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Just last week, the Boston Globe spotlighted the use of the government's EB-5 visa program, which grants a green card to foreigners who invest at least \$500,000 in a US business that creates at least 10 jobs. 10 Jobs?

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EDITORIAL

Secure Your Vehicles, There Are Thieves Around

And now we have this. Yes, a few of our local wannabes are about the business of stealing cars in the neighborhood. One of the vehicles stolen was wrecked. Here again, just like the vandalism that we reported on a few weeks back, names of suspects are known to local people and to police and we expect they will be dealt with in time.

Cars, pickups or SUV's; it doesn't matter what someone drives, all of them are

expensive. But more than just the expense of purchasing and maintaining them, they are a necessity. They are needed to transport you, get to work to help support that family.

In the Old American West, before the invention of the automobile, horses were the only means of transportation for most. They were a lifeline so important to people that the law actually allowed horse thieves to be hanged.

The crime was considered that bad. Today, we are a bit more civilized and stealing a person's means of transportation is no longer a hanging offense and we're certainly not saying it should be. But that doesn't mean that the victim's anger that comes from being a victim of the crime is any less intense or the hardship caused is any less real. To those who find stealing cars enjoyable, we suggest you knock it off – now.



"You aren't wealthy until you have something you love that money can't buy" - Garth Brooks



Letter to Editor

I am proudly supporting Ed Flynn for Boston City Council. It is incredibly important that South Boston have a City Councilor with a deep understanding of the issues impacting our community. Ed Flynn has a proven record of standing up for residents of South Boston -- as a lifelong resident, as a civic leader, and as an advocate for our Veterans and our youth.

We all know Ed as someone who treats people with dignity and respect, and I look forward to casting my vote for him on Tuesday, September 26.

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Al Gore Busted Again/Voter Fraud/Block Drugs at the Border

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

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In past columns, I've expressed skepticism regarding the topic of Global Warming, which has now been renamed 'Climate Change' since the weather hasn't often cooperated with the theory that the Earth is actually warming. Many of us who hold the same views have been called out and criticized for being 'Climate Deniers' or doubters from time to time, which actually serves to amuse us. Especially when reports about the Global Warming Guru, Al Gore exposes the polluting life style that he leads, while scolding the rest of us about ours.

As you may have heard, Gore's new movie, the sequel to his first film 'An Inconvenient Truth' just came out, where he once again attempts to instill fear in viewers about the destruction of the Earth that is being caused by manmade global warming. Well, the film is bombing at theatres. Few people are attending showings and some believe it has to do with Gore being a fraud and a hypocrite. Yes, I said it.

You see, it was announced just last week, after a study of Gore's lifestyle and property owned by him that his mansion is now up to using 34 times as much energy as the average American home does. Just heating his swimming pools alone uses 7 times more energy. So, when he scolds and lectures the rest of America and demands we change OUR lifestyles and does so while flying around in his private pollution spewing jets and chauffeured in gas guzzling limos and huge SUV's few people take him serious any longer.

Polls are showing that so called Climate Change has dropped to near the bottom of the list of things that concern Americans. So again, there is no mad rush to theatres to see his sil-

ly movie sequel which has Mr. Gore furious. It's estimated that Al Gore has made nearly one billion dollars pushing his global warming/climate change campaign. It would appear his cash cow has run its course and is now drying up. Maybe that's why his hysterical shrieking has reached new heights. He's getting more desperate as the number of those who follow him like sheep is declining fast.

Moving on: Voter fraud was once again in the news. We've been told that it doesn't exist and that it's a big fabrication put forth by Conservatives in an attempt to suppress voter turnout. But last week we learned that the feds busted an alleged scheme being run right out of the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles Boston office. The feds say that this scheme, committed by at least four clerks at the Haymarket RMV office, found them to be creating false identities and addresses that were used to commit voter fraud within the city. Prosecutors believe it was set up to allow illegal immigrants to vote in elections. And this, we're told, is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to voter fraud. It's going on nationwide.

Following the Boston RMV report, the other voter fraud story breaking this week was in California. Gee, what a surprise. An investigation in that state has discovered that there are eleven California counties that have more registered voters on the rolls than there are adults of voting age living in those counties. Maybe this can explain why so many liberal groups and lawmakers are desperately trying to stop the Trump Administration's Commission on Election Integrity from succeeding in its investigation of voter fraud. I'm willing to bet that those so adamant

in insisting that voter fraud doesn't exist don't even believe what they're saying themselves.

Finally, for this week a mention of the drug epidemic that has been gripping our country and so many individual neighborhoods. It looks like there could be relief coming at some point sooner than at first hoped. Law enforcement officials all across America tell us that the reason the crisis is so bad is because of the flood of drugs that had been pouring into the country over the Mexican border because of lax border security in

recent years. But now, with the big increase enforcement at the border, the flow of people entering illegally has been greatly reduced and so too has the influx of dangerous and illegal drugs. Because the supply is finally being choked off, we're told the supply of these drugs will begin to dry up considerably. While the border patrol might not be able to stop all of it, their hard work and diligence will get a major part of it. And when the border wall goes up, it's believed what once was a flood will be reduced to a mere trickle.

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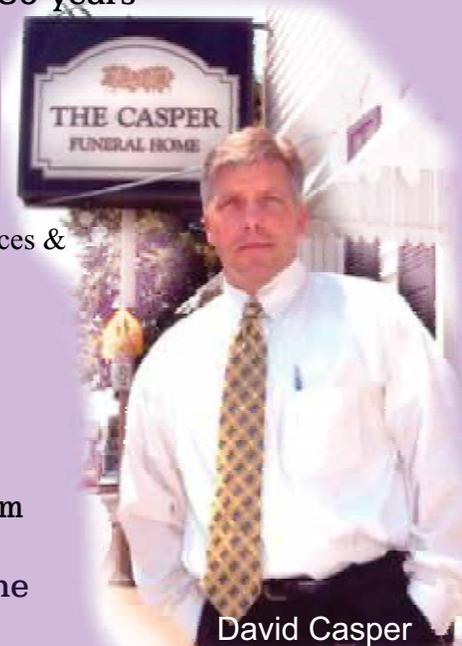
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Window Into The State House

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

Is Deval Patrick among a 'handful of minority Democrats being groomed by the centrist establishment'?

