

This Week's Poll

With the official announcement of John Connolly running for mayor, who do you think wins in a one on one race?

**Menino
Connolly**



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It's Official: John Connolly – “I’m running for mayor”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

On Tuesday morning City Councilor At-Large John Connolly flooded the air waves and the internet with television advertisements, interviews and youtube videos announcing his candidacy for mayor. At this point, Connolly is the only candidate to announce his or her candidacy. Last week Connolly hinted at a possible mayoral run, creating wide speculation that was ended after yesterday’s announcement. Mayor Thomas M. Menino has not announced whether he will run again. Political insiders have speculated that he will, and that if he does run he will win.

Connolly says he would not run if he didn’t think he could win. Clearly he believes he can. Connolly’s major theme is about transforming the city’s schools. After a long drawn out process, the City of Boston’s External Advisory on School Choice recommended, by a vote of 20 to 7, that the School Committee should adopt a new policy.

Of the new policy, Connolly had this to say to the Boston Globe:

“The advisory committee did a great job, but they were limited by the plans the School Department put on the table. The plans don’t fully address increasing

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Editorial “Something is wrong”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

Something is wrong... Something is very wrong, when President Obama creates and hand picks a committee to create binding rules to address the deficit. Then that committee decrees that if bi-partisan agreement doesn't result, automatic cuts called “sequestration” will kick in. So now we have the president complaining about the very rule he created.

Something is wrong when the “people's representatives”, upset because the “people” demand cuts (not increases), intentionally go after services that directly aid the public.

Something is wrong when the “leaders” set out to teach the “people” a lesson by cutting children services, airport security, and medical research. All cuts intentionally aimed at hurting the working class... Basically, all Americans.

Something is very wrong.



“Those that stand for nothing will fall for anything” - Alexander Hamilton

Last week's poll results:

Here's a look at this past week's poll results:

The readers of South Boston Today definitely sense an open race for 2013. Here's the question you answered: Do you think the 2013 mayor's race will be an open one, or a one on one race between just Connolly and Menino?

Open Race – 83%

One on One - 17%

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What Should Become of The Boston Globe? I Have Some Ideas.

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

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Has the Boston Globe, at least in its present form outlived whatever usefulness it may have had? With all the talk of what looks to be the coming sale, or at least the attempt to sell it off by the New York Times in an effort to salvage a fraction of its investment, the end could be coming in the near future. Have I mentioned how sorry many of us will be to see it go?

Now, as South Bostonians, most of us are well aware of the way The Globe has treated our community these many long years. A lot of us, with what we feel is good

reason, believe that the Globe has been waging war against this neighborhood which by its actions would indicate that it, now how to put this nicely, despises everything about our traditions, customs, culture, politics and politicians. Even the holidays we celebrate and how we celebrate them and our way of life in general seems to irritate them. They scowl at how Church bells still ring on the hour and civics' group meetings are started by saluting the flag and so many more customs they find outdated. Their news reporting has been slanted to the negative; biased, insulting and misleading coverage about our town and its people. One would think that the delusional elitists at the Boston Globe just don't like us very much. And the fact that through all of this, we have been able to withstand everything they could throw our way must really tick them off.

But it's a new day now and I think we should all make an effort to show

the people who run the Globe that we hold no grudges and instead, are here to help in their time of need. Read on to hear some suggestions given to us by readers which we have compiled and formatted into a plan to help make the best of the coming tough times the Globe could be facing.

If the Boston Globe is to be sold and remain a newspaper let us make the first offer. By determining the actual monetary worth of the Globe using the standard of how much good they've done for people and society since they've been in operation - and factoring in also what credibility it still has left - we'll start the bidding by coming in a bit high with an offer of twenty five cents. Going once...

Ah, but if the Globe is to be sold to good folks with a completely different ideology and with more objectivity, that's different. In the interest of showing the world that those who run that paper are really not the snobby elitists that most people think them to be, here is a list we have compiled of dream buyers that most people would think the Globe/NY Times owners would find unacceptable, which means they'd do a much better job. Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity, FOX News, Senator Rand Paul, George W Bush, Clint Eastwood, Bill Bulger, Wayne LaPierre and of course South Boston Today's outstanding editor in chief Mr. Brian R Mahoney. . Some have suggested that if any of the aforementioned ever did buy it, those currently in charge, rather than remain working there might head for the roof.

