



Community Pressure Or GE Foresight

For now, Governor Charlie Baker and Mayor Marty Walsh are off the hook regarding their commitment to site a corporate helipad for GE as part of their relocation enticement.



In a prudent, if not calculated move, GE has decided that it no longer needs a public heliport to shuttle executives to its new Boston headquarters, after finding access to and from Logan Airport has been easy enough — though the corporation still thinks a helipad in South Boton would be helpful.

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EDITORIAL

Space Savers: Has a Kinder/Gentler Attitude Set In?

Winter took a bit longer to get here this year, but as we all know now, it has arrived. Without losing a step, neighbors grabbed their shovels and ice choppers and dutifully went into action clearing their walks, steps and cars of the cold white stuff that covers everything and looks kind of nice right after it lands. Fortunately, the squads of teens armed with shovels still roam the streets, offering their services to those

who cannot or would rather not shovel themselves for a reasonable fee - a time tested and appreciated tradition.

And following another tradition that is generation's old in our town was the placing of all sorts of 'space savers' - some of them quite creative - to hold those precious hard worked for parking spots. But this year, at least so far, there have been fewer reported disputes over the practice and a lot less tension. Respect is being shown

all around by not only the longtime residents, but by the new arrivals as well, who have familiarized themselves with our space saver custom. Yes, there have been a couple of incidents, but comparatively few.

Though there are still a several more weeks of winter left, compliments of the ground hog, the kinder/gentler attitude that has been displayed so far in regard to space savers bodes well for continued peace in the neighborhood.



"Courtesy cannot be borrowed like snow shovels. You must have some of your own" - John Wanamaker

L.T.E. • Letter to the Editor

TO THE EDITOR,

First off, as a Massachusetts voter, I want to apologize for giving America a voice like that of US Senator Elizabeth Warren. I didn't voter for her twice, Don't blame me. However, as I witnessed the Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell bash US Senator Elizabeth Warren and silence her on the Senate floor for violating a Senate Rule in her bid to knock newly appointed US.

Atty General Jeff Sessions, I thought the best thing he could have done was let her carry on since she loves doing just that whenever possible.

By stopping her in the middle of her attack on Sessions, he actually put the spotlight on her and that I assume was what she was hoping would happen. Shortly after getting the boot, she became yet again hero to the left. As US Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif stated, "By silencing Elizabeth Warren, the GOP gave women around the world

a rallying cry." If you stop playing her game, she loses.

Next time, Warren wants to rail off on her crusade, let her. Republicans need to learn this quickly. Letting her rant and rave uninterrupted takes away her power to be yet a victim once more. In the end, she is all bark and no bite.

Now, back here in the Bay State, we need to find the right opponent to beat her in 2018 because if we don't, she's surely is running for president in 2020.

Sincerely, SAL GIAR-RATANI EAST BOSTON

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Some Watched the 'Grammys' Others Watched Snow Melt

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Did you watch the 'Grammys' last Sunday? The numbers of viewers are in and they are even lower than they were for last year. The viewership continues to decline. Don't get me wrong, there are still lots of people who tune into these celebrity award shows and that's fine, to each their own. Personally, I had something I enjoyed doing more. I was watching snow melt from my window.

It's not that some of the performers aren't good, they really are, but to quote a good friend – "The only sermons I want to hear are at Church on Sundays." For many of us, watching spoiled, pampered millionaires preening on stage, as they bash the President and half the country and tell the rest of us how we must live our lives is getting

increasingly boring. But, I did watch the news reports the following day and caught some of the 'highlights' of the event, only to have confirmed that the insufferable egotists still actually believe that people are swayed by their political opinions.

Watching the continuing temper tantrums over the recent election by many in the entertainment world, the media and the disgruntled is amusing. And what's becoming more apparent by the day is realizing how much like little children they really are.

A few examples follow:

Meryl Streep attacks the president from her on stage soapbox in a rambling scolding and name-calling speech. When he responds, she returns to the stage shedding tears complaining that he called her an

over-rated actress. She says that she is now the "most over-berated" "actress in the world and thinks there are Nazi brown shirts after her.

Sarah Silverman, the alleged comedian and avowed Republican hater noticed the orange construction marking on the streets of New York and freaked out, because she thinks they are Swastikas.

Joy Behar and Whoopi Goldberg and other ladies from 'The View' think that they will soon be arrested and jailed by the new administration.

Actor Robert DeNiro says he wants to punch the President in the face. Memo to DeNiro: stick to acting. You're very good at it. But your tough guy image only works for you in your films. These days you seem to have a difficult time getting off your couch.

Then there is the 'actress/comedian' Lena Dunham who lost 30 pounds and says it's President Trump's fault, because she can no longer eat.

Ah, and then there are the child like types on the streets and on social media. The street protestors run around drawing Hitler mustaches on pictures of the President, some dressed up as vaginas during the march on Washington and the latest classy protest was the 300 people who gathered in front of Trump Towers in New York and mooned the building over the weekend.