It seems some on the left, including The Week's Ryan Cooper, are suspicious about former Gov. Deval Patrick's presidential ambitions because he works at – the horror! – Bain Capital. And they're also suspicious of two other potential minority candidates, Sens. Kamala Harris and Cory Booker, as being mere puppets of the scheming centrist establishment. One of the founders of BlueMassGroup, aka Charley on the MTA, is rightly going after Cooper's piece as an example of 'some unfortunate habits of mind in the very distinct culture of the left.'

Fed pot crackdown: More bark than bite?

Many are concerned that it's only a matter of time before there's a major confrontation between the federal government and states like Massachusetts that have legalized marijuana. But some experts at yesterday's National Conference

of State Legislatures in Boston say tight funding and other pressures should keep federal law enforcement at bay for a while, reports SHNS's Andy Metzger at Wicked Local.

Fyi: Speaking of the National Conference of State Legislatures, local lawmakers are expected to play a more prominent role at the conference today in Boston.

Pot lobbyists burn through \$300K on Beacon Hill

Speaking of pot, the Herald's Matt Stout: "Beacon Hill's monthslong, and often secretive, meetings to overhaul the state's marijuana legalization law drew a flurry of lobbying from marijuana companies, advocates and other groups, who together ran up at least a \$300,000 tab this year trying to influence policymakers."

Stop the presses: Brigham falls out of top 20 in US New & World Report ranking

Is this big news or non-news? When it comes to yet another rankings list, you have to wonder. But

it's apparently a big deal to Brigham & Women's Hospital that it's going to be knocked off of the top-20 list of hospitals nationwide. The Globe's Liz Kowalczyk has the details.

Game of Garages: Union strikes back over privatization

A seemingly casual promise has come back to haunt the T's Fiscal Management and Control Board over its push to privatize three bus maintenance garages without first consulting the T's machinist union, reports Bruce Mohl at Commonwealth magazine. The result: Machinists are hounding Gov. Charlie Baker wherever he goes.

Rep. Straus proposes using Logan parking fees for harbor tunnel maintenance

From the Globe's Jon Chesto: "The House chairman of the Legislature's transportation committee is looking to use a cut of Logan Airport parking revenue to help pay for upkeep of the Boston Harbor

tunnels. Representative William Straus said he is talking with the Baker administration about diverting a portion of revenue that Massport receives from its Logan Airport parking into a new fund established for maintaining the Callahan, Sumner, and Ted Williams tunnels."

Congress may cage state's new farm-animal rights law

A law enacted by Massachusetts voters in November to prohibit the sale of products made from confined farm animals may be overridden by legislation making its way through Congress, Gerry Tuoti reports at Wicked Local.

Now that we have the clean-energy bids in hand, let's not screw it up

Eric Wilkinson, director of energy and climate policy at the Environmental League of Massachusetts, is happy with companies that recently submitted dozens of bids for clean-energy projects in Massachusetts – and another round of bids is on the way. But he doesn't sound optimistic that the proposals will be handled expeditiously, based on the state's past review-process record. "The key is timing. There is real risk that this review process could bog down and result in unacceptable delays," he writes at Commonwealth.

Legislative Leaders From Across The US Gathered At Convention Center

This past weekend, the National Conference of State Legislatures held their annual conference in Boston at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC). One of the highlights being promoted was the panel discussion that was billed as an example of bi-partisanship that included MA Gov. Charlie Baker, a Republican, and House Speaker Robert DeLeo and Senate President Stan Rosenberg, both Democrats. Unlike what is on display in Washington DC, Massachusetts leaders presented an amicable and even cheery atmosphere to the leaders from other states. It was a well-attended session.

The panel, moderated by former Republican Governor William Weld, initially circled around the significance of bipartisanship and the challenges of practicing it. But it was Rosenberg who said what surely many in the room were thinking: Washington could take a page out of Massachusetts' book. "That's what's so distressing about what's happening in Washington, they don't break bread together anymore, they just try to break knees," Rosenberg said. "We are stewards of the seats we occupy, we don't own them. Leaving them in



Panelists, from left to right, Governor Charlie Baker, Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, and Speaker Robert A. DeLeo, talk amongst one another and guests during a general session at the NCSL Legislative Summit at the Boston Convention Center. August 6, 2017. Boston Herald photo by Ryan McBride.

good shape to pass to the next person is a fundamental responsibility of the job."

Weld also emphasized the importance of face-to-face interactions among legislators, and remembered weekly meetings he used to hold at the Charles Hotel in Harvard Square with then-Speaker Charles Flaherty. "It's a lot harder to take a cheap shot at

someone in the press if you know you're going to be sitting across the table from them sometime in the next seven days," Weld said.

Those meetings have since continued in Massachusetts, with each administration handing down the tradition to the next. Baker, who served under Weld as undersecretary of health and human services and secretary of administration and finance, shared advice he learned from his former boss. "Governor Weld used to say all the time, you never know where the next coalition you're going to work with is coming from," Baker said. "This is supposed to be a distributed decision-making process, it's supposed to be messy and complicated. I believe in that and think in the long run you get a better product the more voices you include."

Baker, DeLeo, and Rosenberg all cited the opioid legislation passed last year as a chief example of the importance of two parties working collaboratively.

It wouldn't be Massachusetts with a protest or two. Seizing the moment to get their messages across, two groups — MBTA mechanics and one composed mostly of Asian-Americans — picketed outside.

Coastal Zone Management - A Condensed Overview

The CZM Mission is to preserve and enhance the capacity of Designated Port Areas (DPAs) to accommodate water-dependent industrial uses and prevent the exclusion of such uses from tidelands and any other DPA lands over which an EEA agency exerts control by virtue of ownership or other legal authority. The Commonwealth's Designated Port Area policy was established in 1978 within the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Plan after extensive consultation with state agencies, elected officials, municipal planners, non-government organizations, representatives from the business community, local citizens, and others. In 1990, the Chapter 91 regulations were modified to enhance protection of water-dependent industrial uses within DPAs.

The two central principles of the state's DPA policy are to promote water-dependent industries as an important sector of the state's economy and to prevent the loss of areas that have key characteristics. What remains of the industrialized coast should be preserved to the maximum extent practicable in

order to meet the long-term, cumulative space needs of water-dependent industries.

State policy seeks to protect these areas from the irretrievable commitment to, or significant impairment by, non-industrial or non-water-dependent types of development, which enjoy a far greater range of locational options. Accordingly, the thrust of the state's DPA policy is to maximize use of areas already suited for port areas and avoid the conversion of these areas to incompatible residential, commercial, and recreational uses so that future marine industrial uses would not have to develop new areas for such use. The expense of developing new marine industrial locations—including costs associated with dredging, bulk-heading, dock building, and development of transportation, power, and water infrastructure—is very high in terms of both economic and environmental costs, not to mention the public and political opposition that frequently accompany such proposals.

