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Valentines Day South Boston Style

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

First of all, those who complain about this day are of the same mold as those who complain about Christmas. Christmas is for the "Season of Peace". How can anyone be against Peace? Can anyone be against Love?

Flowers, candy, dinner, a chilled bottle of wine in a romantic setting, all of these things come to mind when couples; whether married or dating think of Valentines Day. This unique unofficial holiday is said to have been based on the legend of one or more early Christian Saints named 'Valentinus'. The most well known St. Valentine lived during the time of the Roman Empire and was said to have performed weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry while

in the Roman Army. Captured, arrested and imprisoned and later executed for his 'crimes', his fame lives on to this day.

And still, in the 21st Century, Valentine's Day means so much to so many. It really is a tradition that endures the test of time. Certainly, the candy companies and florists love this time of year. It is a huge business as the mad rush on flowers to send to that special someone ups the prices sometimes three to four times what they cost the rest of the year. Diets, for the most part are put on hold so that the thoughtful gift of chocolates can be enjoyed. But those couples in love in most cases are more than happy to pay the higher prices. Well, if not happy to pay, willing at least. In fact,

in case you haven't noticed, no sooner do the Christmas decorations and items come down off store shelves does the red decor of Valentines Day appear in its place.

Restaurants prepare for that day by making their establishments extra special creating that romantic atmosphere that confirms that yes, this truly is a special time in the hearts of those in love. Reservations often need to be made well in advance if you expect to be able to get a place. And on many occasions, the 'big question' is popped. "Will you Marry Me?" Many an engagement has commenced on this calendar day.

Here in South Boston, we have quite a few
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Editorial “Watch The Sky”

A great 1950's black and white sci-fi movie, “The Thing From Another World”, ends with one of the stars pleading to his radio audience to, “watch the skies.” Something we've all been doing recently. There is a reason besides weather to watch the sky. With all of the domestic problems facing America, it's hard to add yet another. This one defies category as foreign or domestic.

The use of drones by the Obama administration had come under heavy scrutiny. He has increased by 700% the use of drone attacks over the George W. Bush administration. As such, a lot of terrorists have been killed, which we heartily endorse.

Collateral damage or, more honestly, the death of civilians, is and should be a major concern. However, a terrorist who chooses to keep his wife and children in the same location he uses to plan and make bombs to kill us is the one responsible for their fate.

The more troubling concern is what had emerged since the killings of the cleric Al Alawaki. He was, in fact, an American born citizen and as such is, or was, guaranteed the same constitutional rights as you or me. That means trial by judge and jury before conviction and sentencing. In his case he was executed by executive order.

Obviously, the world has changed since Sep 11 and the President has certain



broad powers. And the argument could be made that sending in troops, as in Bin Laden's case, is too risky. Besides, Alawaki shouldn't have had his son with him although he was probably a terrorist in the making anyway at the age of 16. But should we be making a decision to end the life of a 16yr old American citizen who happens to be with his father? It's a tough call but we have to live with the rule of law.

There are drones in use in America right now. Presently they are passive, mainly watching and listening at the border. There are plans to manufacture 30,000 more. The law, or at least the administrations orders, is that the President and CIA director can together determine if a U.S citizen is a threat to national security and can be eliminated - all without disclosing evidence. Theoretically, a drone could be ordered to take out someone on West 3rd Street with no reason given, except national security.

Unless these 30,000 drones are going to be used exclusively to fly over and listen in on the Peoples Republic of Cambridge, the rest of America is urged to “watch the skies”

Letters to the Editor at Editor@SouthBostonToday.com

“It is no use to preach to [Children] if you do not act decently yourself” - Teddy Roosevelt

Last week's poll asked:

What is the most important issue that needs to be addressed with the new changes that are coming (to the new school assignment policy)? Here are the results:

- Overall School Quality – 29%
- Available Choices – 2%
- Close to Home Options – 59%
- More Access to Magnet Schools – 4%
- Transportation Cost Savings – 3%
- Increase in School Hours – 1%
- More funding for special needs programs – 3%

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Some After The Blizzard Thoughts

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY John Ciccone



I think we all knew it was coming. Last year's winter, though cold as all hell was virtually snowless in Boston and after the winter before that one, where it seemed there was a storm a week, every week, we braced for a repeat. But nothing. We coasted through the winter of 2012, barely picking up a shovel or even a windshield brush or ice scraper. Except for skiers, snowboarders and snowmobile jockeys, everyone walked around with a big smile. Well, that was then, this is now as they say. And they also say, 'Pay back is a...' well, you know. So as the weather guys and girls were going through their usual hysterics all last week, sending panicked shoppers scurrying to the stores to clean out the shelves an uneasy feeling came over many. The thinking was, these weather forecasters live for this stuff. With eyes bulging out of their heads issuing their dire warnings and predictions, so often they get it wrong and the 'killer storms' they predict more often than not fizzle out by the time they reach the Boston area. That was the hope.

But at the same time, the underlying worry was that, if they are right this time, we really could make up for all the snow we didn't get last year with this storm. We all know what happened. We got buried. How are those snow shovel blisters feeling today? As far as the job of street plowing and salting by the city: Reports are that in some areas they did a great job, other

sections not so. One of many areas a lot of us differ on with some of the more radical environmentalists is snow removal; as in, after a fresh snow fall, let's clear vital areas by picking it up and dumping into the harbor. We are lucky to have the ocean nearby and it should be used to deposit excess snow. There is nothing wrong with doing this, I don't much care what Al Gore's disciples say. A walk around South Boston last weekend showed that a storm of this size while bad was not all negative. Everyone who was able to be outdoors was. Clearing sidewalks, stair cases, digging out the cars and back yards became a joint effort with cooperation and coordination among neighbors that would impress the military. People who could not do it themselves were pleasantly surprised and very grateful to see the neighbors next door or a few houses down, out there doing it for them. As soon as folks got through digging their own cars out of 8 foot snow drifts, they went right to work giving the guy or girl next to them a hand with theirs.

We learned that South Boston is fortunate to still have large numbers of entrepreneurial teenagers, armed with shovels willing to work long and hard to make extra money by walking the streets offering their services for a price; in some cases a steep price to clear out cars and sidewalks for those willing to pay. But often, some of these same teens, according to a few thankful senior citizens and a couple of disabled residents, just volunteered to do it for nothing; actually refusing to take payment. They just wanted to do a good deed. We should be thankful that while so many other communities are plagued by violent gangs, South Boston has quite a few teens that have it in their hearts to help their fellow residents in need of their assistance. Next time we hear people painting all of South Boston's young people with a negative disrespectful brush, we can remind them about how during one of the biggest storms in our history, when the whole city was at a standstill, these young and proud kids did their part to

make things better.

But it wasn't all work over the weekend. Armies of little people sitting on their brightly colored sleds with big smiles on their faces were being dragged around town by parents, grandparents or an older sibling enjoying life and loving the snow. People were out walking dogs; all of whom, human and canine seemed to be happy to be out getting exercise. It's a good thing when people are able to take advantage of the positive, even when nature hits them with a pretty big sucker punch.

As an aside, I mentioned before that after the winter of 2011, after getting hit with so many storms, a few of my neighbors on E. Fifth St. and I pitched in for a snow blower. We figured we'd be ready for the winter of 2012. No snow last year. We thought we found the solution to keeping us storm free, just

buy a snow machine. As we learned, if that really was the solution, it works for one year only. But over the weekend, I must admit, like excited little kids, we couldn't wait to use our new toy. And use it we did. Not only did we use it to clear our own cars and walks, we went up and down the streets clearing our neighbors out too. Did we do it to be helpful to our fellow residents? Well, yes, of course. But there was another big motivating factor as well. It was a heck of a lot of fun. The purchase of the TORO gas powered snow blaster was money well spent to be sure. So, are we saying 'Bring on the next big storm'? Um - not really... "Oops, almost forgot to mention Bob Miller for also bringing his snow blower into play for the neighbors as well. Nice job Bob..."

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Mayor Menino Seeks Delay In School Choice Decision

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

What caused the Mayor to ask for a delay on the vote for a new school assignment plan? Some speculate that the results of an extensive poll taken days before urging the External Advisory Committee to put off a decision that would recommend one of three plans to the School Committee on February 9, was a key reason for his request.

According to someone who took the 20-30 minute poll, some of the questions included were related to elected officials such as Felix Arroyo, Ayanna Pressley and John Connolly. Curiously, Councilor Steve Murphy was not included. Other questions were about rating the Mayor on areas of government such as city streets, parks and playgrounds, family life, unions, economic development, crime among others. Statistics were cited such as the \$1.3 Billion cost of running the schools,

and the high school graduation rate of 64% versus the state at 85%, as well as the fact that two thirds of the schools in the city are under-performing. Further to the Boston Public Schools, questions were asked about the quality of education and even the contract negotiations with the Teachers Union that would have Boston with the shortest school day in the country. A startling statistic put forth as fact in the poll was that the City was the least transparent major city in the US, cited for a lack of openness relative to how taxpayer dollars are spent.

The Boston Globe has reported that his letter followed a meeting at which parents voiced concerns that the three proposals could limit families' access to a good education. The Mayor therefore is seeking more community input and his hope is that the panel's work would be finished at the end of February.

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fine establishments more than able to accommodate the most perfectly thought-out plans. We have some of the finest restaurants and florists that can be found any where. And if you really want to make it that special day to remember, well, diamonds, and other precious stones can be had locally at Gold City Jewelers with selections that rival any of the large chain stores. Taking in a sunrise or sunset at Castle Island or Carson Beach can set a romantic mood and it's free. Whatever you need to have a memorable Valentines Day can be found right here in our neighborhood - take advantage.

So if today, you feel that love is in the air more than on most other days, a quick look at the calendar, February 14th, will explain why. It's Valentines Day. And if you're married, engaged or romantically involved, a bit of advice: You could be in some serious trouble if you have forgotten the date.

Finally, if nothing else, stop and think back to that first time you saw that special someone and what it was that made your heart move like it never did before.

Celebrate Love.

Happy Valentines Day!