These people actually believe their antics are having an effect on something. On social media, there is a juvenile campaign to try to get people to stop referring to the Commander in

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Window Into The State House

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Lahey Clinic accused of bribing Bermuda leader

Somehow, somewhere this can't be good for Lahey Clinic's planned merger with Beth Israel Deaconess, via the Globe's Liz Kowalczyk and Shelley Murphy: "The Lahey Clinic is the target of a federal lawsuit filed Tuesday by the government of Bermuda, which is accusing the Burlington hospital of bribing the island's former leader in order to secure health care business there." Lahey is vehemently denying the allegations.

Is Seth Moulton the new John Kerry?

At WGBH, David S. Bernstein ponders whether Seth Moulton

is on a John F. Kerry track, noting that if he chooses to run for the U.S. Senate in 2020 (yes, that presumes a lot), he'd be entering the Senate at the same age as the former secretary of state and presidential candidate. Moulton may also follow a similar political path as Kerry—positioning himself as an insider-friendly outsider. Moulton downplays the comparison: "He's a different generation," he says.

Senate adds another leadership post – with a \$35K stipend

Unless we're reading this wrong, all Senate Democrats will now be in the position to receive special legislative stipends, as a result of the Senate leadership move yes-

terday. From Brian Dowling at the Herald: "The state Senate has added a second assistant majority whip position that'll let another lucky Democratic member pull down a \$35,000 leadership stipend — riling Republicans and government watchdogs who called the new post a 'taxpayer-funded gift' to political insiders."

Commission eyes minimum health-care rates for smaller hospitals

From SHNS's Katie Lannan: "Officials examining variations in prices charged by medical providers on Tuesday floated the idea of setting a minimum rate for hospitals at the bottom end of the price spectrum. The potential policy fix surfaced at a meeting of a 23-member commission that has until March 15 to release its report and recommendations." Needless to say, insurance companies aren't happy.

Dentists vs Hygienists, Round 2

State Sen. Harriette Chandler is once again leading the charge on Beacon Hill to let dental hygienists handle more complicated dental-office duties, including pulling teeth and filling cavities, and once against dentists are opposing the move. The same legislation passed the Senate last year but died in the House. What's the difference this year? The feud just got the front-page treatment in the Globe this morning, via reporter Laura Krantz. It's an interesting look at what's effectively a professional turf war that frequently breaks out on Beacon Hill.

GE drops helipad request, but the city pushes ahead anyway

Theoretically, General Electric's decision to withdraw its request for a new South Boston helipad, as reported by the Globe's Jon Chesto, should lift the political pressure off of Mayor Walsh, who's been getting a lot of flak for supporting the

controversial idea. But the Herald's Jordan Graham is reporting that city, and state, officials are moving ahead anyway with plans for a public heliport in the Seaport area. "We're happy for GE, but what we're hearing is there's a lot more interest and need for a heliport in Boston," said John Barros, chief of economic development for Boston.

And the winner of perhaps the nastiest space-saver note ever is ...

In a post headlined 'It just isn't a Boston winter without parking threats and violence,' Universal Hub's Adam Gaffin runs a photo of a note left on the car of a Boston newcomer from a very angry and nasty individual. Lots of comments from readers. We'll decline repeating what the note says.

New spin on privatization: Secret take home cars for T managers, courtesy of private contractors

Who knew? The T has been engaging in an entirely different type of privatization for decades, according to the WBZ I-Team at CBS Boston: "For possibly more than 30 years, some managers at the MBTA have enjoyed a perk that's been hidden from the public: Unmarked take-home cars that are owned by construction companies. The I-Team discovered the cost to taxpayers is almost impossible to determine because the vehicles have been buried in the overall price of multi-million dollar projects." We're talking Ford Escapades, Toyota Highlanders, a Ford F-150, etc. Also from WBZ: "MBTA General Manager Brian Shortleeve told the I-Team the contractor-owned vehicles are another example of trying to change 'decades of mismanagement' at the agency." Ah, this isn't just mismanagement. The IRS might be interested in this, not to mention a few other fed agencies

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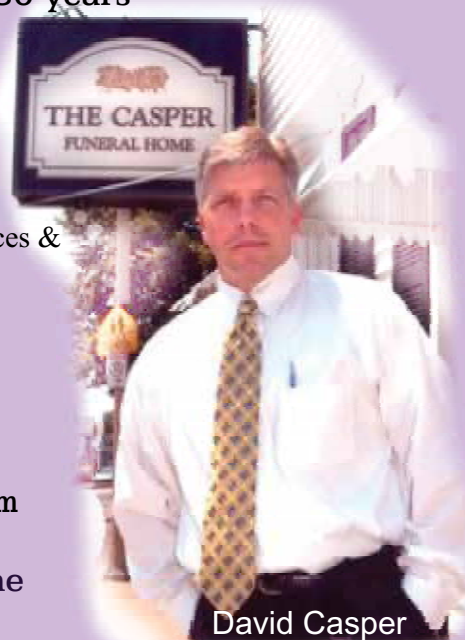
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Breakfast

Jimmy Flaherty Kick-off Breakfast February 25

The SBCA President Thomas McGrath is pleased to announce that on Saturday, February, 25th 2017, at the Kick-off Break-fast, at the Seapoint Restaurant at 10AM. The Henry Knox Award Presentation will take place. Family, Friends and Neighbors are respectfully invited to attend this wonderful event. A \$10.00 donation is requested at door to help off-set some costs. This year's event will once again feature great music of Bob Fowkes and Curragh's Fancy.