In addition, on many port properties it is desirable for new development to incorporate an element of public access to promote pub-

lic awareness and appreciation of maritime industrial activities. Despite the somewhat gritty character of many working waterfronts, there is no reason for DPAs to be places that separate a community from its harbor. With careful attention to the layout and design of individual projects, it is often feasible to weave pedestrian accessways into industrial districts without jeopardizing public safety or causing operational interference. Public access objectives, however, must not interfere with port development interests if there is a conflict between public safety in an industrialized area and pedestrian access.

Community development objectives other than the promotion of water-dependent industry can be pursued to a considerable extent within a DPA. Nevertheless, it is important to recognize that meaningful safeguards are needed to ensure that such "non-conforming" activity does not significantly impair the ability of the DPAs to serve the primary state and regional interests for which they were established.

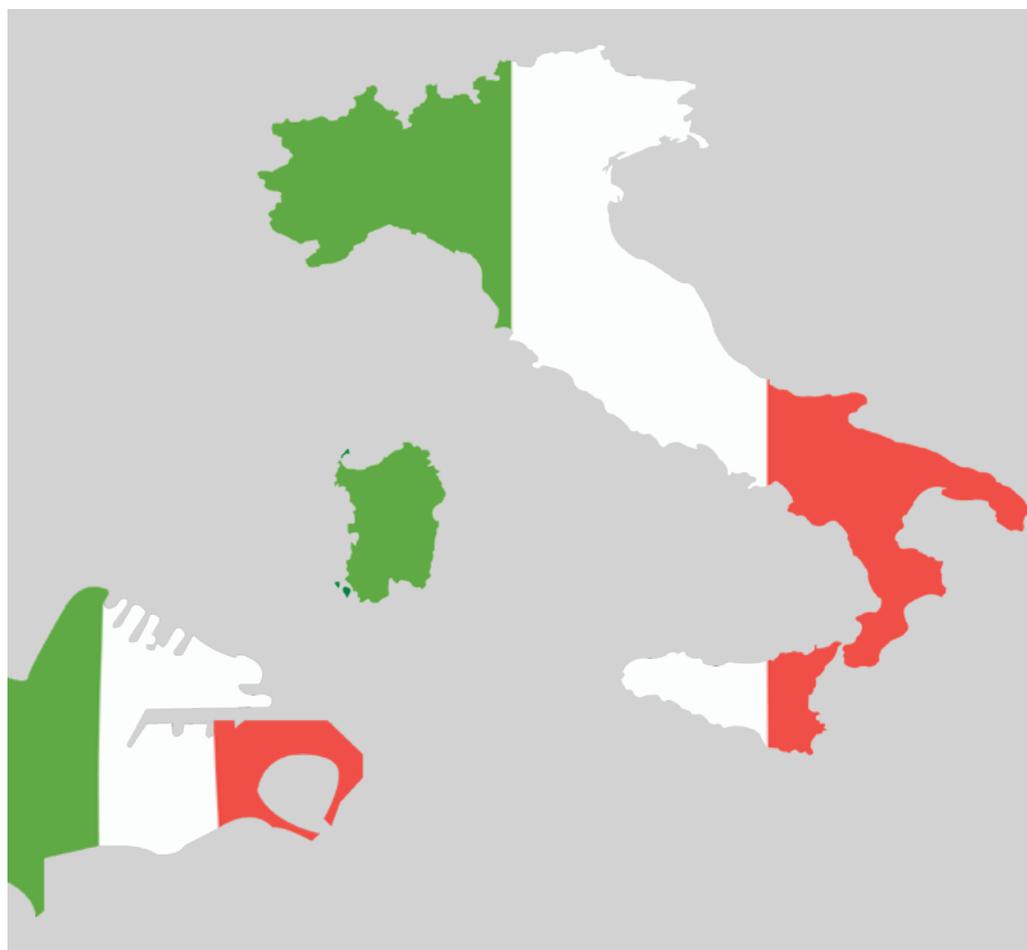
Residential uses are inappropriate in this regard and are categorically prohibited in a DPA, whereas non-

water-dependent industrial uses generally are presumed to meet the test of compatibility. Commercial uses are evaluated on a case-by-case basis, except for those which inherently give rise to severe conflict with port operations or excessive consumption of port space, either directly or indirectly (e.g., as a result of collateral development activity). These include: Transient group quarters, such as hotels/motels, nursing homes, and hospitals; Large-scale recreational boating facilities; Amusement parks and other major entertainment or sports complexes; New buildings devoted predominantly to office use. Projects involving new or expanded development of these uses are not allowable in a DPA.

CZM encourages pro-active planning for DPAs to promote maritime development, prevent commitments to uses that would significantly exclude water-dependent industrial activity, and accommodate supporting industrial and commercial uses in a conflict-free manner.

For the complete CZM Policy Guide:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/czm/fcr-regs/czm-policy-guide-october2011.pdf>



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The Chill of It All

I have both good and bad news. The bad news is that it's less than thirty days till Labor Day; the good news is that, from here on in, it's the best time, not only of the summer, but of the whole year, to have those red wines that are especially enjoyed chilled.

I'm not talking about White Zinfandel or White Merlot. I'm talking about wines that people are having right now; it's six hours ahead of us in Europe and people are sitting outside all over Europe tonight having their chilled favorite of choice in the red category.

In Italy, this is the time of year when winemakers from the Piedmont region in the North, offer their special, "late summer red"- Brachetto (Braketo). Brachetto is not normally blended with other grape varieties and, in many towns, the stipulation is for 100 percent Brachetto grapes to be used. The wine is deep red in color, mildly sweet and has a natural carbonation, or "sparkling" aspect, to it. Italians have it with cheese, Caprese salad and lighter beef dishes, as well as gazpacho.

Two of the brands that come from the area's larger producers and are readily-available are:

Banfi Rosa Regale Brachetto, 2015, (\$19.99),

really focuses on the raspberry and rose-petal flavors and is a consistently excellent wine each year. As the wines from Banfi are marketed nationally, this one should be easy to find. Have it with cheese and some cold fruit and as for the wine, the colder, the better!

Another charming and refreshing but lesser known option in the Italian sparkling wine lineup is Brachetto d'Acqui. It is one of the few sweet Italian wines to achieve DOCG status. Only wines produced entirely from Brachetto grapes grown in a very limited area around the town of Acqui Terme in the southern Piedmont can qualify as Brachetto d'Acqui wines.