It Was Never About Him

South Boston Today Guest Contributor Ray Flynn

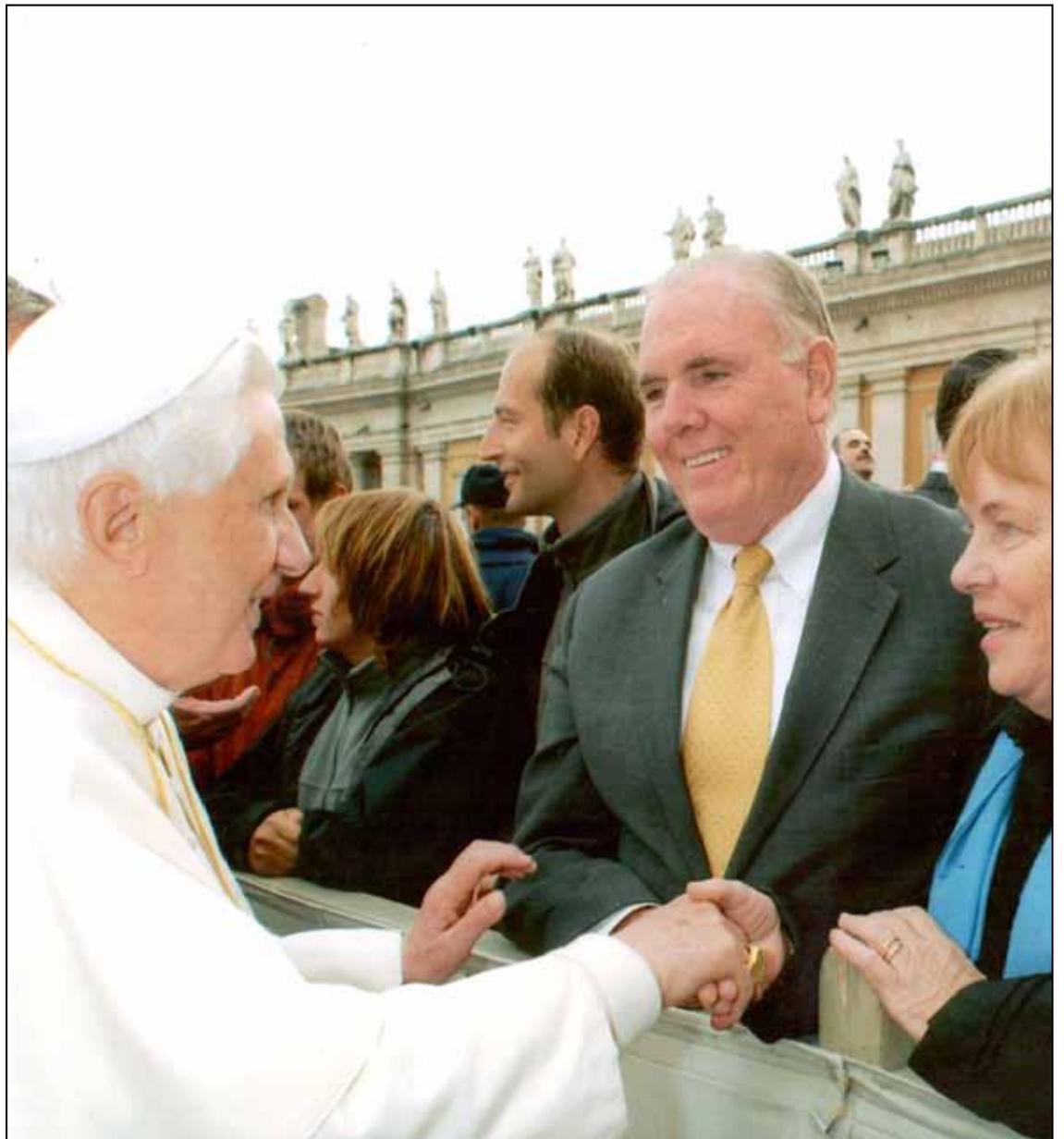
Pope Benedict XVI stepping aside because of declining health is one of the most courageous and selfless acts I have ever seen. He said he would serve the Catholic

Church for as long as he was effectively able to. Recent statements implied he was unable to travel and do the things that the demands of the job require. He proved that it was never about him, but what was best for the Church and fellow Catholics.

I was not surprised with the Pope's announcement, because I know him to be a man of principle and commitment to God, the Church and the people. I've known him many years, long before he was elected Pope. He has opened up the Church to Catholics for a more promising, inclusive and hopeful future. All change is not necessarily a good thing, but inclusion and openness is. I have seen the future face of the Church in my many travels throughout the world and it includes millions of good Catholics from Central America, and Africa. It also includes Saints and fallen away Catholics, the young and the old.

The next Pope will be a traditional leader and committed to the cherished values of the Church. But he is more inclined to come from a different culture. Pope Benedict XVI opened up the Church to a new community of faithful Catholics to be heard. We welcome this new day, because we believe that this is what Jesus would want.

Raymond L. Flynn is the former United States Ambassador to the Vatican and Mayor of Boston.



Reading Between The Lines

“Priorities”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian R. Mahoney



Like everyone else, this week we'll reflect on the blizzard that just passed. Or "Nemo" as the weather channel has christened it. In fact they have been begun naming all winter storms - a procedure that could get pretty cumbersome. We already have real benchmarks like Katrina or Hugo and it seems that all these names would tend to trivialize the importance of these major events.

In any case, in contrast to the usual mantra of "it took a sudden shift to the east and now will miss us" (this after four or five days of end of the world predictions), this time they were right on the money. The big question was, "how would we handle it?"

It was a particularly interesting question in South Boston. Over the last 2-3 years the population has risen from just over 28,000 to presently about 33,600. Of that number only about 5,500 lived here prior to 2003. The remaining 28,000 have moved in since. This means the kabuki dance of reserving your parking spot and the varied "objects d'art" used to mark those spaces is new to most people. Well, at least in the St. Vincent Area, that question or test was answered and passed with flying colors. By 7 o'clock Saturday evening, I could walk from my front door on the side walk all the way to F St. down to Bolton and up

Bolton. I even wore low cut shoes. By Sunday afternoon, the entire sidewalk from F to Dorchester Street was shoveled and virtually every car on the block was also shoveled. The scene of so many out working and talking and helping each other was the same as so many that we've witnessed after storms over the years. Who knows, I think I may have even witnessed a budding romance between two new neighbors getting acquainted for the first time.

The performance of the public was first rate, but less so for the public authorities. Let's first admit the obvious. This was a massive snowfall with hurricane gusts - a real blizzard. There is probably no amount of preparation that can cover every possibility. The acts of heroism and service by Police, Fire, EMS, and Utility Workers are to be applauded. Without their efforts things undoubtedly would have been much worse. The problem during the 1978 blizzard was it was being forecast, mostly, as 3-4 inches. At 3:30pm it was 2 1/2 to 3 inches and at 5:30pm it was about 8 inches, but with howling wind that turned into a white out. The result was rush hour traffic turning all major highways into a statewide parking lot of trapped motorists who were rescued by snowmobiles.

To avoid a reoccurrence the governor ordered a statewide driving ban at 4pm on Friday - this, of course, with a city parking ban. Everything closed, employees stayed home, the streets were empty. All the conditions for a conga line of prowling plows snaking their way, unimpeded, through state highways and city streets were in place. So what happened? When I related my route to Bolton Street, I mentioned "on the sidewalk", because Bolton Street was impassable. Not just deep snow but 4-5 foot drifts in the middle of the street. It was obvious a plow had never come down this street. Not once.

One would think that in a 36 hours storm event every street in the city would be visited at least once. In this case, one would be wrong. Peters,

Springer, Brewster, Monks Streets and Beckler Ave. appear to have suffered the same treatment. There are probably more. Maybe, many more.

Supposedly, priorities were police, fire and hospitals but how many is that? There are only about 25 police facilities and an equivalent number of fire stations. How many hospitals in Boston? Ten, twelve, fifteen? It hardly seems that all the equipment would have been needed for that. In fact, it would seem that function could be performed by a minimal amount of the total available plows, leaving plenty for the city. At least once.

Main Roads or thoroughfares remaining clear are another stated goal that not all agree with. An anonymous but reliable Boston Fire source pointed out a serious flaw in that philosophy. For instance if the block of F Street, 3rd

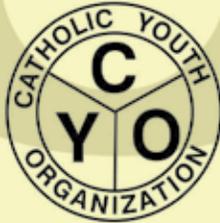
, 2nd and Dorchester are all cleared, fire equipment can reach the perimeter of this block in the event of a fire. If, in this case, a fire began on Bolton Street, the very hear of this block, firefighters would be reduced to negotiating back yards with snow drifts or trying to get through snow drifts in the middle of Bolton Street - all the while trying to get hoses and ladders into position.

Through God's grace we avoided that this time around.

A Police Officer at roll call receives a paper with a log sheet on one side and a map of their specific patrol area and is responsible for responding to calls in that sector. Shouldn't a similar system assign plow drivers? No doubt, authorities worked hard. No doubt, there are no easy solutions. Ignoring certain sections and leaving them defenseless, however, is no solution.

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Quality School Options In Demand

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

The City of Boston has decided to put off the final decision on its revised school assignment policy for another two months. This has parents asking the question: What are you waiting for? Most people will agree that changes should have been made years ago, but, at the same time it is more important get it right. Last week's South Boston Today poll indicated that for parents the two biggest concerns are school quality and close to home options. While parents anticipate that public school options could improve with the expansion and development of new charter schools, it remains to be seen is what is in store for the local parochial schools.

St. Peter's Academy, a pioneer in Catholic education continues to offer quality options for students PreK-8. St. Peter's operates on private funding and tuition payments. South Boston Catholic Academy, which receives financial support from the Archdiocese of Boston, does not have a 7th and 8th grade options and has not stated whether they will to South Boston families. By all accounts, parents want it.

Let's see what this week's poll says.

This Week's Poll

With the need for 7th & 8th grade school options for parents at an all time high, should South Boston Catholic Academy offer 7th & 8th grade options?



Brian's Beat

You Think It's Easy To Make A Movie?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian P. Wallace



Tillman who told me he was a Producer in LA and he wanted to option "Final Confession" for a movie. At first I thought it was one of my friends just joking around, but he told me he had just made a movie called "Men of Honor" with Robert DeNiro, Cuba Gooding JR., Charlize Theron and Hall Holbrook. I looked the movie up and sure enough it was produced by George Tillman. I called him back and he was in Boston three days later with a screenwriter named Brian Goluboff who had written the screenplay for a movie called "Basketball Diaries". That was it? I thought how easy this was.