The event Chairman will be Suffolk County Clerk of the Courts Michael Donovan, who has always supported the fight to preserve the historical importance of Evacuation Day. "As President of the Association, it is an honor for me to appoint Mike to kick-off the festivities. His commitment and involvement with the SBCA and the entire community has been a tremendous asset to me and the Executive Board." Said McGrath.

The awards are presented to everyday citizens involved in the community who seek no recognition, who are considered "Unsung Heroes".

This year's honorees are:

Mona Connolly Casper, a longtime resident of South Boston and Co-owner of the Sea-Point Restaurant, has always been involved in our neighborhood: Always helping someone in need, volunteering her time with so many charities and organizations, including the South Boston Youth Hockey and the South Boston Irish - American Society. Mona learned from her mother that South Boston pride is really about giving back to your community. Making this neighborhood better for the next generation of residents. Mona is also a great role model for so many young women in this community and she leads by example and always trying to do her best and treat everyone with kindness and dignity. Mona remains an important

part of the fabric of this neighborhood, along with her husband Tom, who is also involved in coaching youth sports, the Connolly - Casper family represents what's best about South Boston. Family, hard-work, community and volunteering. A true example of South Boston Pride!

"When the Cornerstone closed its doors two years ago, Mona reached out to me immediately and offered the function hall to the SBCA to allow the organization to continue to host the yearly Jimmy Flaherty "Kick-Off Breakfast" for the Evacuation Day events". McGrath said.

Also being recognized is Bobby Linehan, for his selfless efforts in aiding those in need, and pitching in at the drop of a hat, for any benefit or worthy cause in the town. Bob has quietly gone about his many great deeds with one mission in mind, to make South Boston a better place. Bob's charitable work has been going on for decades in South Boston as once part owner of the Legendary Quiet Man Pub.

Bobby continues to be involved behind the scenes in organizing the South Boston Vietnam Memorial Maintenance and upkeep on a yearly basis along with his crew. He also is works side by side with Tim Buckley on the successful Quietman Memorial Golf tournament. This event raises significant funds to help provided needed services to the various charities in South Boston "His leadership and labor skills are very crucial when it comes to putting together a golf tournament of this magnitude, and to continue the annual upkeep of the first Memorial of its kind in the Country. This just goes to show you how much Bobby loves his community and the respect he has for the boys who left this community and never returned." Said Tom McGrath, President of SBCA.

Next up is no stranger to the community. Betty Flaherty, the longtime leader of the West Broadway Task

Force, has played a key role in working closely with the Boston Housing Authority staff, including BHA Administrator Bill McGonagle and the tenants at West Broadway. Betty has also developed positive working relationships with the Boston Police, city and state officials, various non-profit organizations, for the betterment of the residents of the development. Betty is also concerned and works hard to ensure the residents receive their fair share of basic city services. Betty is well respected not only throughout West Broadway, but she quietly and effectively build relationships across South Boston to make this an even better community. "It is people like Betty Flaherty that often work hard and without any praise, but she is a true unsung hero in South Boston and she is someone respected and admired for ensuring everyone is treated with respect and dignity". Said SBCA's General Chairman Ed Flynn.

Finally, Oderra Jones from the University of UMass/Boston, Oderra is the new Community Outreach and

Engagement Coordinator at the University of Massachusetts Boston in January 2013. Jones came to UMass Boston from the Metro-West YMCA in Framingham, Massachusetts, where he was the director of sports and teen programming, after a successful seven year career as a Men's Basketball Coach at the Division 1 level.

Oderra was influential during the 2015-2016 winter hockey season when the Murphy Rink roof collapsed and while the renovations were on going. Concerned that South Boston Youth Hockey would not have a home, he reached out to the program and offered more than enough ice-time for the youth of south Boston, so that they would not miss out on a season. To this day UMass continues to host SBYH during the early month of September, until the Murphy rink opens later in the month.

At UMass Boston, Jones has been instrumental in developing and creating a strong community outreach program for the Division of Athletics

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EARLY EDUCATION HIGH ON REP. COLLINS' LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

House Speaker Robert DeLeo and consisting of business leaders from across the state, reported that there is a 30% turnover rate amongst the early education and care workforce as salaries hover just above federal poverty guidelines.

The report also showed that there are an estimated 90,000 educators working in roughly 10,000 licensed day care centers across Massachusetts. These educators have median salaries between \$22,501 and \$27,500, significantly less than the starting salary for public school teachers. The report also found that median wage for child care workers has dropped two percent since 2010 and that 39% of workers are enrolled in at least one public support program.

The Task Force also concluded that the quality of teachers is the most important factor in realizing the benefits of early education and care

and that high quality pre-kindergarten education increases a child's chances of earning a college education and finding gainful employment. However, not enough resources are being dedicated to EEC, as evidenced by high rates of turnover.

To address this problem in the early education workforce, the House plans to boost funding for the education rate reserve while also introducing legislation to professionalize the EEC workforce. These proposals seek to improve teacher retention and attract strong talent to the EEC workforce by offering competitive salaries for teachers while ensuring that early education and care teachers have the professional development, training and tools they need to provide high-quality education to children across Massachusetts.