One of the oldest winemaking families in this region is one of the newest names in this category in the US and the Marengo 2016 Brachetto, "Pineto", (\$14.99) is worth finding. Delicate ruby red, sweet and sparkling, it expresses the elegant aromas of roses and raspberries, typical of the Brachetto grape. Aromatic, delicate and harmonious on the palate. Perfect with strawberries, red fruit, fruit salad, all kinds of desserts or just great to relax with by itself.

All over France, as the August heat persists, the

French love their favorite chilled red, Beaujolais. From the western end of the Burgundy region, this lighter-bodied wine is produced across many "appellations", or regions by both individual growers and co-operatives, as well as famous negociants, like Louis Jadot.

A couple of my favorites are Domaine de Roche-Guillon 2015 Beaujolais-Villages, (\$15.00), a really terrific wine for the money. A surprisingly rich and full-bodied wine, it's packed with crunchy cherry flavors. It also has a more tannic and structured side, giving it a firm texture to back up the fruitiness. The aftertaste is juicy and ripe. This one is a natural with your favorite burger, as well as spicier foods, like Mexican or Thai.

Collin-Bourisset 2015 Beaujolais, (\$12.00), is an impressively rich wine for a simple Beaujolais. It has plenty of fruit, while it also has a good depth with ripe red-berry fruits and some well-integrated tannins. Have it with cold, crisp salads or any kind of sharp cheese, as well as steamed peking ravioli.

As we head into the last "big push" of heat and humidity, take a page out of the Europeans' book and manage it deliciously!

Next week: "Value All Around!"

Talk back to The Wine Guy at jdris888@gmail.com

Flynn Campaign Headquarters Vandalized

Fox 25 News thought it was newsworthy enough to broadcast it last Monday evening. The campaign headquarters of District 2 City Council candidate Ed Flynn was subjected to graffiti that defamed both Flynn and America, as well as eggs being thrown against the windows recently. This activity is on top of finding a dozen or more of his campaign signs torn and damaged. Hard to imagine the motive

beyond a sick view of politics.

Flynn's committee filed a police report and were assured by Station 6 that his office will be observed during patrols. Flynn stated that his "campaign will remain positive and hopes that this activity will cease."

Flynn and the five other candidates have only 7 weeks to go until the primary on September 26, a much later than usual date.



Who Wants A Big Red Shed Outside Their Window

As reported by SBT, The MBTA is forging ahead with plans in the South Boston Waterfront area to refurbish a rail spur known as Track 61. Its purpose is to create a testing facility complete with a bright red shed that will be used for testing the new Red Line cars, beginning in 2019.

As a step in the delivery and acceptance process, the track will be used to test the new cars after they come from the production facility in Springfield. After the cars are fully tested and approved by an MBTA engineering team, the new Red Line trains will start serving customers on the T's busiest subway line.

As part of the process the Boston Conservation Commission will hold a hearing on Wednesday August 16 in the Piemonte Room at Boston City Hall, near the City Council Offices.

State and local officials have out-

lined their concerns about environmental impacts, temporary nature of the facility and the ability to use rail in the aftermath. In general, community concerns include noise pollution, PCB contaminated soil along the track, and air quality issues associated with both the construction and testing. Not only would the construction and testing likely be very loud for the next 7 or more years, the potential for pollution from brake dust, disturbing the contaminated soil, and the use of heavy machinery would need extensive mitigation.

As such, it appears that the MBTA's plans for mitigation are too vague at this point and environmental fallout must be clarified to the community before their proposal can be allowed to advance, and so that the community can know exactly what potential issues could arise.

Who wants the "Big Red Shed"?



1199SEIU and SEIU Local 888 Back Mike Kelley's Bid for District 2 City Council

1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East and SEIU Local 888 have endorsed Mike Kelley in the race for District 2 City Council. These unions are the latest to join a growing list of endorsers, including Attorney General Maura Healey and House Ways and Means Chair Rep. Jeffrey Sánchez.

1199SEIU represents more than 56,000 healthcare workers across Massachusetts and is the fastest-growing healthcare union in the country. SEIU Local 888 represents an additional 8,500 public sector and higher education workers in the Commonwealth.

"Healthcare workers have always been a leading force in the fight for quality healthcare and social, racial and economic justice for all. We need to elect champions who will stand with us on these issues," said Tyrék D. Lee, Sr., Executive Vice President of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East. "Mike Kelley is a dedicated leader whose commitment to our shared values makes him the best choice for District 2. We are proud to

endorse him for election to the Boston City Council and look forward to working with him to promote healthy and just communities in this district and across Boston."

Dan Hoffer, Political Director of SEIU Local 888, added, "Mike has been a progressive leader in District 2 and Boston for decades. His passion and commitment to progressive values and ideals makes him the right choice to become the next City Councilor in District 2."

In thanking the unions for their endorsements, Candidate Kelley said: "I am truly honored to have the support of these organizations. I learned the importance of hard work, community and putting people first while growing up in a union household and serving as a union member. These are the values that serve as the pillars of my candidacy, and they will guide my representation of District 2."

"Both 1199SEIU and SEIU Local 888 have long histories of fighting for social justice and economic equality. I will be an unrelenting supporter of both on the City Council."