I'm really happy to report that my book "Final Confession" is in bookstore as of Tuesday February 12th. I am sad to report that my friend Chris Brinker, who was bringing "Final Confession" to the big screen, died of an aortic aneurysm last weekend. Chris Brinker was only 42 years old and had already made some good movies in Boston where he met and befriended Kevin Chapman and put Chappy in his movie "Boondock Saints". Kevin's career really took off after that movie and he and Chris became best friends. Chris had just finished making a movie called "Whiskey Bay" with Matt Dillon, William DaFoe, Tom Berenger, Amy Smart and Chappy. That night he felt sick and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he died. Chris and Chappy were to start making the Final Confession movie in a few months.

Chris Brinker and Chappy had called me last year from an airplane as they headed to the Sundance Film Festival. Chris asked me if I owned the rights to "Final Confession". When I told him that I did, he was ecstatic. "We want to make that movie," he told me, which was fine with me, although I had been down this road before. When "Final Confession" first came out over 10 years ago, I got a call from a guy named George

In a matter of days I had an agent, Ike Williams, in Boston and an agent, Steve Moore, in LA. But it wasn't going to be that easy. When Tillman went to meet with the Mass. Film Office, there was none. Governor Swift had cut the Film Office out of the budget, so Tillman had nobody to talk to about locations, permits, etc. He went back to Hollywood and made the movies "Barbershop" 1, 2 and 3, "Beauty Salon" 1 and 2 and "Notorious Biggie G" and our option was dropped.

About six years later, a guy from LA who had produced "The Mickey Mouse Club" with Brittany Spears, Justin Timberlake and Christine Aguilera wanted to make "Final Confession" into a movie. We actually had a couple of the actors from the "Sopranos" cast to play parts in the movie. I was just excited to meet them. We had a shooting schedule all drawn up and permits to shoot at certain locations and were ready to go. A week before we started shooting a group from New York contacted our new producer and asked if they could rent his new High Definition red cameras for four days while they were in Boston shooting scenes for their movie. They had insurance forms, shooting schedules, letters of credit from two banks, cast and crew names and everything else

they would need to verify that they were legitimate movie makers. They weren't. They were part of a syndicate that rented these state of the art, high def cameras and sold them to buyers in India. Each of the cameras cost \$500,000. The insurance would not pay my producer because they said he did not do his due diligence. He was out two million dollars, which put him out of business -Strike 2.

Well, we were all set with Chris Brinker and Chappy to finally make "Final Confession". They were excited. I was excited, but now we are heartbroken. A movie is just a movie. A talented producer like Chris Brinker doesn't come along that often. He was well respected in the industry and was a gentleman. He will be missed.

You are not going to believe this however. We got a call from our original agent Steve Moore, who saw that "Final Confession," had just come out in bookstores as a Tenth Anniversary Edition. He wanted to know if we wanted him to get in touch with some of his new producers in LA to see if they might be interested in making the movie. Talk about a roller coaster ride. We have come full circle. Some of my friends have told me that the book is cursed and I was starting to believe them, but we are taking one more bite of the apple.

If we do make the movie we intend to make it in Chris Brinker's memory. Say a prayer for him, and buy the book at Barnes and Noble or on Amazon and PS: thanks for buying "Night Runner"

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To the Public Safety Commission
Committee on Licenses
Building Department
Boston, January 17, 2013

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City of Boston. In Public Safety Commission February 27, 2013 In the foregoing petition, it is hereby ORDERED, that notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Committee will on Wednesday the 27 day of February at 10:00 a.m. o'clock, A.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in the South Boston Today and by mailing by prepaid registered mail, not less than 7 days prior to such hearing, a copy to every owner of record of each parcel of land abutting on the parcel of land on which the building proposed to be erected for, or maintained as, a garage is to be or is situated. Hearing to be held 1010 Massachusetts Ave, Boston, MA 02118.

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Pope Benedict XVI Retirement Surprises Most

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

The announced resignation of Pope Benedict XVI, by now, is known all over the world. In the 21st Century, word travels fast even to the most remote reaches of the Catholic World. Now 1.2 Billion Catholics and even the more than a billion non Catholic Christians are speculating about who will be selected as the new Pontiff. Stories and opinions abound but what seems to be the thinking of many religious experts is that the new Pope could be a much younger man, but one who will continue the Conservative Traditions followed by Pope Benedict and his predecessor Pope John Paul. These experts also feel that there will be a major push to broaden the Catholic Church's appeal and grow the Church throughout the world and that there is even a possibility that the man selected could come from Latin America or Africa.

Opinions are all over the board as the world's media scrambles to report on the decision and give their opinions and even try to influence the selection of the new Catholic leader. But one thing looks to be sure. All the advice and attempts to have a say in who will be selected by world leaders and media will probably mean nothing. The decision will be made completely and totally in Rome, by Church leaders themselves. No attempted outside influences will carry any weight in deciding who the next Pontiff will be.

The decision shocked most followers as

virtually no one expected it. This topic seemed to be the main subject of conversations for Catholics all over Boston this week, as many openly wondered how things would play out in the Church with the coming of Lent and the Easter Season, which began just yesterday, Wednesday, February 13th with Ash Wednesday. The word seemed to be that Pope Benedict would still oversee and attend to his Ash Wednesday traditions and duties but this would be the last major official act.

Things will begin to move fast as the selection process will most likely be completed in time for Easter Sunday itself according to Vatican spokespeople.

Former Mayor of Boston and U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican Ray Flynn told South Boston Today that the announcement really didn't come as a shock to him. Said Flynn "I was not surprised by the Pope's announcement because I know him to be a man of principle and commitment to God, the Church and the people..." By the Pope's own statement, his advancing age and failing health are the reasons he made his decision.

The staff at South Boston Today and the people of South Boston we are sure join the rest of the world in wishing only the best for the retiring Pope Benedict and that he live the remaining years of his life in peace and happiness after serving the Church and of course God so well.

Lynch, Collins Campaigns Collect Signatures Between Snow Drifts

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

Foot soldiers and family members for both Stephen Lynch and Nick Collins were out in force collecting signatures shortly after the blizzard stopped this past Saturday. The February 27 date for filing signatures with the local clerks is less than 2 weeks away. Congressman Lynch has a more daunting task with getting the required 10,000 signatures for his statewide bid for the US Senate in the special primary election scheduled for April 30. Collins needs 300 signatures from South Boston, Dorchester, Mattapan and Hyde Park, the First Suffolk Senate District.

Gathering signatures is considered by most campaigns as not only a good personal outreach effort to as many voters as possible, but it is an excellent organizing tool, early on, to test the field organization. In the case of Lynch, his vaunted union backing is seen as a critical source of campaign workers who will no doubt put the time in to insure his successful nomination. For Collins, it will give him a way to reach out to voters, many of whom cast a vote for him when he was elected as the State Committee Person in the District in 2012.

Political campaigning is not for the faint of heart. Most campaigns are conducted in the summer, but these special elections during the dead of winter will test the personal grit and organizational capacity of the candidates and their supporters. With Saint Patrick's Day only a month away, South Boston will have a lot of attention paid to it. Pay attention yourselves. This election is important.

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Rep. Nick Collins Reaches Out To Residents During Blizzard

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

State Representative Nick Collins sent out a telephone call to more than 18,000 households last week informing the residents of Dorchester, South Boston, Mattapan and Hyde Park of a website that he created providing resource information from NStar and Keyspan, as well as City Hall emergency information and services, driving and parking ban notifications, and also included his personal mobile phone number. The call also urged residents to use caution and asked them to check on their senior neighbors. One resident remarked that her elderly

mother actually called her to be sure that she was warm and safe.

www.bostonsnowemergency.com was a big hit with Boston residents yielding about 2000 visitors. Rep. Collins had previously used this approach to warn residents of a rash of break-ins in the neighborhood. "It was an effective way to inform people about the increase in crime at that time and to warn them to take precautions," Collins stated. Since being elected in 2010, Collins has regularly used these types of calls to urge public participation on other important matters, such as school

choice and student assignment, as well as public safety meetings in the community.

Known as a tireless advocate for constituent services and getting results, this action demonstrated to the people of the First Suffolk District the type of proactive community service legislator that Rep. Collins is. Collins said, "The residents of the First Suffolk district can be assured that I will do my best to provide them with the highest level of service possible and that they can count on my office, if they have any concerns."

In addition to connecting with residents over the phone, Collins' modern-day approach included posting regular updates on his Facebook page directing them to the informational website. This proactive outreach allowed for close coordination with Mayor Menino's office, the Boston Police Department, the Boston Fire Department and other officials at the State level.

"I consider alerting the public, especially my neighbors in the district, to be a responsibility that requires attention and action," Rep. Collins added.



Linehan The Right Choice To Keep Breakfast Going Strong

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian P. Wallace

There have only been five hosts of the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast since its inception over fifty years ago. Johnny Powers who started the tradition back in 1959, when there were actually two St. Patrick's Day Breakfasts held at the same time. One was run by city elected officials and one was held by the state office holders, a few blocks away. One was held at the old German Club, which is now the Bayside and the other was held at Dorgan's, at the corner of G Street and Columbia Road. Dorgan's burned down in the early 70's. By that time, the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast had morphed into just one event and it was hosted by the Senator from the area, who at that time was Senator Bill Bulger who had replaced Senator Joe Moakley, who had replaced Johnny Powers, after Powers had lost for Mayor to John Collins. Powers lasted a few more terms after the disheartening loss to Collins but he was never quite the same after the defeat. Moakley hosted the breakfast until he lost a Congressional race to Louise Day Hicks in 1970. Moakley was elected to the Boston City Council in 1971 and then defeated Hicks, as an independent in 1972. By that time the breakfast had become the Billy Bulger show and moved back to the Bayside after Dorgan's burned down.

Bulger took the breakfast national and what started out as a small, intimate, inside game, soon became a huge televised event. As a result, Bulger was a guest on the Johnny Carson Show, which was THE late night show of its time. Bulger had an incredible wit and an ability to make others laugh and laugh at themselves. Governor, Senator or President of the United States were no match for Senator Bill Bulger. He once told me that the St. Patrick's Day Breakfast was the only event where people who weren't invited, invited others. Once television came knocking it was the event that every politician had to attend or incur the wrath of Bulger and it was better to be there to defend yourself than not, so local elected officials like Mike Dukakis, Ed King, Ted Kennedy, Paul Tsongas, Michael Connolly, Ray Flynn, Bob Crane, Kevin White, Louise Day Hicks, Bill Weld, State Reps and State Senators all made pilgrimages once a year to be part of the Bulger breakfast and Bulger had many of them for breakfast, literally.