"High quality early education and care are crucial in preparing

our children to succeed in today's economy," said Rep. Collins. "Attracting and retaining good teachers is vital. We need to invest more in the people that educate our children during the formative years that are so important toward their development. I stand ready to work with my colleagues in the Legislature and Mayor Martin J. Walsh to improve early education for children across the Commonwealth."

The number of individuals supporting investments in EEC has grown rapidly since the start of the legislative cycle in January, as Speaker DeLeo and Mayor Walsh have also called for increased funding and resources for EEC. The measure has the support of the business communities as the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and the Alliance for Business Leadership have voiced their support for greater investments in early education.

Representative Nick Collins has made early education and care (EEC) one of his key legislative priorities as the House of Representatives develops its budget for FY18.

In an announcement last week, the Early Education and Care Business Advisory Task Force, convened by

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Repeated Contacts With Russian Intelligence'

What the ...? Members of Donald Trump's campaign team and other Trump associates had "repeated contacts with senior Russian intelligence officials in the year before the election," as the NYT reports this morning? Intelligence officials, as in the successors to Yuri Andropov's KGB, Lavrentiy Beria's NKVD and the Tsar's Okhrana? Yeah, an investigation is order, we suspect. See next item for the Massachusetts angle, of course.

Warren, Markey call for probe of Trump administration ties to Russia

The ouster of national security adviser Michael Flynn over his contacts with Russia have prompted U.S. Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, both Massachusetts Democrats, to call for a probe of the ties between Russia and Trump administration officials, reports the AP at WWLP. Indeed, top Congressional Republicans, as well as Democrats, are pledging to deepen various

investigations into the Russian ties, the Washington Post is reporting. **State GOP Job Opening: U.S. Senate candidate, minimal experience and name recognition required, likely DCR posting after election**

The Senate's recent rebuke of U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren and the almost daily controversies coming out of the White House are only making it harder for state Republicans to find a candidate to run against Warren in 2018, reports the Globe's Frank Phillips. Check out some of the names being floated and see if you can identify all of them with title (no cheating, please): Geoffrey Diehl, Curt Schilling, Lewis Evangelidis, Rick Green, Gabriel Gomez and Allen Rodney Waters.

The Globe's Adrian Walker: "It isn't that there aren't Republicans willing to take Warren on. It's just that they are, in various ways, problematic." **Aww, how nice, valentine flowers for Liz**

This is what a GOP Senate candidate would be up against: Full adoration of Elizabeth Warren on the

left, so much so that yesterday she received \$1,600 worth of pink roses, hydrangeas, freesia, and calla lilies, from a psychoanalyst and her new crowd-sourcing friends. The Globe's Akilah Johnson has the details. But just to show you how much of a bubble Liz worshipers are in, take a gander at this Politico survey: Donald Trump, despite his incredibly low approval ratings, still beats Warren in a head-to-head poll match up. We're talking national numbers here, of course, not blue state numbers.

The One Percent Solution: Activists push for guaranteed funding level for environmental agencies

From SHNS's Colin Young at the Telegram: "Environmental activists on Tuesday rolled out their 'green budget' requesting spending increases that they say will put the state on track to dedicate 1 percent of its operating budget to environmental agencies." The Environmental League is also blasting Gov. Charlie Baker, who once committed to the 1 percent idea, for recent budget cuts and staff reductions at environmental agencies.

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centered around the Dorchester, Roxbury, South Boston and Boston communities. His major focus has been the planning and execution of community partnerships that both help the local community and promote the mission and goals of UMass Boston and its student athletes.

"Oderra has played a huge part in the management of the Clark Athletic Center Community Membership program, and cultivating relationships for youth groups, neighborhood organizations, and other external entities interested in using the Clark Athletic Center at UMass Boston," said McGrath.

Tom McGrath, President of the SBCA, said "It is an honor to recognize these individuals who dedicate their time and energy to the South Boston Community. I hope the community will join me and others on Saturday February 25th to honor these individuals." Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.00 or by contacting Tom McGrath at tmcgrath1963sb@gmail.com



Parade Preparations Looking Good Real Good!

SBT - Staff Report



The weather has been cold, blustery and snowy. People are walking around bundled up to the max and often can be seen carrying shovels and ice choppers. Valentine's Day has now come and gone and all of this points to one thing in South Boston: preparations are in their final stages for the big annual St. Patrick's Day/Evacuation Day parade.

Even though most of us have only recently started giving the parade a second thought, the Christmas holidays tend to occupy our thoughts at least until the first of the year has passed. The hard working members

of the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council as always, have been planning the parade for months, probably starting almost immediately after the last marcher crossed the finish line during last year's parade. They are that dedicated and committed to putting on a fantastic procession and giving this neighborhood a day to look forward to and enjoy.

This year's parade promises to be huge and will certainly not disappoint. The 2017 Parade Chief Marshal has been selected – the very capable Dan Magoon, who is also the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Fallen Heroes Memorial

Fund and the invited marching units are confirming at a rapid pace and it will be an impressive list making this year's event one of the biggest parades ever.