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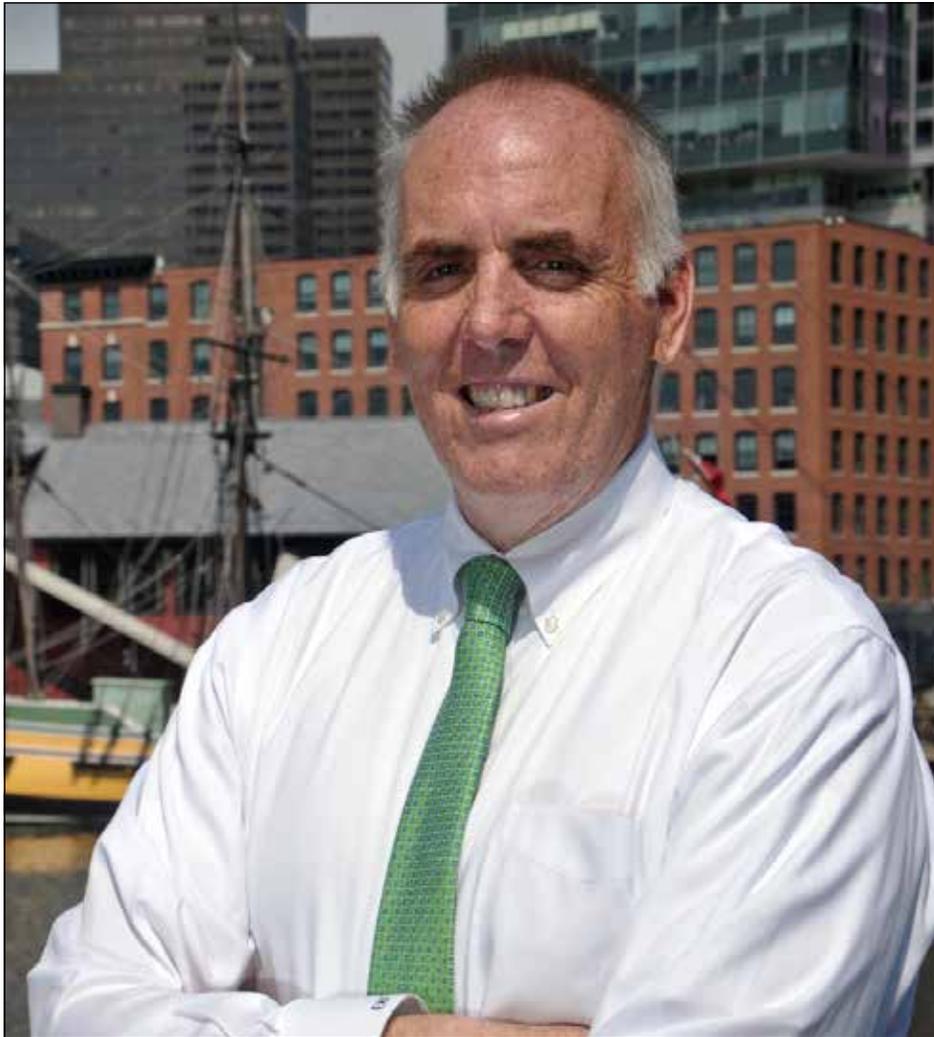
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MNA Nurses Endorse Flynn

Ed Flynn, candidate for Boston City Council District 2, has been endorsed by the Massachusetts Nurses Association (MNA). The MNA is one of the largest unions in Massachusetts with over 23,000 members, working to improve and increase accessibility to health care services and foster high standards of nursing practice, education, and research.

Megan Collins of the Mass Nurses Association said, “The Massachusetts Nurses Association is proud to endorse Ed Flynn for Boston City Council. Ed Flynn understands what’s important to working women and men across Boston. He has been a dedicated supporter of the thousands of nurses in Boston, and we know that he will continue to be a strong, independent voice for families throughout the district. There’s a lot at stake in this race, and we know that Ed Flynn is the right choice for District 2.”

Flynn said, “I am so honored to have the Mass Nurses supporting my candidacy for Boston City Council. Every day, our nurses are on the front lines saving lives and taking care of those in need. As City Councilor, I will work on behalf of all residents and communities in District 2 to ensure that our streets are safe, that our kids can go to great public schools, that our seniors have access to services and programming, and that we’re tackling quality of life issues like traffic, transportation, and housing.”

Just last week, Flynn was endorsed by the Boston Firefighters, and he has earned the support of over 30 other local labor unions. In addition to these unions supporting Flynn, he has also been endorsed by Congressman Stephen F. Lynch, State Representative Nick Collins, Boston City Councilor At-Large Michael Flaherty, and Suffolk County Clerk of Courts Michael Donovan.

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a parking lot on Seaport Boulevard. The developer’s spokesperson Alex Shing of Los Angeles-based Cottonwood Management spoke about the strong interest from investors all over the globe who wanted to buy into Boston’s booming Seaport. His quote is startling in and of itself, “This is probably the most valuable piece of dirt in the world”.

This phenomenon underscores the efforts of South Boston’s elected officials, residents, the shipping industry, seafood processors and other waterfront businesses and service providers, not the least of which being the stevedores, dockworkers and operators of the International Longshoreman Association, many of whom are local residents, to oppose the current proposal for the Edison Power Plant as it wends its way through the maze of public agencies. We are talking more than 7000 jobs.

The agency of focus is the Coast Zone Management division of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (see accompanying article elsewhere in this publication titled CZM-A Condensed Overview). CZM has responsibility for reviewing the request by the developer of the Edison Plant to remove key re-

strictions relative to housing, hotels and other public access matters from the DPA protection.

The deadline for comments is tomorrow Friday August 11 by close of business (see contact names and info below). The CZM also conducts a thorough information gathering process once the comment period closes, but within no more than 6 months.

The concern for maritime jobs, coupled with the \$75mm public investments already made to the Haul Road, which alleviates traffic congestion and facilitates timely truck transport in and out of Conley Terminal and the nearly \$1 billion state and federal for the dredging of Boston Harbor, begs the question about the need for yet another raiding of a valuable asset necessary to preserve and protect the maritime industry and related commercial interests. Let your voice be heard.

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11 Atlantic Street Single Family	\$980,000	6/15/17	10	2.5	2576
9 West Broadway UNIT 322 Condo	\$960,000	6/15/17	5	2	1296
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515 Eat First St UNIT 2 Condo	\$569,000	6/9/17	2	1	590
156 West Sixth St UNIT 2 Condo	\$505,000	6/13/17	4	1	700
37 Middle St UNIT 1 Condo	\$400,000	6/15/17	3	1	553
593 East Fifth St UNIT 3 Condo	\$347,500	6/14/17	3	1	515

**CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ORDER OF COMPLETE
SETTLEMENT**

Docket No. SU07P1663EP1

**Commonwealth Of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court**

**Probate and Family Court
Estate of: Joan M. Isaacsen
Date of Death: 06/29/2007**

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Settlement has been filed by

Paul J. Gannon

of

South Boston MA

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Ronan Manning's School Supply Drive a HUGE Success

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Question: What do you get when you combine a 10-year-old South Boston kid with a heart of gold and a passion for helping others, especially other kids, with a neighborhood filled with caring and generous residents who also have always been quick to assist others at every opportunity? Answer: One heck of a successful effort that brought people out in droves to donate to a wonderful cause.

Recently, at the request of young Ronan Manning and his family, South Boston Today announced the beginning of a collection drive with the goal of acquiring needed supplies to be given to children returning to school this fall. It was the idea of 10-year-old Ronan who wanted to make sure students that may not have the proper school supplies got everything they needed for a successful school year. He put up posters, sent out

letters, contacted the local newspapers and social media sites and went to work; spending much of his summer vacation getting the word out and making all the necessary preparations. It was hard work indeed, but to Ronan, it was a labor of love.