In 1995, Bulger was appointed President of UMass and the microphone was passed to a young State Representative named Stephen Lynch, who had defeated Bulger's son in a special election. Steve asked me to host the breakfast on TV that year and it was about the most nervous I have ever been on television. It was also the largest audience ever to watch the breakfast. Everyone tuned in to see who the guy was who was going to replace Bulger, although that is kind of an oxymoron. With all that pressure on him, Steve Lynch delivered, or as my friend Joe Maury Flaherty used to say, "He hit one off the Citgo sign." I remember Steve recited an Irish poem from memory that had to be five minutes long and you could hear a pin drop in the hall when he finished. The Steve Lynch era had begun and he was superb as the host for the next five years.

Jack Hart took over in 2002, after Joe Moakley had died and had been replaced by Steve Lynch in Congress. Once again everyone tuned in to see who was this guy replacing Steve Lynch and once again, Jackie Hart delivered and placed his own stamp on the breakfast and spoke to Presidents, Irish diplomats and had some wonderful moments in the 10 years he hosted the breakfast.

Now the torch has been passed to City Councilor Bill Linehan and if the truth be told Bill is the only one of us who can actually sing on key. We used to have practices on our song selection each year and Jimmy Kelly wouldn't even show up. "I'm not making a fool of myself," Jimmy would say as only Jimmy could. I can guarantee you that Bill Linehan will not make a fool of himself as host of the breakfast. He is a talented man who will surprise a lot of people with his wit and his voice. Good luck Billy. You have joined an illustrious club and we wait to see you put your stamp on the breakfast.

MILLIONS WILL LOSE INSURANCE UNDER OBAMACARE

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR Edward P. Shallow

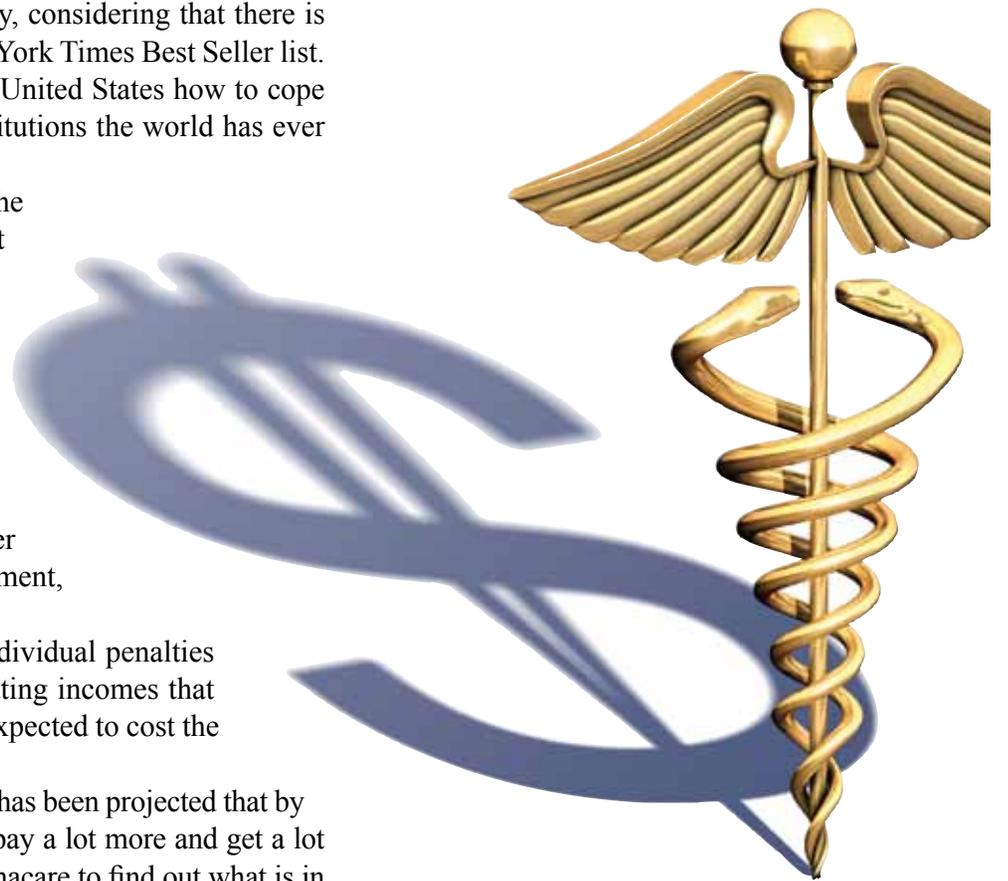
Chief Justice Roberts's affirmation of Obamacare will live in infamy, considering that there is now a book titled "How to Survive Obamacare". It has hit the New York Times Best Seller list. It is likely the only book ever written to advise the citizens of the United States how to cope with the law that in my estimation will devastate the greatest medical institutions the world has ever produced.

At over 2,700 pages - with an additional 13,000 pages of regulations-the Obamacare law is longer than the Bible, with many more rules. Rules that will, in the words of the President, "fundamentally transform" healthcare in America. It sure will! Keep reading.

The Washington Times informs us that President Obama's health care law will push 7 million people out of their job-related insurance coverage --- nearly twice the previous estimate, according to the latest estimates from the Congressional Budget Office released February 5. CBO said that this year's tax cuts have changed the incentives for businesses and made it less attractive to pay for insurance, meaning fewer will decide to do so. Instead, they'll choose to pay a penalty to the government, totaling \$13 billion in higher fees over the next decade.

But the non-partisan agency also expects people to have to pay more individual penalties to the IRS than it earlier projected, because of a better method for calculating incomes that found more people will be exempt. Overall, the new health provisions are expected to cost the government \$1.165 trillion over the next decade,

Insurance premiums are already skyrocketing and will continue to do so. It has been projected that by 2016 a family plan will cost payers \$20,000 per year. This proves you will pay a lot more and get a lot less for your healthcare premium. Nancy Pelosi said, "We have to pass Obamacare to find out what is in it." We are finding out and it gets worse with every turn of the page!



Dahill Announces Candidacy

Why I am running Maureen Dahill

The race for the First Suffolk Senate seat is underway and as a candidate, I know that I am the right person for the job. I am a lifelong South Boston resident who has contributed to the welfare and well-being of my neighborhood. I believe I can make a difference for all of the people in the district.

We live in a wonderfully diverse district that needs a senator that will not let us be defined by our differences, but rather united by our common challenges.

I have received a generous outpouring of support and encouragement from many circles. Boston has changed. The district has changed and our neighborhoods have changed. The district now includes Mattapan and Hyde Park, making it an extremely diverse community that reflects the amazing city that is Boston.

I am a working mother married to a Boston Firefighter and we understand the challenges of raising a family in the city. We have a daughter at Boston Latin

School and two sons in Catholic school. I have a strong work ethic instilled in me by my father, a retired State Trooper. I graduated from Mount St. Joseph Academy in Brighton, continued my education at Boston College and earned an MFA at Emerson College. In 2009, I founded the online neighborhood magazine, Caught in Southie. In 2010, I won the South Boston Citizens' Association Jimmy Kelly Shamrock Award. These life experiences will help me navigate the political landscape of the First Suffolk District.

Before you pledge your vote or support to anyone, ask them what they have to offer the First Suffolk District. Do they face the same problems you and I do everyday? I look forward to meeting all of you in your neighborhoods and the opportunity to hear your concerns and ideas. From Mattapan Square, to Savin Hill, to Andrew Square, to Fort Point, to City Point, we all want the same from our elected officials; to move our communities forward. It would be my honor and privilege to serve you.



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Fidelity Headquarters Could Get Taller

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

Fidelity Investments has for a long time called the block at 82 Devonshire St. home. They are considering selling or leasing its former headquarters buildings in downtown Boston. The site is expected to draw significant interest as it could be redeveloped with an office tower up to as high as 400 feet. Fidelity has recently decided to market the property. They met with the Boston Redevelopment Authority to test the waters and see how developers could rework the property, while complying with rules and regulations. The deal isn't an open and shut one just yet. The building is an historical landmark, which means it has a low likelihood of getting torn down. The other option could be to build on top of the existing structure. This, however, can be very costly. Fidelity's spokesman had this to say to the Boston Herald. "Given its desirable location in the heart of the Financial District and on the edge of Downtown Crossing, we believe there are a number of attractive options for the buildings," said Fidelity spokesman Vin Loporchio.

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How is South Boston Described on the World Wide Web

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

We were curious as to how Wikipedia characterized South Boston to its worldwide audience. Well, here it is reprinted.

South Boston is a densely populous neighborhood of Boston, Massachusetts, located south and east of the Fort Point Channel and abutting Dorchester Bay. One of America's oldest and most historic neighborhoods, South Boston was formerly known as Dorchester Neck and is today often called "Southie" by its residents and other locals. Long known as a working class Irish-American neighborhood, it is also home to the Boston area's small but vibrant Polish and Lithuanian communities. South Boston contains Dorchester Heights, where George Washington forced British troops to evacuate during

the American Revolutionary War. In addition to being home to some of the oldest housing projects in the United States, South Boston has also more recently seen property values join the highest in the city.

The section of South Boston north of First Street is targeted for massive redevelopment by the administration of Mayor Thomas Menino and the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA). As of September 2010, the Seaport Square project was expected to cost \$3 billion and replace parking lots between the federal courthouse and convention center with a 6,300,000-square-foot (590,000 m²) mixed-use development. Construction was expected to begin in 2011.

Initially referred to as the "Seaport District" by the BRA,

this area was officially restyled the "South Boston Waterfront" after virulent protest from natives and local politicians, including the late City Council President James M. Kelly. The Central Artery/Tunnel (CA/T) Project, also known as the Big Dig, has created a completely new transportation network for this area and quite a few new hotel and office projects have come online in the past few years. The Boston Convention and Exhibition Center straddles D Street, the Seaport Hotel and Seaport World Trade Center is located on Commonwealth Pier, and a new home for the Institute of Contemporary Art hangs over Boston Harbor just north of Northern Avenue.