In recent years, the parade has continued to grow. Averaging over the years more than 130 marching units and floats, this year is pointing to more than 150 overall units participating making it one of the biggest St. Patrick's Day processions in the entire world. Marching Bands will be coming in from as far away as Colorado, Florida and of course the surrounding New England states.

As always, there will be a heavy concentration of crowd pleasing armed forces contingents which will include military organizations with squads representing past eras including Revolutionary, Civil, WW II, Vietnam and Gulf Wars and of course current active and Reserve units as well. All the branches will be represented including the

Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. First responders will be well represented too as Fire Trucks and police horses; always a favorite among the kids will be taking part with pride. Colorful floats from a variety of organizations will dot the procession. Families will be delighted with the wide array of attractions among the units as they are each year.

South Boston is fortunate to have such a dedicated group - volunteers all, who work so hard putting together a parade each year that the South Boston Community can be proud of. The South Boston Allied War Veterans Council and its commander Bill Desmond strive to make this event better with each passing year. They deserve very special praise for their efforts. If you would like to help with this effort; either financially or as a volunteer yourself, go to the parade's website at www.southbostonparade.org.

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MAYOR WALSH ANNOUNCES \$22 MILLION IN NEW FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

*Funding will create or preserve 602 units in Boston's neighborhoods;
Walsh Administration has committed nearly \$100 million to affordable housing*

Building on his commitment to create more affordable housing in the City of Boston, Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced nearly \$22 million in funding for ten affordable housing developments in neighborhoods across Boston. This funding will help preserve or produce 602 housing units, 77 units of which are reserved for homeless or extremely low-income households in Boston. Today's announcement contributes to the goal of creating 6,500 new units of affordable housing outlined in *Housing a Changing City: Boston 2030*, Mayor Walsh's housing plan, and supports Boston's Way Home, the administration's plan to end chronic homelessness by 2018.

"Preserving Boston's affordability is key to ensuring everyone who wants to live here can afford to do so, and I'm particularly pleased this funding will both preserve and add to our existing affordable housing stock," said Mayor Walsh. "This

will help us continue to build a pipeline of affordable housing, and put us one step closer towards reaching the ambitious goals laid out in our housing plan. I want to thank the Neighborhood Housing Trust for making these funds available and supporting these worthy developments. Working together with our partners, I am proud we are building a better Boston."

The funding is made possible through more than \$13 million of federal and local resources awarded by the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), and more than \$8 million of linkage funds, awarded through Boston's Neighborhood Housing Trust.

With the awarding of these funds, the Walsh Administration has now committed nearly \$100 million in affordable housing funding since Mayor Walsh took office. In total, the Walsh Administration has helped create or preserve more than 3,000 units of affordable housing, which

includes nearly 500 units of housing for the homeless.

To help choose appropriate developments for funding, the City of Boston has established funding priorities, based on the goals outlined in *Housing A Changing City: Boston 2030*. Proposals submitted are expected to fall under at least one of the priority criteria:


- Affordable housing developments that utilize City-owned land.
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CV Properties, LLC proposes to redevelop an approximately 42,219 square foot site located at 105 West First Street in South Boston. The 105 West First Street project will comprise an eight story, approximately 266,000 square foot office building containing 1,600+ square feet of ground floor space on West First Street for retail, café or restaurant use and 2,400+ square feet of convener space on West First Street, 10,000+ square feet of innovation space fronting on West Second Street, and 3,000+ square feet of tenant amenity space. The retail/restaurant/café use and innovation space on West First Street and West Second Street respectively are designed to activate the ground floor level of the building.

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Harpoon Shamrock Splash Fundraiser

More than 250 brave beach-lovers will plunge into the icy waters of Boston Harbor at the BCYF Curley Community Center on Carson Beach in South Boston on March 5th at the Harpoon Shamrock Splash to raise money to support free events and programs on the region's public beaches from Nahant to Nantasket this summer after DCR Commissioner Leo Roy indicated that the Baker Administration's most recent round of budget cuts will prevent his agency from investing in the Better Beaches program this year.

This round of cuts includes a \$5 million cut in DCR's operating budget and a \$400,000 reduction for

seasonal staff. They also include cuts to the Metropolitan Beaches budget line, including \$50,000 for algae removal in Lynn, Swampscott and Nahant and \$100,000 for free beach events and programs this summer.

"This year's splash is more important than ever before" said Bruce Berman, Director of Strategy & Communications at Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. "With deep cuts to DCR's metropolitan beaches budget this year, all the funds we raise will support Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Better Beaches Program to fund another great summer of free events and youth programs on the beach from Nahant to Nantasket."

This year's splash will be better

than ever, with refreshing Harpoon beer, real food from b.good and music by the Mix 104.1 & AMP 103.3 street teams. And of course there are many chances to win free flights from our partners at JetBlue and great swag from Harpoon for best costumes, biggest fundraisers and just for taking the plunge.

Registration for this year's Harpoon Shamrock Splash is just \$20 at www.shamrocksplash.org <<http://www.shamrocksplash.org>> You must be 21 or older to take participate. All proceeds go to support free events and programs on the region's public beaches in 2017. Find out more about the event and the impact of the cuts on Save the Harbor's blog at www.blog.savetheharbor.org

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You can download a copy of the most recent Better Beaches program report on our website at [savetheharbor.org/Content/2016YouthReport.pdf](http://www.savetheharbor.org/Content/2016YouthReport.pdf) <<http://www.savetheharbor.org/Content/2016YouthReport.pdf>>

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Chief as President Trump and instead to call him #45, as in the forty fifth President, and we have others refusing to buy clothing from the Ivanka Trump fashion line, because they hate her father.