The word got out, the dates, times and places were set with 2 drop off locations - one at the Manning Family home, the other at the South Boston Pop Warner Field. The only question that remained was what kind of response would there be. The answer was heartwarming. People came out en masse with bags filled with school supplies. In fact, there were enough supplies to fill to overflow more than 50 large backpacks which the Manning Family will donate to area elementary, middle and high schools. The schools will then distribute the supply packs to the students who need them. The event went off almost with military precision. Ronan's sister Ashley, who is 7 years old was at the field and set up a lemonade stand to help in the effort. It's hard to resist a 7-year-old sell-

ing lemonade and she raised \$130 which will also be used to buy even more school supplies. How can you not be proud of kids like this?

The school supply collection was so successful that plans are already being made to hold another one next year. Ronan's parents, Dan and Ashley Manning said that next year they might have to find a new and bigger place to store all the supplies brought in as they never expected such a huge response.

Ronan Manning is a student at the Condon School. He's an athlete and likes sports and enjoys being part of Southie's youth sports organizations. He's a good student and enjoys making long distance rides on his bike. Yet, with all of his many talents and interests and doing what other kids do, he enjoys helping others at every opportunity. It's what he does and who he is. Again, how can you not be proud of a kid like that? Well done Ronan and congratulations for a successful collection drive and a magnificent effort on behalf of others.



WWII Veteran Ed Hamilton Honored With 92nd Birthday Party

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY - By Staff

Without a doubt, one of the best known and beloved South Bostonians is Ed Hamilton. Most know Ed as a man about town, walking everywhere for hours at a time while greeting neighbors. It is one of his passions. He is a decorated World War II veteran of the United States Navy who served in the Pacific during the attack on Pearl Harbor. Ed is on a first name basis with virtually everyone he meets and has that friendly welcoming smile ready as soon as eye contact is made.

Last week Ed, who lives with his family on East Seventh Street was honored with a 92nd birthday party organized by his good

friend Chris Gregorio and attended by a crowd of other good friends and neighbors held in the community room at the Powers Apartments on L Street. There was a smorgasbord of food and not just one but two birthday cakes, as well as a tray of patriotic red, white and blue cupcakes to go with the occasion. A round of 'Happy Birthday' was enthusiastically sung in his honor.

Ed Hamilton was then awarded and pinned with a United State Flag medallion by fellow US Navy veteran and District 2 Boston City Council candidate Ed Flynn. Then, a champagne toast was given by Chris Gregorio and everyone in the room stood and raised their glasses in a salute to the guest of honor.

Also among the many guests at the event were Ed's Daughter Laura McDonagh, many friends new and old, Former Mayor and US Ambassador to the Vatican Ray Flynn and his wife Cathy, State Representative Nick Collins and members of the Hub Church, wonderful volunteers all, who did a great job of helping set up the dining room hall and with other preparations.

Ed Hamilton has become quite the celebrity in military circles over the years. He has accepted invitations to Hawaii by the United States Navy as an honored guest to commemorate the Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attacks. He has also been guest speaker at a Hawaiian school, where he thrilled the young students with historical speeches and information.

He has also been guest speaker at other Boston area schools and has appeared on various TV and radio venues to answer questions and share his experiences with fascinated audiences.

Yes, Ed Hamilton is a well known, well spoken celebrity now whose name and face are familiar far and wide. But he still makes his home in South Boston where he, along with our many other resident veterans make this community proud. South Boston Today joins the rest of this town in saying Thank you to Ed Hamilton and to all of our veterans for their service to our country and for being responsible for preserving and protecting our freedom and our liberty. God Bless them all.



12 kids from the Boys & Girls Club in South Boston were among the group as they sailed to Spectacle Island with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay on July 20.



12 kids from the SBNH Slip Program in South Boston were among the group as they sailed to Georges Island with Save the Harbor/Save the Bay on July 12.

South Boston Kids Set Sail For Boston Harbor Islands

Thanks to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, so far this summer, nearly 5,000 young people and their families have set sail on free Tall Ships Cruises and free day trips to the Boston Harbor Islands as part of Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free All Access Boston Harbor program, including

24 kids from South Boston. This free program, which provides free access to the Boston Harbor Islands to more than 100 area youth and community groups, features environmental exploration, historic sea chanteys and art on the shore, as well as fishing, crabbing, swimming, and storytelling by the sea.

"Save the Harbor's free Youth Environmental Education Programs are the cornerstone of our work to "Share the Harbor" with young people and their families and create a new generation of environmental stewards," said Save the Harbor's Vice President of Operations and Programs Chris Mancini. "This season we expect to serve 30,000 youth and teens ages 7-17 at 8 program sites, on 28 free island excursions and at 20 free beach events from Nahant to Nantasket."

All Access trip begin at the Blue Hills Bank Pavilion where the group learns the history of Boston Harbor and the Harbor cleanup with an interactive presentation from Save the Harbor's Maritime Historian, David Coffin. Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's summer youth staff of teachers, college assistants and high school students then bring the kids aboard Bay State Cruise Company's Provincetown II to set sail to the Harbor Islands where each group enjoys a picnic lunch before exploring the island.

"What a great way to spend a summer day," said Save the Harbor's spokesman Bruce Berman. "We believe that every child and family deserves the opportunity to enjoy these spectacular urban natural resources, and are doing our best to make it happen."

The Boston Harbor Islands are important educational and recreational resources for youth development and community groups from around the region. On Spectacle Island, Save the Harbor's educators teach kids to fish for flounder, skates

and the occasional striped bass from the pier, and help them explore the shore looking for sea glass and historic artifacts from Spectacle's "Treasure Beach."

On Georges Island, youth and teens explore the maze of passageways at Fort Warren, a historic landmark used for coastal defense during the Civil War, where they may even catch a glimpse of the famous ghost of the "Lady in Black." The docks on the island offer fantastic fishing spots while the parade ground is a great space for sports and games.

"At Save the Harbor/Save the Bay we are particularly proud to serve as the Boston Harbor Connection for a generation of young people," said Save the Harbor/Save the Bay President, Patricia Foley. "The best way we know to "save the harbor" is to share it with the region's kids and families." Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free youth and beach programs have introduced more than 160,000 young people to Boston Harbor and the Islands since they began in 2002.

Save the Harbor's free youth environmental education and family programs are made possible with Leadership Grants from Bay State Cruise Company, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, The Boston Foundation, The Coca-Cola Foundation, Distrigas/ENGIE.

