Redskins in Week 10. They return home to take on a 4-4-1 Arizona Cardinals team that just barely beat the San Francisco 49ers on Sunday. As bad as the Vikings have looked lately, they’re still tied for first place in the NFC North, and they still rank No. 1 in the NFL with only 16.9 points-allowed per game. The Cardinals are tied for third, allowing just 17.8 points per game, but every team they’ve defeated this year is under .500: the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (4-5), New York Jets (3-7), and 49ers (1-8) twice. I expect Minnesota to bounce back in their own building with a big win over an Arizona team that simply isn’t playing inspired football this year. BALTIMORE RAVENS (+7.5) over Dallas Cowboys -I said it before the season began, and I’ll say it again: nobody is talking about the Baltimore Ravens, and it kind of scares me. Now, do I believe they’d be able to come into Gillette Stadium and knock off the Patriots in a playoff game? Not at all. But they certainly have the ability to make it interesting. And at 5-4, they’ll make it interesting this Sunday in Dallas against an 8-1 Cowboys team that has officially moved on from Tony Romo. Dallas has won eight straight, and is coming off a wild 35-30 win over the Steelers in Pittsburgh. Baltimore has a defense that can keep this one close. And while I’m not convinced the Ravens can pull off the upset on the road, having the best run defense in the league has to be worth something against the best running back in the world. I’ll say take the Cowboys to win the game, but this one will be close, so I’ll take the points. MIAMI DOLPHINS (-1.5) over Los Angeles Rams -It sounds like the LA Rams will be turning to No. 1 overall pick Jared Goff at quarterback in Week 11. The 4-5 Rams host the 5-4 Miami Dolphins. And while Goff’s NFL debut will be the talk of the town, Rams fans shouldn’t completely overlook the fact that Miami has won four straight and is coming off a 31-24 win over the Chargers in San Diego. Meanwhile, LA just barely beat Bryce Petty and the lowly Jets 9-6 in Week 10. This isn’t an impossible game for the Dolphins to win. I’m not in love with either team, but I’ll take the streaking Dolphins with a low spread over a QB making his NFL debut. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (-6.5) over Philadelphia Eagles -Both the Seahawks and Eagles are coming off huge wins against overpowering offenses in Week 10. Seattle went into New England and defeated the Patriots 31-24, and Philadelphia defeated the Atlanta Falcons 24-15 in Philly. Now, they’ll meet in an NFC battle in Seattle, where the 6-2-1 Seahawks are 4-0 this season. The Eagles are 1-4 on the road, and I would never pick them to win this game, even though I did correctly pick them last week to beat the Falcons. Seattle should win this one by seven, which would be just enough to cover. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (-13) over San Francisco 49ers -You know it’s a bad week for picks when the only sure thing in the NFL lets you down. That’s what happened in Week 10, as the Patriots lost to the Seahawks at Gillette Stadium. The Pats were obviously favorites to win that game, but it didn’t work out as I thought it would. So, now what? Well, first and foremost, even after Sunday night’s loss, the Patriots are still the No. 1 seed in the AFC with a 7-2 record. And there’s no AFC opponent for New England that brings to the table what Seattle does, both offensively and defensively. So, big picture, the Patriots are going to be just fine. I mean, it could be much worse. They could be the 49ers, who have lost eight straight after winning their first game of the season. San Francisco allows the most points per game in the NFL at 31.4. They have the worst rush defense in the league as well, allowing 180.4 yards on the ground per game. The fact that this spread is below 14 is amazing. And taking the Pats and the over (51) is a no-brainer. Listen to “The Danny Picard Show” at dannypicard.com and on WEEI 93.7 FM.
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