Yes, I said hate. The hate just oozes from these people, as they continue to melt down daily. They can't hide it because it consumes every fiber in their bodies. It's very sad, don't you think? It really is possible to oppose and disagree with someone without spitting venom 24/7.

It's getting so bad that even some of the clear thinkers in the Democrat party; and yes, there are

still some, are becoming alarmed and embarrassed by it and they are starting to speak out.

Former Democrat Senator Jim Webb, stated last week that he no longer even recognizes the party. It's not his party any more. It has moved too far to the fringe left and they have no message that resonates with working people. Raymond Buckley, who is a candidate to head the Democratic National Committee (DNC), stated on Saturday that people need to get over the election and 'Grow Up'. And there are more worried common sense Democrats speaking out against the actions of the childish every day.

Certainly, most Americans agree that people

have the right to protest in this country. But they may want to change their approach and their tactics. Becoming violent will eventually get some of these little snowflakes hurt, as many Americans will undoubtedly get tired of it and respond in kind. And acting like their views are the only views allowed and doing and saying things that put them on the same intellectual level as toddlers will keep losing them support. And as they continue to demonstrate how much they hate this new administration, President Trump, despite Senate Democrats trying to obstruct every move, continues to get his cabinet nominees approved and his agenda put in place.



GATE OF HEAVEN C.Y.O. ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, February 25th, the Gate of Heaven C.Y.O. Annual Fundraiser/Cocktail reception will be held in the Gate of Heaven Church Lower Hall, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. During the event the Rev. Paul V. Donovan, Rev. A. Paul White and Jack McDonough Awards will be presented.

The Rev. Paul V. Donovan Award for the parish Outstanding Catholic Youth is presented annually to a person of our community who exemplifies the best of what it means to live out the Catholic faith in today's society.

The criteria used in selecting the recipient are based on participation in parish C.Y.O. activities, on church attendance, and on personal characteristics which evidence a commitment to the Christian faith.

This award is presented as an expression of our pride in the youth of our parish. Among all the concerns and pressures of their lives, we hope that they will always recognize in the Church a concerned and true friend, a true home.

The Jack McDonough Award is presented annually to the Outstanding Men's Alumni Member

of the Year who exemplifies Christianity in today's society and the goals of the Gate of Heaven C.Y.O. and its Alumni Association.

The Rev. A. Paul White Award is presented annually to a woman in our community whose dedication and commitment has had a positive impact on the youth and families of the Gate of Heaven Parish and South Boston Community.

This Fundraiser is the C.Y.O.'s financial backbone. With your continued support, we will be able to provide the services needed to point the youth of our community in

a positive direction.

There are still tickets available for this annual event, which is a great night out for a good cause. Our thanks to all our friends, sponsors, coaches, and parents who have continually supported the Gate of Heaven C.Y.O. programs. We look forward to working together in the future to continue building a great program for our youth and hope to see a full house on Saturday, February 25th. You can contact any coach, C.Y.O. Director Kevin Lally, Commissioner Sean Monahan or Touchie McDonough for more info or tickets at 617-792-8570



Rep Nick Collins joins former Rep Jim Brett of the New England Council during a break at a symposium held by NEC at Bank of America featuring special guest speaker Mayor Martin J. Walsh.



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HERO'S CUP FIRST RESPONDERS HOCKEY TOURNAMENT APRIL 21-23

The Hero's Cup Hockey Tournament, the largest first responder hockey tournament in the United States, is set to be held at the New England Sports Center, 121 Donald Lynch Blvd, Marlborough, MA. 56 teams, over 900 First Responders will be competing in the inaugural 3-day tournament to raise money for the host charity, The Last Call Foundation - www.lastcallfoundation.org

Each team also plays for their charity of choice. 25% of monies raised from this event will go to The Last Call Foundation with the remaining monies split evenly among all others. Sponsorship opportunities

are available and are a great way for companies to help welcome first responders to our region.

Teams of Firefighters, Police officers, Military members and EMS workers will compete in bracketed games to end in a championship round on Sunday April 23rd. Opening ceremonies will kick things off on Friday April 21st with Honor guards and local celebrities among our Heroes and games will begin. Friday night a casino night begins at 8 P.M. Best Western in Marlborough (In the convention center at 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough MA)

The Professional Firefighters of Massachusetts (PFFM) is the title sponsor of Casino night

featuring 40 gambling tables for play as well as a band and full bar. Admission to casino night is \$10 for general admission. Saturday games will begin at 8AM and go until 8PM. Teams will play two games to wrap up the best of a three-game series. Best record will move on to playoffs on Sunday. Saturday night the celebrated Turquoise Willie of Nashville Tennessee performs at the New England Sports Center (general admission \$10) followed by a battle of the bands. The Pipes and Drum bands of different departments from around the region will battle for top band bragging rights and a cash prize. Sunday championship

games start at 8A.M., closing ceremonies, with full Honor Guard, begin at 12 Noon. The Fireman cook-off, hosted by Ray Cooney of FDNY Firehouse Kitchen will host a head to head competition for best meal; a Master Chief style cook off with celebrity and local judges.