The place would be on suicide watch.

Now, given the possibility that the site of the Boston Globe, when finally sold, will no longer remain a newspaper but would be used for something else completely different, here are more suggestions, also by readers as to what they think would not only be a better use of the space than it is now, but at the same time would drive the liberal snobs in Boston and beyond nuttier than they currently are. These things they'd find repugnant and might just really send them into spasms of rage. This of course would not be done to be mean. As we said, we are here to help the current leadership adjust to cultures other than their own in the interest of 'celebrating diversity'.

Some possible uses are: A target range for Naval air strikes and carpet bombing, a bowling alley, a Country Music studio, the new site of Uncle Jeff's Redneck Mini Golf, a brand new NASCAR race track, an indoor/outdoor gun range, a water park, a Bar B Q Restaurant with Bar and Grill that serves only domestic beer, a dog park with cleanup optional, extension of the Big Dig and a hazardous waste dump... The suggestions are still pouring in but some of them use language that cannot be printed on the pages of South Boston Today. Now readers, remember, we are here to help their transition go smoothly and as painlessly as possible.

Certainly, all of the above mentioned scenarios would be better than what is on site currently. But with the Globe no longer around, things in Boston just would not be the same and would take

quite a bit of getting use to. People could actually believe some of what is reported in the daily print press again. There would be fewer reporters skulking around during the St. Patrick's Day Parade ignoring the thousands of happy families enjoying the event and instead searching out the drunk teen throwing a beer can or throwing up; front page worthy stories at the Globe. And there would be far less editorials sounding like they were written by Karl Marx, Che Guevara or Pee Wee Herman. The air would probably also seem fresher and cleaner and Boston would more resemble an American city again rather than San Francisco or Cambridge.

But we want to be clear on something. None of the tongue in cheek statements above are directed to the real people who work at the Boston Globe. People, who run the presses, drive the trucks, maintain the building etc. will hopefully be ok. The rank and file hard workers who make up the bulk of the employees at that newspaper are good and decent people just trying to make a living and we wish them well no matter what the future brings to the publication. But to the elitists, the snobs who have looked down their noses at this city's blue collar neighborhoods for far too many years, it's time you all moved on. As soon as you are gone, you will be forgotten as often is the case with the non productive, the bigoted, the condescending and the irrelevant. When and if they do go, some of us will be throwing back a few shots of Jack Daniels at a long overdue party.

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“Battle for Boston”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Brain R. Mahoney

Recently, while watching the History Channel series on the American Revolution, the episode of the evacuation of Boston was aired. The narrator summed up the event by intoning, “Thus the British woke up, surprised at the cannons positioned on the hill and evacuated the city without a shot being fired.”

South Boston Today, over the next 3 weeks, is proud to print the most complete and accurate account of this event ever produced. We are honored to remember and print for the first time in over 200 years, the names of the very first casualties in the history of the American Armed Forces. We are determined to do our duty and correct the historical record of Gen. Washington and the American Nations first victory.

For most of its history, South Boston has always been identified as an Irish community. Growing up, I remember people jokingly calling it, “Ireland’s 33rd County”. During most of its 200 plus year history, it has had a predominately Irish population. Those of us, who have grown up or live here, however, know that its merchants, athletes, scholars and leaders have always been drawn from every ethnicity under the sun. That same wide-ranging mix was present during the fortification of the “Heights” and is with us today.

The Battle for Boston is one of the most misunderstood and least appreciated acts of our American Revolution. Our story should probably start at the Battle of Bunker Hill in Charlestown. To paraphrase the British Commanding General Howe, “Many more victories like this and

our army will be destroyed.”

The strategic importance of the Hills or Heights surrounding Boston had long been apparent before that bloody engagement. The arrogance and contempt the British held for their “Yankee Doodle” cousins, however, caused the British to underestimate the necessity of the prompt securing and fortifying of these Hills and Heights. Even after the Battle, South Boston (Dorchester Neck), was primarily grazing land for cattle and was sparsely populated by approximately 12 families.