According to the Boston Waterfront Guide the South Boston Waterfront now has 55



restaurants, 4 hotels, 9 major attractions and continues to grow. The latest restaurant slated for the South Boston Waterfront is Ming Tsai's Blue Dragon Restaurant which will open in the old A Street Deli Building. MassChallenge has its headquarters at One Marina Park. Fish and Richardson is also presently at One Marina Park.

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South Boston Around The Globe

“Major Mullen”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

Classic movie buffs will recall a scene in “Butch Cassidy” where Newman and Redford stop, look over their shoulders and see in the distance the same, white hat wearing posse that has been relentlessly pursuing them. Sundance asks “who are those guys?” Butch and Sundance are, of course, the stars. Like a star they flash across the sky. The guy in the white hats, though, they represent stability, stick-to-it-ness and the rule of law over renegades. In this week’s “Southie Around The Globe”, we profile exactly that kind of person that, while in the background, is the very bedrock of our society and the security it enjoys.

Gregory Mullen started out

just like so many other South Bostonians. He spent his first years in our sports leagues and excelled in hockey. As a “rink rat” he put his time there to good use working as a skate guard and Zamboni driver and in the summer for the DCR, maintaining the beaches and recreation areas.

Greg, however, did not have visions of the NHL, Greg wanted to fly. Maybe not a common goal in Southie, but one Greg was determined to achieve. He also knew what it would require. He was up to the task pushing himself thorough Boston Latin, then UMass Amherst where he graduated as an Air Force ROTC 2nd Lieutenant. His life has been a whirlwind of action, service and responsibility

since then. He was immediately impressive and in less than 3 years, he was in overall command of the care and maintenance of the nuclear missile base arsenal in Minot, North Dakota. A force Gregory points out whose main role is deterrence. Determined to fly, Mullen applied and was accepted to flight school from which he graduated and was assigned as a C-130 navigator.

Many of his missions can only be identified, for security reasons, as being in the South West Asia theatre. What can be told is that in 6 total deployments during the aftermath of 911, Greg brought in troops and supplies and brought out wounded and fallen Americans. Some of the aircraft are so old they have repaired bullet holes from the Vietnam War and are still in service. We can tell you that Greg had been

in Afghanistan and Iraq and served at Camp Victory.

Perhaps his proudest military moments were when he worked with CBS arranging flights for the Wounded Warrior Project and when he was named the U.S Military’s #1 air mobility liaison officer and was decorated for that service. Consider that this happened between January and August 2011, the “drawdown” period in Iraq, when the American Military was closing up shop. Greg was the only Air Force officer actually on site in Iraq and coordinated the departure of 65,000 US Troops and 50,000 US contractors at a time of emboldened terrorists activity and attacks. There are 50 such Air Mobility officers throughout the world and he was #1.

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Today, as Major Mullen, he is finishing up his tour at Pope Air Base in North Carolina and looking forward to his new posting at the Pentagon. He is also the married father of two young girls Rebecca 7 and Addison 5. His wife Amanda heads up her own dermatology business. Major Mullen tells me his daughters love to come to Southie and visit Nana Cathy and Grandpa Eddie. Like Dad and his brothers, his girls are hockey players and Addison likes Brad Marchand's style. The biggest problem is when they go back home they pronounce "R" the correct way like we do in South Boston which confuses their friends who pronounce an "R" incorrectly.

When asked what affect growing up in South Boston had on his life,

Major Mullen was very thoughtful. "I think, at an early age, I learned that if you wanted something you had to work for it. If you worked hard, you could get whatever you wanted. I've also learned that a great strength of South Boston is straight-talking. There is no beating around the bush or sugar coating the serious issues of life. We're taught to tell it like it is or go right for the throat. Because when you deal from the solid foundation of reality, it gives you the confidence in stating your position and in turn helps in dealing with people. They know exactly where you're coming from. I think that directness has helped me in my career and I thank South Boston for that." The Major thanks us, but all Americans thank him and those like him, who are the true heroes who just keep on going.

The Artist's Workshop

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR Deb Putnam

The first thing you notice when you see Maureen Murphy's oil paintings is how seriously she takes her craft. From her beautifully painted landscapes depicting the Cape shoreline or the Boston skyline, to her carefully constructed still life paintings, she has honed her skills through years of study. Born in Brookline, Maureen migrated to South Boston over 25 years ago and has been a good neighbor ever since with her paintings hanging in the collections of the Laboure Center and the Joe Moakley Courthouse.

Maureen had gotten away from painting for a few years after receiving her BA in Fine Arts from UMass. It was an opportunity to travel with the Massachusetts College of Art International Studio Program for a month of plein air painting in Skopelos, Greece that renewed her interest in painting the landscape. She has since traveled to the south of France many times for plein air painting. The translation of "plein air" is "to paint in the open air" so in the winter months when the cold weather prohibits, Maureen works from small outdoor studies to make larger paintings or she sets up still life paintings. She continues to attend workshops and has studied under Copley Master Tom Ouellette.

Maureen chooses to paint realistically in a traditional manner but often with a twist in her subject matter. Take for example her painting "Lemonade", a white pitcher with 4 lemons sitting on a white linen cloth with a blue stripe. It is an ageless still life until you spot the blue package of

Equal. "A Very Good Morning", a celebratory painting, depicts a Dunkin Donuts bag, coffee and donut resting on the day's Globe in honor of the World Series Champion Red Sox. Children's blocks, salt and pepper shakers, and rubber ducks, the list goes on showing Maureen's witty take on the contemporary still life.

You can see her love for the seacoast in her "Squantum View" and "Land's End", and her "Summer View" a Cape view, is evocative of an Edward Hopper. Looking at her paintings you can imagine the time of day, her favorite being late daylight, and the temperature of the air because of her specific handling of color and space.

As a member of the South Boston Art Association you may have seen Maureen's paintings at the old Gallery SBAA on West Broadway or more recently at the Artists Crossing Gallery, Distillery Gallery, Boston City Hall, Marina Bay Art's Fest or Quincy Arts Affair, just to name a few. She has also been participating in the South End Open Studios for the past eight years. Along with the South Boston Arts Association she is a member of the Quincy Arts Association and the United South End Artists.

This month Maureen will be the "Artist of the Month" in the South End affiliated Artists Crossing Gallery for February. The reception is February 21, 5:00-7:30 at the gallery at 50 Franklin Street behind the old Filene's site. All are welcome.

View more of Maureen's artwork online at www.maureenmurphyartist.webs.com



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Your Best Health

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY GUEST CONTRIBUTOR Tim Kiley, Baystate Physical Therapy

As a physical therapist, I work with patients to improve their daily lives through exercises intended to help alleviate pain, improve strength, correct imbalance, and prevent functional decline. Working in South Boston allowed me to go out into our community and speak with local groups regarding popular health topics that affect our daily lives. I have had the pleasure of meeting with the Castle Island Association and the seniors at the South Boston Neighborhood House several times over the past two years and have truly enjoyed educating members of our community on how to improve health, remain active, and maintain function. When South Boston Today asked me to contribute to their publication I was elated with the opportunity to address the health concerns that most impact our city.

I treat a broad spectrum of injuries at my clinic but far and away the most predominant complaint of the patients I see is that of low back

pain. The American Journal of Medicine estimates that at least 8 out of 10 Americans will at some point in their lives suffer from low back pain. When you really think about that figure what else could 8 out of 10 Americans still have in common? This column will address the causes of low back pain, how it can be treated, and what can be done to prevent it.

Back pain is typically caused by injury or degeneration of one to four major structures in your body. This includes the muscles and ligaments of the low back, the bones and joints that make up the spine, the discs that act as shock absorbers between the bones of the spine, and the nerves that exit the spine and control our muscles.

Muscle and ligament strains occur when an unexpected force, twist or pull, is exerted to one or many of the muscles that make up the musculature of the low back. Patients with this type of injury typically complain of a dull ache

that worsens with activity.

Osteoarthritis and Stenosis are the two most common diagnoses that can be attributed to bone and joint pain the low back. Osteoarthritis or OA occurs when the surface of bones known as cartilage wears away. This pathology causes repetitive inflammation of the joints that can limit movement of the spine and cause debilitating function as age progresses. Spinal stenosis is a condition in which the bony canal in which our spinal cord is protected narrows leaving less room for our nerves to run. Patients with this diagnosis often complain of sharp pain when extending their spine backwards.

Bulging or herniated discs make up a significant portion of causation in patients with low back pain. Essentially these discs act as a buffer between our spinal vertebrae. They have a gelatinous inner portion that can be likened to a jelly donut. If the front of the disc is compressed jelly will press out the back where our spinal nerves are exiting the spine.

This extremely painful condition commonly occurs when our spine is flexed such as when lifting or driving. Our standout rookie Celtic Jared Sullinger is out the rest of the season because of this injury.

Sciatica is a common affliction associated with low back pain and bears mentioning as it is a common symptom that occurs with OA, stenosis, and herniated discs. It can be described as a leg pain and possibly tingling, numbness or weakness that originates in the lower back and travels through the buttock and down the large sciatic nerve in the back of the leg. Portions of this nerve branch to the muscles of our leg and when it is compromised can lead to difficulty walking or going up and down the stairs.