Come honor the first responders that are everyday heroes by making a donation, buying a ticket or spreading the word. Volunteer opportunities, merchandise, and information, including links to benefiting charities, at www.heroscuphockey.com Suggested donation to attend games is \$10.00 Single day or a weekend pass available at \$25



CHILDREN'S WINTER FEST RETURNS TO BOSTON COMMON FEBRUARY 23

Mayor Martin J. Walsh today announced that the Boston Parks and Recreation Department will be bringing the annual Children's Winter Festival to Boston Common in partnership with the Highland Street Foundation during school vacation week on Thursday, February 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We are pleased to announce the return of the Children's Winter Festival on Boston Common," said Mayor Walsh. "We have some great activities for kids during the public school vacation week and

we invite residents, families, and visitors to join us for a fun day in the city."

Among the attractions will be Snowzilla, a three-story-high inflatable snow tube slide, the 15-foot-tall and 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel mountainous adventure with twin roller lanes, and the Snow Mazing maze. In addition, the Highland Street Foundation is sponsoring a week-long Winter Camp at the Boston Common Frog Pond with free skating and rentals for all ages from Monday, February 20,

through Friday, February 24. For more information on the Winter Camp skating, please visit www.highlandstreet.org.

The festival will also feature a DJ from Magic 106.7, the Museum of Science Chocolate Truck with facts about chocolate and free hot chocolate samples, an appearance by the L.L.Bean Bootmobile with their popular Boot Toss game, giveaways from Summit Premiere's "Rock Dog" and Columbia Picture's "Smurfs: The Lost Village," and refreshments from DAVIDsTEA

and KIND Snacks. In addition, the Appalachian Mountain Club's Outdoors Rx program will present activities including a snowshoe obstacle course, scavenger hunts, and a winter play party.

Additional support is being provided by the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center and Fisher College. For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, visit www.cityofboston.gov/parks or go to www.facebook.com/bostonparksdepartment.

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Community Pressure or GE Foresight

"We agree with the city and state that a helipad should be part of the overall transportation strategy for Boston," GE spokeswoman Sue Bishop said in a statement. "However, we have told the city and state that our experience at Logan has been positive." Although GE worried that traffic and air congestion would impact their flights to and from Logan — neither ended up being an issue.

At the recently held public meeting, Councilor Michael Flaherty said residents had come to him recently with questions about the logistics of the proposed helipad. "The questions I'm hearing from people are pretty basic: 'Will they fly over my house?'; 'Why don't they just go

to Logan?'" Flaherty said. "And, what will happen to the music pavilion?" Councilor and Mayoral candidate, Tito Jackson generally opposes the public incentive package behind GE's move to Boston and spoke against the helipad. "If they want a helipad, they can build their own helipad," Jackson said. "But not with our money and not on our watch." South Boston activist Laura McDonagh questioned how MassDOT would regulate helicopters flying over her neighborhood. She said the task force panel was lying to the public by claiming helicopters would only follow certain routes. "Those trails for those helicopters are a lie," McDonagh said. "Any South Boston resident will tell you that. This is a no go for South Boston."

Public hearings on a matter such as this are normal and opposition to a Helipad in general was anticipated. As usual, most people stay home or are disinterested; local activist residents attend the hearings claiming they represent everyone; public officials are in receipt of emails and letters, usually in opposition; business interests affected are represented by attorneys or spokespeople; engineers and consultants offer differing perspectives on the economic and business impacts depending on who is paying them; candidates for office use them to make news; and oversight agencies spin the nuances and the merits of the proposition.

In the end, the eco-political atmosphere tends to have influence over

the process. Each side tries to find a way - or is influenced somehow to figure out a way - to deal with what amounts to being 'small potatoes' in the corporate incentive game. A helipad, at the right place and at the right time, may have merit and need, for the right reasons. In 2017, in South Boston, and especially for a corporate giant, somehow smarter heads figured out that there are more important matters to be dealt with.

Community Pressure Plus GE Foresight Equals Satisfied Customers. This time, for GE, both of their corporate slogans are working in tandem - 'We Bring Good Things To Life' and 'Imagination At Work'. For South Boston, Ms. McDonagh's slogan works - This is a 'no go' for South Boston.



Spring marathon training 2017 has begun for the members of L Street Running Club. Fourteen weeks of training will take many to the start line of the Boston Marathon on April 17th. If you see members of this group on Sunday mornings please wish them well.

K of C Free Throw Contest

Pere Marquette Knights Of Columbus of South Boston announces its Basketball Free Throw Contest for Boys and Girls ages 9-14. The contest will be held on February 26th at 3:00PM at the P.A.L. Gym behind the South Boston Courthouse. For more information please contact Sean Monahan or Ed Flynn at edflynn254@yahoo.com or 617-269-0776.



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PARKS DEPT. HOSTS INDOOR SOFTBALL CLINICS



The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will host a series of free Indoor Softball Clinics for girls ages 9 to 18 during the upcoming February school vacation week.