For more information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org, their blog Sea, Sand & Sky at www.blog.savetheharbor.org or follow savetheharbor on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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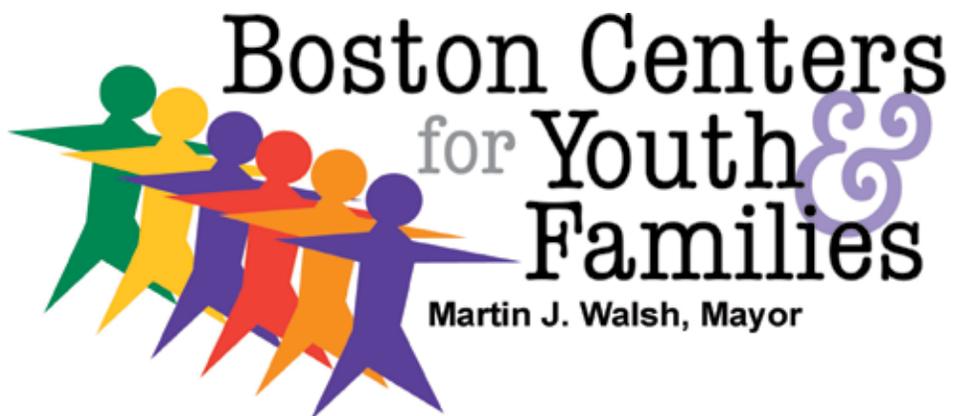
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BCYF Tynan “Fun In The Sun” Program

The BCYF Tynan is part of the South Boston Summer Collaborative, which also includes the South Boston Neighborhood House, BCYF Condon Community Center and the Boys and Girls Club, running various day camps under one Umbrella. This better coordinates the services offered by the respected agencies and avoids duplication of programs.

The Tynan Community Center council runs an on-site component for 7-13 years old. Activities are planned in the following area; Arts & Crafts, Sports, Games and Education. We encourage kids to learn new skills in order grow, develop, participate, cooperate and share. We also have various field trips planned!

Meet The Counselors

The funding for our Senior counselors come from the South Boston Collaborative, Massport and the City of Boston Department of Youth Engagement and Employment.

Nicole Rezza –

Although this is my first year at the Fun in the Sun program, I worked for the past two summers at the South Boston Neighborhood House. I just graduated from Boston Latin School, where I assisted in tutoring for the past four years. In the fall, I will be attending UMass Amherst. During the short time that I have been with Fun in the Sun, I have quickly grown to appreciate the caliber of children and counselors, who make this camp a truly special place and look forward to working with them for many more summers.

Elaina Wright-McCarthy –

This is my second year at Fun in the Sun. As a kid, I attended Fun in the Sun! Throughout my life I have always worked with children, whether it be babysitting, at the after-school

program at the Tynan, or simply tutoring kids. I graduated from Boston Green Academy, and next spring I will be graduating from UMASS Boston with my BA in English and Secondary Education. I look forward to becoming a teacher. Fun in the Sun has allowed me to find a better understanding of what I want my career to look like, and has allowed me to pursue my passion of working with children day in and day out. There truly is never a dull moment working with these kids, and they always leave with a smile on their face. The staff and campers certainly know how to have fun, and I’m proud to be part of this staff, and I’m extremely proud to have had the opportunity to call the Tynan Community Center “home” for my entire life.

Jaelyn Kenneally –

This is my fifth year working at the Tynan summer camp. I started off as a camper here as a child and eventually made my way up to be a camp counselor. Along with being a summer employee, I also work as an after-school staff (DYEE) in the fall here at the Tynan. I recently graduated from Archbishop William’s High School. This fall I will be attending Rivier University as a nursing major. Throughout my years I have made lifetime friends and gained qualities that I will use throughout life such as responsibility. The Tynan has had a very positive impact on me and I am certain it will continue to do the same for campers and counselors in the future.

Baileigh McCarthy –

This is my fourth year working at the Tynan summer camp. I just graduated from Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree and will be attending the University of New Hampshire in the fall. During my

years working at the Tynan over the summer, I have been setting myself up for my future, hopefully working with children. I have made friendships here with staff and campers that will last forever and I’m proud to call myself a counselor here.

Wilkinson Fortilus –

This is my first year working at the Tynan summer camp, in the past years I have experienced working with children, mostly through sports, because I volunteered to coach youth soccer back in 2015 at Winter Hill Community School in Somerville, MA. I’m currently attending Bunker Hill Community College for a business major. During my short time as a camp counselor I’ve learned a lot and have made friendships here with staff and campers that’ll never be forgotten.

Dylan Reilly –

This is my third year working at the Tynan. I attend UMass Amherst and I’m studying political science. I used to play baseball and hockey, so it is fun to play wiffle ball and other games with the kids. I never went to Fun in the Sun, but I grew up going to the Tynan after school and playing in the gym. I like working at Fun in the Sun because the kids are great and I like working with my friends to try and set a positive example for them. The past three summers that I’ve worked here have been a blast.

Matthew Prokop –

This is my first year working the Fun in the Sun camp as a counselor. I was born and raised in South Boston and I have been coming to the Tynan to play basketball my whole life. I was never in the Fun in the Sun program but I did go to the Ollie camp when I was younger. I am currently going to Assumption College in Worcester and I am go-

ing to be graduating this upcoming year. I am studying human services and rehabilitation studies and I am very excited to see what is going to unfold next year at school during my senior year. The Fun in the Sun program is a very welcoming community and the kids that go here really are great kids. The staff truly does care about the kids.

Jesse Miller-

I am going into my fourth year working with the kids at the Fun in the Sun camp. I started out here as a junior counselor and it has been a privilege watching these kids grow throughout the years. As someone who grew up in Southie and attended camp here, it is nice to be able to reconnect with the youth of the neighborhood through sports and games. I am currently going into my senior year at Bridgewater State University and am glad to have had the experience to work as an assistant director for such a great group of kids and counselors.

Conor O’Toole –

This is my first year working at Fun in the Sun camp at the Tynan School. I was born and raised in South Boston and have been coming up to the Tynan for years playing basketball. I have experience working at other camps in South Boston. I have worked at both the Condon Community Center and Moakley Sports Center and I enjoyed mentoring the kids during my time there. I am going into my senior year at the College of the Holy Cross where I major in Political Science and I am excited to enter the workforce shortly after. The Fun in the Sun camp is a great environment for the kids of South Boston to enjoy and I am happy to be a part of it this summer.