If you have low back pain, don't suffer through it! Call your MD and schedule an appointment. Doctors will diagnose your back pain by your history of symptoms and with

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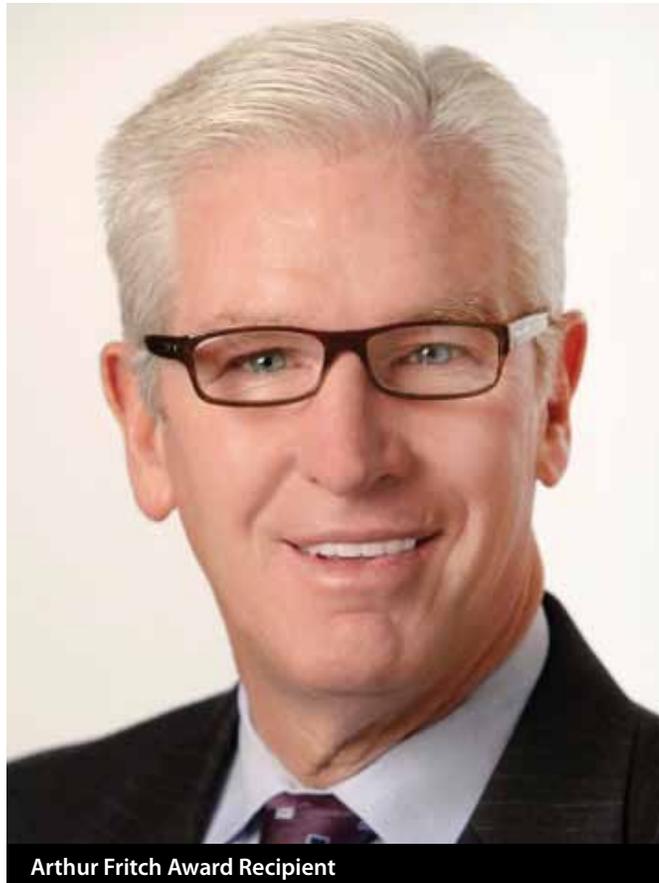
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a physical examination. They may choose to use x-rays which are helpful in detecting pathology of the bones and joints or an MRI which can determine muscular pain versus disc herniation. Typically the MD will then refer you to an orthopedic surgeon or for physical therapy. This obviously depends on the severity of symptoms and clinical presentation. Most often than not back pain can be resolved without surgery through medication and physical therapy so do not be surprised with a conservative approach. Who really wants a scalpel near the spinal cord anyways?

While some individuals will be predisposed to low back injury one can certainly take measures to prevent it. This may be a surprise coming from a PT but exercise to keep your back muscles healthy, strong, and flexible is the number one preventative measure you can take. This includes aerobic exercise as well as strength training. Blood flow is what feeds or muscles, discs, and ligaments with the oxygenated supply that keeps them healthy. Weight management through exercise will also help ease the burden on the extensor muscles of our back that maintain posture. Speaking of posture take a look at the way you sit at your desk, in the car, and even in the Lay-Z boy. The curvature of our lumbar spine should be supported while sitting. When standing our ideal posture has our ears, shoulders, hips, and ankles in line with each other. Wearing supportive sneakers and shoes also helps to align our posture from the ground up and can reduce the ground reaction forces experienced in our low back. If Larry Bird was not playing in Converse all those years he might have been able to stretch out his career a few more years.

Be proactive in your health care and don't take it for granted. Early diagnosis and treatment can prevent months or even years of unnecessary pain and functional limitation. Stay healthy South Boston!

Tim Kiley is a Doctor of Physical Therapy. He is Managing Partner and Director of Treatment at Baystate Physical Therapy, South Boston



Arthur Fritch Award Recipient

Jimmy Flaherty Kick-off Breakfast Set

The SBCA is pleased to announce that on Saturday, February 23rd, 2013, at the Kick-off Breakfast, The Henry Knox Award Presentation will take place. Family, Friends and Neighbors are respectfully invited to attend this wonderful event. A small donation is requested at door to help off-set costs. This year's event will once again feature great music of Bob Fowkes and Curragh's Fancy.

The event Chairman will be South Boston City Councilor Billy Linehan, who has led the fight to preserve the historical importance of Evacuation Day. "As president of the Association, it is an honor for me to appoint Billy and friend to kick-off the festivities. Bill's commitment and involvement with the SBCA has been a tremendous asset to me and the Executive Board." said McGrath. The awards are presented to everyday volunteers in the community who seek no recognition, who are considered "Unsung Heroes".

This year's winners are Brian Tunney, the owner of the Java House and South Boston Bowl who has continuously offered his establishment to many of the organizations and causes throughout the community, to assist in fund-raising efforts, which have benefitted many of South Boston's youth organizations and other important events, throughout the years.

The next recipient is Arthur Fritch, whose involvement with the South Boston Youth Hockey for well over 20 years is just one of the many organizations he cherishes. He is the coach of the Midget u18 team and a volunteer Board Member, representing South Boston in the Greater Boston

League. Arthur is also a co-founder & volunteer VP of the Massachusetts Tier II Development League for the past 6 years. He also spends countless hours with the Alcohol Crisis Intervention Program at the SB Courthouse for the past 2 years working with the youth of the community. Here is a brief recap of Arthur's past involvement throughout the years: Former Campaign Staff of Congressman Joe Moakley and volunteer for many local fundraisers including the Jimmy Fund, Run to Home Base, Moakley Run For Research and Massachusetts Fallen Heroes. Finally, the one closest and dearest to his heart is his active role in the Recovery Community in Eastern Ma.

Next up we, have a young lady who follows in her father's foot-steps in the entertainment world. Kaitlin Linehan, daughter of Rich and Karen Linehan, the former 3 Star Athlete at Savio Prep and captain and basketball star at Plymouth State, quietly and generously has gone about her business volunteering in the community through her DJ service at no cost to several fundraising committees. To name a few, that this author is aware of, over the last 5 years: The Quiet Man Memorial Golf Tournament and the South Boston Special Shamrocks fundraisers. These two events raise substantial funds for the community. Kaitlin was also a youth worker in East Boston during her summers. While in East Boston, she volunteered as a girl's softball coach, teaching the finer points of the game to many young female athletes.

Finally, we have Fr. Joe White, formally of Savin Hill and now the pastor at St. Vincent's Church in South Boston. Father Joe over the past several years has been the driving force of that CYO program. He is a strong supporter of the youth of our community and is always going the extra mile to get the necessary funds needed to support these programs at St. Vinnie's.

Besides handling his responsibilities and busy schedule with St. Vincent's and Our Lady of Good Voyage, Father Joe is also a member of the Board of Directors at The Gavin House. He is also very instrumental in providing support to people in recovery. With additional degrees in spiritual pastoral counseling he ministers in parish and community as a board member of a White House, and various state, county, city and local agencies and committees dealing with these specific concerns. Parishioners jokingly count his use of the word or theme of "connectedness" in his homilies. He is noted for often stating "if we want the community to be involved in the parish, the parish needs to be involved in the wider community- they are inter-connected and sometimes synonymous. Faith without works is dead while work without faith is not so rooted."

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 the 23rd to honor these men and women."

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.00 or by contacting Tom McGrath @857-204-5825.

Parade Organizers Appoint Resident Fundraiser

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

As we all know, the 112th Annual South Boston St. Patrick's Day / Evacuation Day parade is fast approaching. The South Boston Allied War Veterans Council and its Parade Committee are well underway with all that is involved with the big extravaganza. Presently, we are the largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in the northeast and the third largest parade in the country with over 150 units marching. Parade Organizers predict this year's parade cost could reach \$85,000.00.

According to this year's Chief Marshall Ed Flynn, "It has been a long standing South Boston tradition for each family to make a small donation in order to finance our parade". Former Chief Marshall Bill Desmond remembers "rolling the change" in order to deposit donations to the bank "we have gotten away from that" says Desmond "and with all the economic changes and new residents, the neighborhood funding has diminished. We need to build it up". The parade is a neighborhood event, financed by donations and run by our local veterans.

At a recent council meeting, parade organizers elected Cheryl Smith of K Street as Community Fundraiser. Mrs. Smith, a Vermont native moved here from Groton Ma. 3 years ago with her husband Steve and four children. "We love this neighborhood" says Cheryl "and I am so excited to have the opportunity to get involved with such a wonderful event". "I can't wait to get the corned beef cooking, the Irish music playing, and the decorations up and fill our home with the love of family and friends. With their two elder children attending Boston colleges, The Smiths decided that Groton was just too far away. "Steve was born in Southie, says Cheryl, his dad Jack Smith was born and brought up on East Seventh St., so we're legacies, kind of".

As community fundraiser, Cheryl brings many years of experience as a



Cheryl & Steve Smith

local community activist and charitable volunteer working for the benefit of local churches and schools. "I had no idea that this parade was funded mostly by the community." When Cheryl learned that our veterans needed help with fund raising, she needed to get involved. "I wrote the council a letter and they invited me to their meeting. Parade Official Tim Duross refers to her as "five feet of pure dynamite."

Last year's parade with its 80 degree weather drew an estimated crowd of 1,300,000 people.

Cheryl's idea is to get a dollar from every neighbor who enjoys the parade. "If we got at least a buck from each household we could raise big money". Cheryl has plenty of ways for people to make a contribution. Donation boxes or "Parade Bucks" boxes located at your favorite store, by mail with new mailers coming out soon, sending a check to South Boston Parade P.O. Box 351 South Boston MA. 02127, or online using your computer or smart phone at www.southbostonparade.org.

Cheryl says "I represent the newcomers to the neighborhood. I'm sure that once the word is out, everyone will show their Southie Pride for our parade." We congratulate Cheryl and wish her the best of luck. Just remember if you happen to see Cheryl Smith up at Rite-Aid or at Spa Christeen or The Quencher or out for a walk at the island, give her a buck for the parade.

Ed Flynn Chief Marshall of 2013 St Patrick's Day Parade

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY Brian P. Wallace

To say I am proud of Eddie Flynn for receiving the high honor of being chosen as the 2013 St. Patrick's Day Chief Marshall would be an understatement. I was at Ray and Cathy Flynn's house the day they brought Eddie home from the hospital and he has been a special kid and special man ever since. It's hard not to be infected with the gene to serve the public, when you grow up in a household where your father is the Mayor of Boston and United States Ambassador to the Vatican. I guess it kind of comes with the territory.

The Flynn kids would witness the incredible service their father gave as a State Rep. and Boston City Councilor before being elected Mayor and then appointed by the President as Ambassador. While Ray Flynn's oldest son Ray could name the all the Boston City Councilors, Boston

School Committee member, and the State Congressional delegation at ten years old, Eddie Flynn chose a different direction.

Eddie Flynn knew at a young age that although politics was in his veins, so was the blood that flowed through his Uncle Dennis' veins. Eddie admired Dennis and the other Southie young men who put their lives on the line, every day in Vietnam. While his Uncle Dennis and so many of his friends were fighting for our country in that far off place, Eddie's destiny was set. He was particularly moved by the Southie men who erected the first Vietnam Memorial at Veterans Park in the country, and the part his father and uncle played in that Memorial.

While many kids head off to College upon graduating from High School, Eddie Flynn put that part of his life

on hold and joined the United States Navy the day after he graduated from Don Bosco High School. In a week, Eddie was in basic training in Great Lakes Illinois. For the next 21 years, he served his country as a member of the United States Navy. Following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, he volunteered for active duty and served in the Persian Gulf and at a Joint Task Force in Guantanamo Bay for over 12 months. He is a Veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom, and is a credit to his family and his country.