The clinics will be held on February 21, 22, and 23 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Tobin Community Center located at 1481 Tremont Street, Roxbury Crossing. Instruction by UMass Boston collegiate softball team players will include the fundamentals of throwing, catching, fielding, pitching, and hitting.

Please note that the clinics are free but all participants must bring their own gloves. For more information please contact Larelle Bryson at (617) 961-3092 or email larelle.bryson@boston.gov.



PETER WELCH'S GYM
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2017 March 17th Boxing Show Tryouts

Yes it's back, Tommy McGrath, President of the South Boston Citizens Association along with Peter Welch, owner of Peter Welch's Gym at 371 Dorchester Ave. South Boston, will again be sponsoring this year's March 17th Boxing Show. After a one year absents this year's show will take place on Saturday Night, March 11th at the Peter Welch's Gym, in South Boston. Admission is free of charge to all.

The South Boston Citizens' Association March 17th Boxing Show has been part of the events put together by the Citizens' Association for over 75 years, and at the request of many past and present South Boston residents, it was clear the Boxing Show has been missed, and needed to be returned.

This year's Boxing Show Chairman, Newly Elected Suffolk Register of

Deeds, Stephen Murphy, along with Peter Welch, Owner of Welch's Gym will be looking for young boxers of all ages to participate in this year's show. Every young man or ladies who participates in this year's show will be awarded a trophy.

Tryouts will be held on Tuesday's and Thursday's at 3:00pm, starting Tuesday February 7th at 3pm at the Peter Welch Gym, 371 Dorchester Ave. South Boston.

All young man or ladies will be trained by expert staff such as Peter Welch, Tommy Connors, Danny Long, Jimbo Curran. All tryouts and training are free to every young man or ladie participating in this year's show. All boxers will be matched, by age, weight, and experience and must report to the Peter Welch's Gym with a mouth-guard, shorts and sneakers...



This week, Danny shared his thoughts on some Patriots choosing not to go to the White House:

I don't care. That's right, I said it. I don't care.

When it comes to professional athletes going to the White House to celebrate their respective championship, I'm not one that gets too worked up about the team's attendance.

At least six New England Patriots have said they will not be making the trip to visit with President Donald Trump. Those six players are Martellus Bennett, Devin McCourty, LeGarrette Blount, Chris Long, Alan Branch, and Dont'a Hightower.

By the time the Patriots make the trip to Washington, D.C., there might even be more than six players who announce they won't be attending.

Here's what we know: they won't be the first to skip the White House visit, and they won't be the last.

In fact, Tom Brady missed the team's trip two years ago, after the Patriots won Super Bowl XLIX. Brady's excuse was that he had a previously planned family commitment.

There are some who still wonder whether Brady's absence that day was political. The people who believe it was will point to Brady's three previous visits to

the White House as a Super Bowl champion, when George W. Bush was President. They'll also look at Brady's friendship with current President Trump.

Brady is adamant that it wasn't political. Perhaps we'll truly never know. But the point I'm trying to make here is, it doesn't bother me either way.

Whether you don't like the President or you'd rather go sip on a Mai Tai at an exotic resort, if you don't make it to the White House as a pro athlete who just won a championship, it doesn't bother me one bit.

There are many things that get me fired up. Skipping a White House visit is not one of them.

However, I'd be lying if I told you there wasn't one exception. There was one instance where I questioned someone who decided to no-show with the rest of his team.

That was in 2012, when the 2011 Stanley Cup Champion Boston Bruins visited then-President Barack Obama. Goaltender Tim Thomas declined the invitation and decided to stay home, while the rest of the Bruins went to the White House.

Thomas released a statement, saying he "exercised his right as a Free Citizen." He went on to say his choice was not

political because "both parties are responsible for the situation we are in as a country." That situation, which he referenced to open the statement, was that he believed "the Federal government has grown out of control, threatening the Rights, Liberties, and Property of the People."

Now, I'm not sure if Thomas released this statement from his bunker or not, but either way, that's not the issue I had. He has the right to do whatever he wants and express whatever opinions he has of the government.

What bothered me was, Thomas was the only American on the damn team. Alright, so defenseman Steven Kampfer was also American. But let's be honest, he wasn't truly part of the "championship" roster that season. So, yes, Thomas was the only American on the Stanley Cup champion Bruins in 2011.

I've never really criticized Thomas for skipping the White House visit. But he's the only pro athlete that I can remember questioning about it. To me, it would have been nice if the only American on the team — especially one that played arguably the biggest role in winning the

Stanley Cup — would choose to represent our country while visiting the President of the United States of America.

Thomas joined a list of formidable champions — players and/or management — who had skipped White House visits in the past: Larry Bird, Michael Jordan, Theo Epstein, just to name a few. Brady was added to that list a few years later. And like I said, they won't be the last.

If that gets you all worked up, then that's your problem, not mine. Even if someone comes out and cries "politics" as they choose not to attend with the rest of their team, that's something they have to live with, not me. Their political thoughts and beliefs do not control my life, and they never will.

And as the Patriots get ready to visit President Trump, the team's attendance at the White House won't define who they are as a team that came back from a 28-3 deficit to win the Super Bowl in overtime.

The only thing I'll remember these Patriots for is what they did on the field.

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