Unity In The Community

The “Southie Supports: Unity in the Community” second annual school supplies drive is a joint collaboration among the Edgerley Family, South Boston Boys & Girls Club, the MOMS

Club of South Boston, the South Boston Neighborhood House Ollie, the BCYF Condon Community Center and the Tierney Learning Center at Old Colony Housing Development. The drive will run

through Friday, August 18th.

Many Southie families live paycheck to paycheck and, by assisting them with the purchase of school uniforms and required supplies, we’re ensuring those families

aren’t choosing between school items and other necessities in the household budget.

We have a community with diverse economic backgrounds and we’re hoping those with a little more will step up to help those with a little less. We, as a society, benefit from well-educated and motivated children who dream and set goals for themselves. There’s no easier way to help Southie students achieve those goals than by sending our kids back to school with the supplies they need to succeed!

Businesses in Southie will host donation boxes with lists of suggested donation items posted on the sides of the boxes. Please patronize these businesses and fill the boxes! There are fantastic back-to-school sales going on right now at Staples, Target, Walmart, Office Max and Office Depot. To make gift card or cash donations, please contact Pattie McCormick at the Boys & Girls Club (617) 516-5442.

Donation boxes are located at: Stephi’s in Southie, Ultimate Self Defense & Performance Center, Foodie’s, Lincoln Tavern, Stop & Shop, Boston Bagel Co., & Peter Welch’s Gym.



Youth Soccer Coaches Meeting Thursday August 17

There is a coach’s meeting to hand out rosters on Thursday August 17 at 6 pm at the Curley Recreation Center in the senior’s card

room at the M Street entrance to hand out rosters for the 2017 season.

All coaches must attend. At this time, coaches will receive their team rosters for the upcoming season.

Remember the season starts on Thursday September 7th with the “PARADE OF CHAMPIONS” and the games start Saturday September 9th AND Sunday September 10th. Any questions 617-269-7930 and leave message.



Boston Athletic Club Owners Compromise On Racquetball And Handball Courts

Pappas Properties, the owner of the BAC, and MassPort, the owner of the land on which the facility sits, has agreed to earmark one of their existing courts for Racquet and Hand Ball. The controversy stemmed from a planned upgrade to the Club that eliminated the several courts that since it first

opened have been the anchor sports activity, along with tennis, and has an active and dedicated membership. Efforts by local elected officials, and attention brought to it by this newspaper, caused MassPort, which has multiple projects going on in South Boston to Push back on the original Pappas plan.

The update is that a newly refurbished court will be dedicated to racquet and hand ball and is expected to be ready by this fall. In addition, Pappas has agreed to and signed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with MassPort stipulating that it will donate private funds to the planned \$15mm

upgrade to the Curley Recreation Center that will include making the hand and racquet ball courts at the L Street Bath House winterized for year round play. This upgrade is currently in the planning stage with a 2019 projected completion date.

May we all live that long.



This week, Danny shared his thoughts on some of the top stories in the sports world:

It's time to start giving Dave Dombrowski some credit for the job he did at this year's trade deadline. The Boston Red Sox president of baseball operations didn't pull the trigger on any blockbuster trades before last Monday's non-waiver trade deadline, but it certainly looks like he made the right move to bolster the offense. That move was acquiring Eduardo Nunez from the San Francisco Giants for a pair of minor-league pitchers. The trade is somewhat overlooked when it comes to "deadline deals" because it was made nearly a week before the July 31 deadline. And let's face it, Nunez wasn't one of the big names everybody around the league was focusing on. But as it's turned out, he's the right guy for the job. Nunez is a veteran who hits for average, and is also playing for a contract as an impending free agent. He can also play multiple positions, which is going to suit the Red Sox perfectly down the stretch for when they get everybody back healthy. If they want Nunez in the lineup every day -- and they should want that -- then his ability to play multiple infield positions, and even some outfield,

will make things a lot easier for manager John Farrell to find a spot for Nunez every day on the lineup card. But that's Dombrowski's trade. Just because it didn't happen exactly on July 31 doesn't mean he shouldn't be credited for a nice job at the trade deadline.

--It's time for the New England Patriots' first preseason game of the year Thursday, Aug. 10 at Gillette Stadium against the Jacksonville Jaguars. The result will be meaningless. But hey, at least it's an NFL game. The third preseason game is always the best one, when it comes to getting something out of the starters. But this Thursday marks one month until the Patriots' first regular-season game, Thursday Sept. 7 against the Kansas City Chiefs at Gillette Stadium. The Pats are a nine-point favorite at the moment. If I had to pick right now, I'd take the Patriots (-9) and the over, which is currently 48.5. With a new Super Bowl banner being raised, and Roger Goodell in the house, there's no way that Tom Brady doesn't go off with an offense that now includes an electric Brandin Cooks. The build-up to watching this year's Patriots offense has that 2007 feel,

where we just couldn't wait to see Brady throw it deep to Randy Moss. Cooks might not ever be Moss, and this Patriots team might not go 16-0, but I don't see how they aren't at least back in the AFC Championship Game. Is it January yet?

--Speaking of the Patriots, Brady was recently asked about his wife saying he had a concussion last year. It was asked after a training camp session, to which Brady responded, "I really don't think that's anybody's business." Regardless of how you feel about that answer, here's what I don't understand: Where do you want to go with this story? So much has been made about football and CTE. I'm really not sure there's anything that anybody can do about it. Brady knows the risks he faces when he takes the field, as does everybody else in the league. It's their life, and their decision to play football for a living. Let's say Brady had a concussion last year. What do you want to do about it now? I've never encountered a topic that makes me just shrug my shoulders like this one. Like, what are we supposed to do about concussions in the NFL? And if somebody had one last

season and we didn't know about it until now, are we supposed to do something about it? I guess I'm just confused as to where everybody wants to go from here with the Brady "concussion" story. Because I've moved on.

--I realize it's early, but all this football talk is getting me excited for the return of "Pic's Picks." It's the most popular segment on my podcast. Every Thursday I pick five NFL games with the spread, and I can't help but take an early look at the Week 1 slate. I'm not going to give you my picks now, but outside of Patriots/Chiefs, there's is another game that jumps off the page to me right now. And that's Atlanta as a seven-point favorite in Chicago. The Falcons are coming off a Super Bowl meltdown like no other, so perhaps that's why it's only a seven-point spread. But I feel the Falcons will be ready to roll by Week 1. And I'd put my money on them rolling over the Bears. The rest of my picks are coming in a few weeks. Stay tuned.

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