Though they still didn’t occupy, the British became more aggressive and warlike toward the small South Boston population. A series of raids by the British over the next 8 months led to the capture of at least six rebel soldiers and the burning of houses and barns. Among the properties burned was the Wiswell Estate near “Bush Tree Hill (M Street Park), the Jones Estate at K and First Streets and Blake Estates near Farragut Road and the Foster property between F and D Streets. Combined with harassing fire from British held Castle William (Castle Island), South Boston was soon evacuated and left empty by the people. If it had remained that way, it is conceivable that our National Anthem today would be “God Save the Queen”.

Fate and destiny, however, had other plans for South Boston and America. Destiny’s Child in this tale was a Boston bookseller named Henry Knox. Knox, friend and advisor to General Washington, was commissioned a

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Reading Between The Lines

“Medicine Wheel Promotions Presents”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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Over the years one of South Boston's favorite organizations that draws support from the Widest Demographics is “Medicine Wheel Productions”.

The reason, most probably, is that art and creativity are presented in such a public forum that invites all attendees to participate that it underlines the reality that we all can create. We all have some artistic instinct. Obviously some better than others, but the public designing and involvement in the Medicine Wheel Beautification up at “No Man's Land” comes immediately to mind.

It might be a little too chilly to

engage in outdoor art, but “Medicine Wheel” founder Michael Dowling and chief curator Kathleen Bitetti work to bring us art year round. What better time to be nice and warm inside for a film exhibition?

Presently, “Medicine Wheel Productions” located at 110 K Street, is showing an exhibition “Here”. This is a group show of the work of eight Mass artists: Ahmed Abdalla, Genaria Banzon, Dan McCole, L'Merchie Frazier, Dell Hamilton, Courtney Moy, Josephine Pergola and Mario Quiroz.

The show examines the complex and interrelated issues of

immigration, migration, family trees and family legacy. Three artists are immigrants, three first generations

And four have ties to Southie. This is a great opportunity to learn support or a different perspective or reinforce, with facts, a perspective already held or just simply to learn and share. This exhibition runs till March 16.

On March 7 a free screening of the documentary “Adrift” will be shown at 7 PM. This film company is produced by Southie based Tracy Heather Strain. Also co-producing Boston College grad Tom Curran. The film is based on a look inside an Irish American family dealing with

loss. One of 4 Curran siblings, 12 year old Tom “did not cry but made a secret vow that someday he would become a ‘Big League’ athlete for his dad”. A 37 year old cameraman, Tom journeys into his past in Alaska and on Cape Cod to trace how he and his siblings tried to live up to Dad's expectations.

Some say art for art's sake. Others say I create for myself. Most, however, believe art is created to present beauty to others. That can only be true if the “others,” the audience, views the art. Please make every effort to attend and support the arts. For more information info: <http://mwponline.org>

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Colonel of Artillery in November of 1775. At the same time, the “Green Mountain Boys,” commanded by Ethan Allen, (and accompanied by a Massachusetts Colonel named Benedict Arnold) captured Fort Ticonderoga and its cannon. Located in Upstate New York, Ticonderoga is an Indian name meaning, “Between Two Lakes”. It is situated between Lake George and Lake Champlain up by the Canadian border. Washington needed its cannon for his plan and this was Knox's mission. A mission, in the dead of winter, Knox was determined to accomplish.

So began one of the epic journeys in military history. With snow, sleet and howling winds, from Lake Champlain, over the Allegheny and Berkshire Mountains, through Great Barrington and Western Massachusetts, Col. Knox was able to transport these cannon, by oxen, through the roadless wilderness. Knox later wrote that the cannons had to be dragged up and over, “Mountains from which we might have seen all the kingdoms of the Earth.” Imagine driving those oxen through the icy wilderness wearing those heavy, soggy, frozen, woolen, revolutionary uniforms. Unlike this year's winter, 1775 was one of the coldest up to that time.

Toward the end of January 1776, Colonel Henry Knox was able to write to General Washington from Framingham that, “A noble train of artillery,” consisting of 59 pieces was ready to be turned over to the American Army at Cambridge. In late February, some 35 cannon were brought from Cambridge to Roxbury. Then, when March began, the cannon were brought from Roxbury to the area we now call Andrew Square.

