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Mayor says pier project a reason to vote Healey

Frank Mulligan
The Standard-Times
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Mayor Jon Mitchell endorsed Gov. Maura Healey’s re-election with Leonard’s Wharf over their respective shoulders. A \$45 million reconstruction project is modernizing the pier and will be com-

pleted later this year so it “can be filled back up with fishing vessels,” Mitchell said during the al fresco Feb. 16 campaign stop by Healey and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll from neighboring Homer’s Wharf. It couldn’t happen without the partnership with the Healey-Driscoll Administration, Mitchell said. The state is providing \$18 million for the project, he

said. **‘Seafood capital of America’** “We need it because this is a very crowded port,” Mitchell added, with the largest fleet, highest landings by dollar value and largest fish processing base in **See HEALEY, Page 2A**



Mayor Jon Mitchell and Gov. Maura Healey chat prior to the campaign event. FRANK MULLIGAN/STANDARD-TIMES

SNOW CAST



In the distance, the steeples of Mount Carmel church are visible while a New Bedford DPI employee operates a snowblower, sending snow flying into the air as he clears the Clark’s Cove Walk atop the hurricane barrier in the south end of New Bedford after a recent storm. PETER PEREIRA/THE STANDARD-TIMES

City bets big on summer tourism

Seth Chitwood
The Standard-Times
USA TODAY NETWORK

As New Bedford enters another peak tourism season, Ashley Payne, the Director of Tourism & Marketing and Amy Desrosiers, marketing manager, are the dynamic duo behind Explore New Bedford, which initiates opportunities to attract tourists to the city. Coming off a year marked by record visitation and major development projects, and the launch of a robust data platform, the city’s tourism story is evolving. “For the first time ever, we have solid visitor data that goes beyond what our partners can present to us,” Payne said. By recently investing in Placer.ai, Payne said Explore New Bedford can now analyze more than just ticket sales and foot traffic. “We’re able to track where visitors are coming from, and **See TOURISM, Page 3A**

ANALYSIS

3 numbers could signal midterm results in November

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Big numbers and high stakes are riding on the ballot in November: 435 House seats, 35 Senate seats, 39 governorships – and the country’s course for the final two years of President Donald

Trump’s term. In the math of the midterms, a handful of statistics can signal the odds of a squeaker or a tsunami, of a Democratic sweep or the resilience of the Republican status quo. “If we lose the midterms, you’ll lose so many of the things that we’re talking about, so many of the assets that we’re

talking about, so many of the tax cuts that we’re talking about, and it would lead to very bad things,” Trump told supporters at a rally in Iowa that kicked off his election-year campaigning. “We have got to win the midterms.” Contrast the president’s warning with the confidence of House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries of New

York. “We only need to net three” seats, he told reporters on Capitol Hill. “It’s happening. Democrats are going to take back control of the House, and the only question is, what’s the margin?” Nine months before Election Day – **See MIDTERMS, Page 4A**

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