Ed has graduated from Salve Regina College in Rhode Island and has, like his dad, made a difference in our community from the day he returned from active duty. He has volunteered as a little league coach and basketball coach for the youth of South Boston. He is a past recipient of the South Boston Citizen's

Association's Shamrock Award for Community and Volunteer service. He is a regular at senior luncheons, Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner events; He has run for office both locally and city-wide. Ed and his wife Kristen have two children, Caroline and Stephen and reside on Gold Street. He works, like his dad before him, as a Probation Officer in Suffolk Superior Court.

Ed is incredibly honored to be this year's Chief Marshall, following in the footsteps of so many great South Bostonians before him. He wants to make sure everyone knows that when a veteran serves on active duty, their families also serve. So thanks Kristen, Caroline and Stephen for lending us Ed, so that he can make out town and country a better place to live and to grow families and he'll see you on the parade route.



City Councilor Linehan to Host Annual Saint Patrick's Day Breakfast

With Senator Jack Hart's departure from the legislature, after 11 years of exemplary service to the people of South Boston and beyond, City Councilor Bill Linehan will be taking over as host of the annual Saint Patrick's Day Breakfast.

The annual Breakfast is attended by hundreds and watched 'live' by tens of thousands. In true South Boston style, politicians from all over the state

converge to poke a little fun at the political issues of the day, as well as at themselves and each other. Former Senate President, and legendary host of the Breakfast, Bill Bulger said during an interview with NECN that the Breakfast is "a great opportunity to get together and step aside from whatever the contentious items (of the day) are."

During this year's Breakfast, Councilor Linehan will take a special moment to recognize his

dear friend Senator Jack Hart for his contribution to the Breakfast over the past eleven years. Political figures including Governor Deval Patrick, Mayor Thomas Menino, Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator William "Mo" Cowan, Congressman Stephen Lynch, Senate President Therese Murray & House Speaker Robert Deleo as well as many other state and local elected officials have been invited to this year's Breakfast.

Councilor Linehan added, "As the host, it would be an honor to share fun, laughter, political banter and song with you. I look forward to the opportunity to put a little Linehan stamp on the Breakfast this year. I invite all to watch and share in this great Boston tradition."

The Breakfast will be broadcast live on New England Cable News (NECN) starting at 10am on Sunday March 17th.

Howard Johnson will be at the South Boston Historical Society:

Monday, February 25, 2013 at the South Boston Branch, Boston Public Library

646 East Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127 at 6:30 PM

Free Admission Sponsored by the South Boston Historical Society and the Friends of the South Boston Library

Howard Johnson created an orange roofed empire of ice cream stands and restaurants that stretched from Maine to Florida and from the east coast to the west coast. Popularly known as the father of the "franchise industry", he would revolutionize the restaurant industry in the United States and thereby ensure the good food and quality prices that brought appreciative customers back for more. Howard Johnson restaurants, in attractive white Colonial Revival

buildings sporting colorful and eye-catching orange porcelain tile roofs, illuminated cupolas and sea blue shutters, were said in Reader's Digest in 1949 to be the epitome of "eating places that look like New England town meeting houses dressed up for Sunday."

Anthony M. Sammarco will present an illustrated lecture on his upcoming book on the Orange-Roofed Empire – A History of Howard Johnson's: How a Massachusetts Soda Fountain Became an American Icon.

For most of the twentieth century, the orange roof of Howard Johnson's was a familiar sight along the great American roadside. When a motorist spotted a Howard Johnson's, they knew exactly what to expect – with standardized menus and building designs, a Howard Johnson's miles away felt as familiar and comforting as the one back home. By the late 1930's, with the popularity of the automobile, these restaurants were opened on major roads and interstate highways where the travelling public

could be assured of consistently high quality foods that were the same served locally whether in Maine or Florida.

Anthony M. Sammarco has lectured frequently on local Boston history and is the author of more than sixty books on the history of Boston and surrounding cities and towns. His efforts to make history more accessible to the general public have led to many awards and honors. He teaches history at the Urban College of Boston.

Storm Nemo photos from our readers



SOUTH BOSTON BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE REGISTRATION

South Boston Lacrosse will be holding registration for the 2013 season for the Boys & Girls teams at the following location, dates and times.

Date Saturday February 16th at the Murphy Hockey Rink 9:00am – 11:00am

Date Saturday February 23th at the Murphy Hockey Rink 9:00am – 11:00am

There will be 4 Boys & 3 Girls teams this year.

- 15 and under - Boys
- 13 and under – Boys & Girls
- 11 and under - Boys & Girls
- 9 and under - Boys & Girls
- 7 and under instructional boys team

We will be charging the following fees for the 20013 season.

Boy's U15, U13, U11 - \$150.00 and U9 - \$75.00.

Girl's U13, U11 - \$100.00 and U9 - \$75.00

The fee will pay for uniforms, insurance and the cost of the officials for the season. You will need to make the full payment at the time of registration to hold a spot on the roster.

Each team's roster will have a maximum of 20 players per team, after the 20th player you will be put on a waiting list.

The deadline for registration is February 23, 2013. If you register after the deadline of February 23, 2013 there will be a \$25.00 late fee added to the registration fee. If you are paying by check make the check payable to South Boston Lacrosse. The program is still in need of coaches for both the Girls and Boys teams.

If you have any questions you can contact Pete Lisiecki at p.s.lisiecki@gmail.com.



BC Wins Fourth Straight Beanpot Title

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY staff report

Boston College men's hockey, led by its senior class, captured its fourth straight Beanpot championship. They are the first class in Eagle history to win the Beanpot Championship all four years. High school hockey players all around Massachusetts and New England have envied and dreamt about being on the ice for this annual challenge. Many of the players, who participate from one of the four schools, Boston College, Boston University, Northeastern University, and Harvard University, have told stories about how watching the Beanpot inspired them to strive to get the opportunity to play in front of sellout crowd 17,000 plus at the TD, formerly Boston, Garden.

This year BC's Steven Whitney, a senior, recorded three points, including the game-winning goal late in the second period and senior goaltender Parker Milner recorded 20 saves. The senior class carried the night with their relentless efforts, no doubt inspired by the opportunity to be the first class to sweep. The Eagles went on to beat Northeastern, who gave a great effort after having upset the BU Terriers in the opening round, 6-3.

The win, which marks head coach Jerry York's seventh and the school's 18th Beanpot title, will no doubt launch the Eagles into a home stretch where momentum is a key ingredient to a successful postseason. Coach York had this to say about the team's efforts. "I am so incredibly proud of our club, specifically our senior class and our captains," York said. "They are model citizens for BC hockey." "For our seniors, we are all so excited. This is awesome for us, and it's awesome that we all did it together," Whitney said.

For a brief moment the Class of 2013 can appreciate and celebrate quite an accomplishment, but as the saying goes, "Onward". That's what they need to do in order to keep their eye on the real prize, another national title. What a year this could be.

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2013 Red Sox spring schedule

The Red Sox have 38 games scheduled in Florida, with spring training exhibitions commencing Feb. 21 at JetBlue Park in Fort Myers.

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Thu., Feb. 21	Northeastern	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
	Boston College		TBA
Sat., Feb. 23	Tampa Bay	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 24	St. Louis	Jupiter	1:05 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 25	Tampa Bay (ss)	Port Charlotte	1:05 p.m.
	Toronto (ss)	Dunedin	1:05 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 26	St. Louis	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Wed., Feb. 27	Baltimore	Sarasota	7:05 p.m.
Thu., Feb. 28	Pittsburgh	Bradenton	1:05 p.m.
Fri., March 1	Pittsburgh	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Sat., March 2	Minnesota	Hammond Stadium	1:05 p.m.
Sun., March 3	NY Yankees	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Mon., March 4	Tampa Bay	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Tue., March 5	Team Puerto Rico*	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Wed., March 6	Pittsburgh	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Thu., March 7	Minnesota	Hammond Stadium	1:05 p.m.
Fri., March 8	Minnesota	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Sat., March 9	Baltimore	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Sun., March 10	Tampa Bay	Port Charlotte	1:05 p.m.
Mon., March 11	Miami	Jupiter	1:05 p.m.
Tue., March 12	Toronto	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Thu., March 14	Minnesota	Hammond Stadium	1:05 p.m.
Fri., March 15	Minnesota (ss)	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
	Baltimore (ss)	Sarasota	1:05 p.m.
Sat., March 16	Tampa Bay	Port Charlotte	1:05 p.m.
Sun., March 17	Tampa Bay	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Mon., March 18	Pittsburgh	Bradenton	1:05 p.m.
Tue., March 19	Baltimore	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Wed., March 20	NY Yankees	Tampa	1:05 p.m.
Thu., March 21	Philadelphia	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Fri., March 22	Toronto	Dunedin	1:05 p.m.
Sat., March 23	Pittsburgh	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Sun., March 24	Philadelphia	Clearwater	1:05 p.m.
Mon., March 25	Baltimore	Sarasota	1:05 p.m.
Wed., March 27	Miami	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.
Thu., March 28	Minnesota	JetBlue Park	7:05 p.m.
Fri., March 29	Minnesota	Hammond Stadium	1:05 p.m.
Sat., March 30	Minnesota	JetBlue Park	1:35 p.m.

ss — split squad; * — World Baseball Classic exhibition



**Every week, we will run an interview from Danny Picard's daily sports-talk show "I'm Just Sayin", which can be heard LIVE every weekday at 9 a.m. on BlogTalkRadio, with every show available on iTunes. He can also be read on Comcast SportsNet.*

This week, Danny talked to Boston College men's hockey captain Pat Mullane:

DANNY PICARD: This was your fourth Beanpot championship last night, and I know after the game you were saying that this one was really about getting the freshmen one. But let's be serious, Pat, how sweet is the fourth, knowing that this was your last tournament, and you get to ride out of Boston College now, with four Beanpot championships, not having lost one of these tournaments?

PAT MULLANE: It's pretty exciting. Coming into the season, it's something our team and our class wanted to accomplish. So obviously we're pretty excited to get four. But it's true what I said. I meant it. When I was a freshman, the older guys wanted to get us one, and it stays true today. I couldn't be happier for our freshmen that they got to experience winning a Beanpot.