Today, South Boston rises towards the middle and eastern end with large

tracts of flat land on north and south coasts on the West End. Back then, the ocean on the south came up to almost Eighth Street. Moakley Park did not exist. It was water. On the north “A” Street met the Ft. Point Channel and the ocean came almost up to Second Street. Farragut Road was the shore between the ocean and Castle Island. The land itself had steep rises and deep gullies and had five points prominent above all others.

The first point is what we know today as the Dorchester Heights. Then it was actually two high points called the “Twin Hills”. Just behind Perkins Square, a long, sloping, rocky hill began its climb, reaching its high point around Dorchester Street and Emerson Street. This hill reached as far as the City parking lot on West Broadway and it was known as “Leek's Hill”. M Street Park, before it was flattened, was known as “Bush Tree Hill” and towered over the Harbor looking directly toward the British warships anchorage. At the extreme easternmost point, the land rose to about 40 feet above the ocean at what today is Farragut & Broadway. At that time, it was called “Dorchester Point”. Finally, all the way to the west at what is now “B” & West 3rd Street stood a hill probably topping at 125 feet known alternately as “Foster's Hill” or “Nook Hill”.

These five hills or heights were the reason and the final destination of Knox's miraculous journey. The difficulties of this journey are wonderfully depicted in the oil paintings adorning the walls of the former South Boston Savings Bank, now Bank of America. Stop in the bank and check them out.

Part II will be written next week. Take care till next week.



Sequestration Damage: Real or Scare Tactics by Washington?

The lead story in just about every national news report is about the looming

Sequestration - that 'ominous' budget cutting mechanism put in place to try to rein in the out of control deficit that is choking America's economy. Hand wringing warnings of doom and gloom are being spouted by news anchors and officials on many levels and especially from the White House. Dire predictions of no security on our borders, military collapse, babies and senior citizens being put out on the streets, turmoil at our airports, cuts to police and fire departments etc. have many people worried. But are these predictions of doom actually real or are they, as a growing number of economists and conservative activists claim, just more scare tactics by an out of control Obama Administration that insists on spending our country into oblivion and wants' no obstacles in their way while continuing to do so? Said one news analyst: "Next, Washington will be telling us that if the Sequester goes through, we will experience everything from 40 day floods, to locust plagues, to invasions from outer space."

A growing number of Americans are now saying they do not believe what the White House is claiming any longer and say let Sequestration happen; it's the only way Washington will stop running up the debt. The latest surveys say that number is now surpassing 40% of the people. There are many skeptical Americans out there who are wising up to attempts to scare them into going along with

what Washington wants. Especially, when they realize that not a penny less will be spent, under the amount spent last year and that all this sequester will do is stop the increase in spending, not take money away from what was put out last year. The amount mandated to be cut from 'the growth' of spending is just 2.4% of the actual budget. It will have no effect on vital entitlements such as Social Security and Medicare. The Sequester itself was Obama's idea; agreeing back when it was set up, that to avoid it, would require a combination of tax increases and spending cuts. Well, the Republicans point out that Obama received 618 billion in tax increases he was demanding but wants even more now, but he is resisting living up to his part of the deal and is dragging his feet on most cuts being made.

Nearly all economic experts agree that if something isn't done to cut down on the out of control spending taking place, in a few years, America's economy will be in even more serious trouble it may not be able to recover from. Future generations will suffer under a crippling debt with no way to get out from under it. Yet, resistance to taking real or meaningful action that will start the process of bring real recovery and relief seems to continue with demands for ever more tax hikes from the Administration. The American people are getting a bit fed up with all the talking, fighting and broken promises. They want real action, not unending campaigning from those in positions of authority.

CONNOLLY ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Brian P. Wallace

John Connolly threw the first salvo in the race for Mayor of Boston on Tuesday. There had been speculation for quite some time that Connolly would run for Mayor, but he turned all that speculation into fact when he announced on Tuesday that he was in the race, with or without Menino. Connolly has been raising money at a pretty good clip, which is a good indication that he is looking at the corner office rather than a council office. He topped the ticket in Boston last election which immediately gave rise to the possibility that he would challenge Menino. I had never seen Connolly as a life-long City Councilor. I think his aim has always been to run for Mayor or Congress.

Will this bring others into the race? Or will this keep others out of the race? That is anyone's guess, but I know from experience that you don't just get up one day and say, "gee I think I'm going to be the next Mayor of Boston." There is a lot of planning, organizing, money raising and team building that goes into it. If, after all that time, you seriously think you can challenge the current Mayor, then it is time to do so. I think that John Connolly has felt it for quite a while and has taken that big step which brings exposure, wanted or unwanted.

Connolly comes from a very political and very well connected family from the voter rich West Roxbury section of Boston. His father, Michael was the long time Secretary of State, who also served on the Licensing Board for a period of time and actually wrote a screenplay called "The Man From Boston". His Mother Lynda is the former Chief Justice of the District Courts in Massachusetts with a long and prestigious legal track record. What that means is that John Connolly's family has deep pocketed, influential friends they can turn to when need be. John, who graduated from Harvard, has some friends who can pitch in when time comes. He can certainly raise the money. He has already shown a propensity for that. He can get votes. He has already shown a propensity for that and he's not afraid to challenge a sitting Mayor, which takes guts.

A sitting Mayor has been defeated only once in Boston since the turn of the century. A Mayor has 19,000, give or take a thousand city workers at his or her disposal, all relying on the administration for paychecks. That is quite an army to take on. A sitting mayor has Labor, developers and anyone who does business with the city ready to pitch in, literally.

Is the City of Boston ready for someone new? Only they will be able to answer that question. Will Menino even seek another term? Only he will be able to answer that question. If Menino doesn't run will that pretty much assure that John Connolly will be the next Mayor? No. If Menino gets out, the whole dynamic changes.

That happened in 1983 when David Finnegan, former President of the Boston School Committee, popular radio talk show host on WBZ and also from a politically rich family in Dorchester ran out early and was going to challenge Kevin White whether White ran or not. Finnegan raised a ton of money and was the odds on favorite to battle White into November. But a funny thing happened! White got out, and the dynamic of the race changed completely... "Finnegan or Him Again", which was David's slogan, was useless. All the money he had invested in taking on White was wasted. People began to see Finnegan as another White and the pendulum had shifted. They were sick of the downtown philosophy and were looking to bring some of the power back to the communities.

There wasn't a person in Boston who would have bet that Ray Flynn, a white basketball player and former rep from Southie and Mel King, a black basketball player and rep from the South End would finish one and two in the Primary Election. Finnegan finished third. That's why politics is so interesting. You just never know.



Brian's Beat

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian Wallace

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Ben Affleck has certainly come a long way since those Friday night outings to the Quietman Pub back in the mid 90's. Back then, I would pretty much know everyone who came in the Quietman other than a few people who came in to eat Steve Casey's famous steak tips. But about once a month there were three or four guys who sat down the back, ordered beers, and really didn't say too much to anyone around them. They didn't say too much to themselves either, but they were certainly there for a reason. One Friday night, being the curious sort, I walked over to their table and introduced myself.

"Where are you guys from?" I asked, knowing they didn't live in South Boston.

"We're from Cambridge," they said in unison.

"What are you doing here?" I asked a little puzzled. One of them, whom I would later find out to be Matt Damon, said, "we're writing a screenplay and a lot of it takes places in South Boston and we're just kind

of getting a feel for the culture and mannerisms." Fair enough. They would come in about a half dozen more times and then they stopped coming in all together. I figured I would never see them again.

About six months later, I was walking by the South Boston Courthouse, which is now known as the Judge Joseph Feeney Courthouse, and I saw them again. This time there were cameras and a lot of people running back and forth, shouting directions and obviously making a movie. I went over to one of the guys I recognized from the Quietman and congratulated him on getting this far in the process. As I was talking to him, a guy walked by.

"Is that Robin Williams?" I asked kind of stunned.

"Yes, he read our script and decided he liked it and it has helped us get the money and backing that we need," the guy, who turned out to be Ben Affleck, said to me.