DP: Do you do anything differently with the Beanpot the fourth time around? I can only assume what happens with the Beanpot after you guys win it, but the fourth time, what do you do with it afterwards for a fourth time?

PM: You really spend some time with your family and friends; get to experience it with them. And then share it with all the fans that support us. But I think the big difference is, as a senior winning it, is, it wakes up right next to you on my bedside table. That's the cool thing. It's right next to me right now, which I guess is the only big difference from the last three years.

DP: So you have the Beanpot next to you right now as you're talking to me on this show?

PM: Yup, right next to me. I'm looking right at it.

DP: Is it like the Stanley Cup, where you get it for a day or two? Is this your day with the Beanpot, or will you have another day with it, moving forward?

PM: Coach [Jerry] York told me that I have to have it into the locker room by Wednesday afternoon or Thursday afternoon. So I'm sure I'll probably eat some cereal out of it today, but nothing too serious.

DP: I don't know if you guys realized it, Pat, when you were out on the ice during this game, but Northeastern, several times, rolled out six guys on the ice. Did you have any idea that was going down?

PM: I had no idea. My mom brought that up to me after the game. I was pretty upset about it, but I had no idea. I wish we could have gotten a few more power plays out of it, but things worked out in our favor, so I can't complain.

DP: The kid Kevin Roy, what a talent he is, but he took off on that breakaway on you guys, and I'm watching on TV, and the replay had Northeastern with five guys in the defensive zone, and Roy takes off as the sixth player. Your goalie made a big stop right there, but I think the hockey gods were looking down because Northeastern had six guys on the ice for that one.

PM: I didn't realize that they had six, but Kevin Roy's unbelievable. He deserves the MVP. I think he kind of took the game over for them. It's fun to watch. As nervous as I was, it's fun to watch a kid with that much talent. We have a guy like Johnny Gaudreau. We have a kid like that, so it's just as fun for us. But the kid Roy has a few more years to prove himself in Hockey East, and I think he's doing a pretty good job so far.

DP: And Gaudreau had two goals last night. His celebration wasn't as good as Steve Whitney's. He didn't have as good a pump as Whitney's pump. I'm sure you chirp Gaudreau about that.

PM: Yeah, Johnny doesn't have the best celebrations. But I think when you score as many goals as he does, you run out. But we don't chirp him. I think we chirp Whitney harder for celebrating with no time left on potentially a goal that's going to be disallowed. So I think Steve took a harder time for that one.

DP: Whitney's got a legit pump. I enjoy watching his celebrations. But Gaudreau last night, his second goal, you've got to credit Whitney for taking the puck and slowing it down when you were on a line change. But then Matheson, the play that he made to sort of put three dekes on guys and then slide that pass across the crease, how about this kid? What type of player is Matheson going to be?

PM: Matheson is unbelievable. First of all, his skating sets him apart

from everyone else. Watching his decision-making improve over the last four months has been incredible. He's a smart, talented kid. He's so humble. He's a great kid to have on our team. So I'm excited to watch his career progress.

DP: Gaudreau scored that goal on Matheson's play. Do you chirp Gaudreau about the fact that he almost went to Northeastern?

PM: No, we're so lucky that he's at BC. We don't chirp him at all. We tell him he's lucky he's at BC. But I couldn't even imagine if I had to line up against Gaudreau and Kevin Roy last night. I would not be happy with that. I think I probably would have ended up a minus on the night, if I was lining up against those two guys. So we don't give him a hard time. We tell him that he's lucky he came to BC. It's nice to have him on my left wing, that's for sure.

DP: And you didn't have Gaudreau for a period of time, because he was off playing in that tournament. What was that like? And this might be a stupid question, but is it tough to adjust to a guy like that coming back into the fold? As great a player that he is, the obvious answer might be, "Well, it's easy to adjust because he's such a great player." But is there an adjustment period when he's gone and is then thrown back into the lineup?

PM: No, I don't think so. I think he's such a talented player and he understands the game so well, that



whoever you play him with, he's going to make them better, and he's going to find ways to make an impact on the game. So when he came back for me, I just gave him the puck, and it was like he never left. But I think he's such a talented player that he could hop in with two guys that he's never played with, and he'd have just as significant an impact. So I think that's a credit to how talented he is, and how well he understands the game.

DP: So what now? You guys win

the Beanpot, you won the National Championship last year. Does this thing have to end with another National Championship for you?

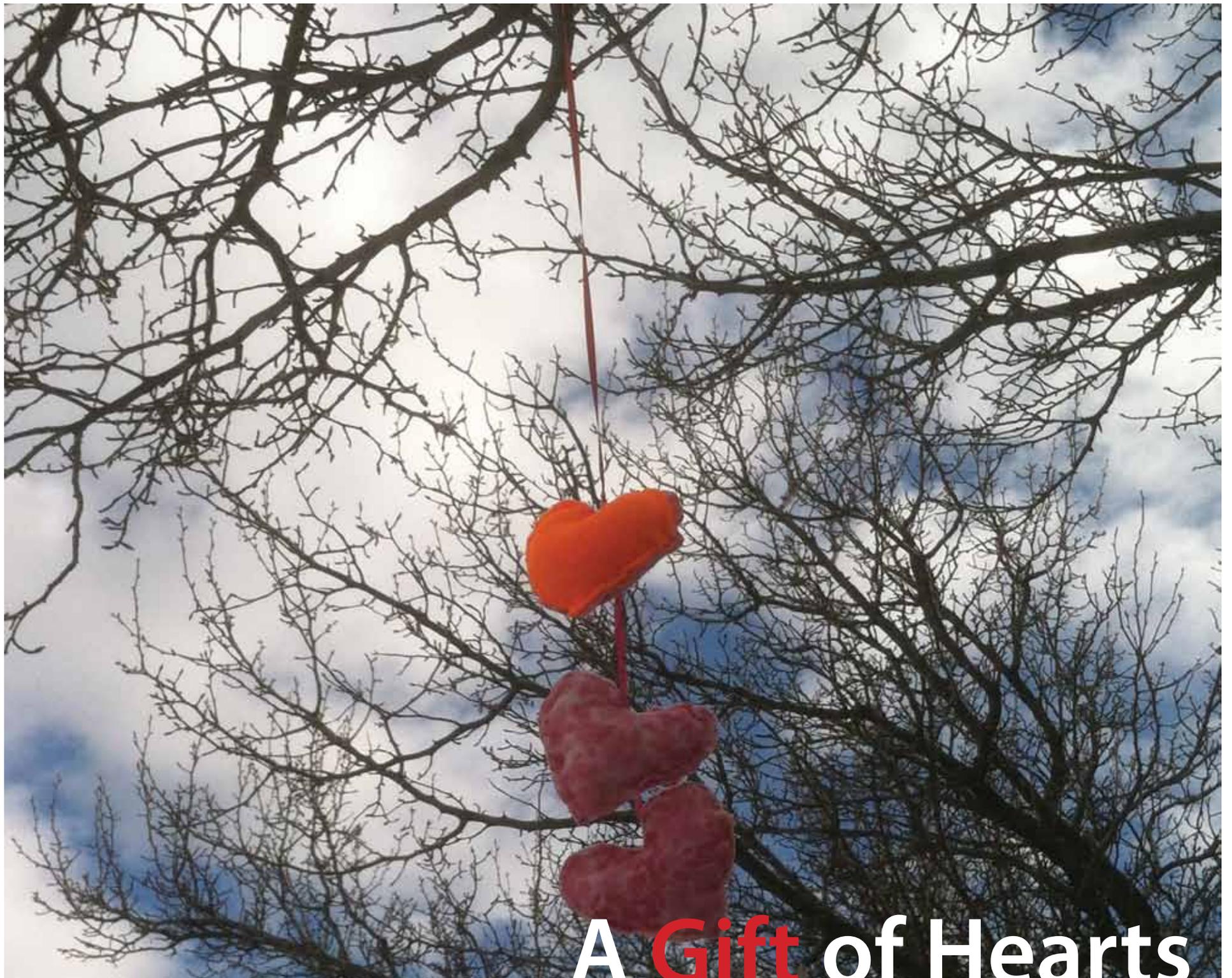
PM: I'd love to go out with another National Championship, and obviously that's what we're going for right now. We set some goals, and I set some personal goals coming into the year. And obviously the first one is, "Let's get that Beanpot." And from there, I think it's obviously, nothing's guaranteed down the stretch, but I think it's a great building block for

our team, and I'd love to graduate with three National Championships. I couldn't think of anything better. Last night's trophy is great, but it doesn't compare to the National Championship, that's for sure.

DP: Is this team as good as last year's team?

PM: I think every team is different. You look at last year's team, and obviously we had some really good players. We had an NHL player on our team in Chris Kreider, who I think was at the game [Monday] night, which

was pretty cool. But we had an NHL player on our team, so obviously we're not going to compare two different teams. But I like where we're at right now. We're young on the D-corps, but they're coming along, and I think they're doing a great job. And with Parker Milner in net, if he's playing well, he's the best in the country. So with him back there, anything can happen. I think we have solid four lines that are starting to come along for us. I think we'll make a pretty good push down the stretch here.



A Gift of Hearts

In celebration of Random Acts of Kindness and Valentines Week, a display of beautiful hearts created by the youth of South Boston has been hung on the tree outside of the Area C-6 Police Station on West Broadway. The hearts, created by South Boston youth, are a gift to the residents of South Boston. This is the sixth consecutive year that the young people have done this community project. We would like to thank the youth from the Cushing House and the community, who helped put up the hearts.

The Hearts of Kindness Project is an initiative designed to promote goodwill in South Boston, as a direct result of random acts of kindness performed by the youth of this community. Youth are being asked to reflect on their lives and document acts of kindness by creating fabric hearts that are displayed for all of South Boston to see. The hearts

symbolize the caring nature of South Boston youth and the ways they share their talents with the community. Each heart represents an act of kindness performed by the youth that created the heart. Many are stuffed with small pieces of paper that list the act of kindness.

The Hearts of Kindness Project is part of an ongoing initiative to recognize the positive effects that youth have on the South Boston community. The project is organized by the Youth Ambassadors at the South Boston Community Health Center. The hearts will be displayed from Tuesday February 12 – February 20.

If you would like more information about this project please contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard 617-464-7423 or Linda Doran 617-464-7463 at the South Boston Community Health Center – Institute for a Healthier Community.