"Are you shooting down the Quietman?" I asked.

"No, our lighting guy said it was

too dark. We found a better location, I think it's called the L Street Tavern," the kid, who the whole world would shortly know, answered. "Good to see you again," he said as he ran into the Courthouse to shoot a scene.

The picture was called, of course, "Good Will Hunting" and those two guys who drank with a few of their friends down the Quietman would soon win Academy Awards for their screenplay and Ben would be back to shoot "The Town" and "Gone Baby Gone" in Southie. I have to say they were really good to us at the time. We were just starting a Pop Warner program started in South Boston and they gave us autographed posters, hats, jackets, baseballs to raffle off at our big fundraiser that year.

Their objects didn't bring in a whole lot of money because the movie hadn't come out yet. I wish I had them now. Every time Ben Affleck shoots in Southie he donates money to various non-profit causes. Matt Damon hasn't changed a bit. I saw him at the Premier of "Gone

Baby Gone" and he whacked me on the shoulder and asked how things in Southie were.

"We're doing Ok, but not as good as you," I said and he smiled that famous smile.

"We'll always be grateful for getting our start there and the people are awesome." "You're pretty awesome too Matt," I said as his partners in crime Ben and Casey Affleck came around the corner with Jimmy Flynn who played the Judge in that Courthouse scene, which, as we know, wasn't Jimmy's first time in court.

Last Sunday night, Ben proved again that he is not just another pretty face as he grabbed another Academy Awards for best picture of the year, Argo, which he produced, directed and starred in. He has come a long way from just being Matt Damon's sidekick. He has proved himself time and time again and maybe someday the Academy of snobs will notice. Good job Ben and good luck. I'm still wondering how you guys let Jimmy Flynn play a Judge?

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quality schools and didn't guarantee families a seat close to home."

Connolly made his announcement official yesterday at a rally outside Brighton High School with his wife Meg by his side.

"The cornerstone of this campaign will be a call for transformative change in Boston's public schools, because Boston's future starts with our schools. The success of our schools directly impacts our ability to create safe, healthy, and livable neighborhoods, as well as our ability to create jobs, attract talent, and retain families in Boston."

Connolly said that achieving this "will take political will and a bold desire to change the status quo."

It is still unknown whether or not other candidates, besides Menino, will enter the race. Let the games begin.



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South Boston Today

Unions Across Boston Endorse Nick Collins for State Senator

Support continues to grow for Collins in advance of Special Election on April 30th

(Boston, MA) – The campaign for Nick Collins for State Senate recently accepted the endorsement of multiple labor unions across the state, including Pipefitters Local Union 537, Iron Workers Local 7, and IBEW 2222.

The overwhelming support for Collins by organized labor reflects his unwavering dedication to working families in the First Suffolk Senate District and his proven record of results on issues that

matter to labor. Union leaders cited Nick Collins as the only candidate with a “demonstrated” record of accomplishment on behalf of labor when making the endorsements.

Leo Fahey, Business Manager for Pipefitters Local 537 said “working families need a strong advocate in the State Senate. We are proud to stand with Nick because he stands with us. Nick Collins is the choice of Labor in this race.”

Myles Calvey, Business Manager of



IBEW 2222 believes that “Nick has shown a commitment to community that is unmatched in this campaign. His dedication to workers goes beyond the garage, office, and job site and into the neighborhoods where our members live and raise their families. Nick Collins shares our values, but perhaps more importantly, he has the energy, passion and dedication to champion those values on behalf of all workers throughout the 1st Suffolk District. IBEW Local 2222 is proud to stand

with Nick Collins as he is the clear choice for working people in this race.”

Local 7 Ironworker’s Paul Lynch commented that “Nick Collins believes that working families deserve a fair shake. He has proven to be a reliable defender of worker’s rights. He’s the only candidate in this race that votes that way.”

During the first few weeks of the campaign, Collins has already gained endorsements from a vast variety of unions, including Laborers Local 223.

AFDEL companies plan to add 1000 new jobs in Boston

AFDEL, the French Association of Software Publishers and Internet Solutions, announced it is continuing its strategic international expansion with the opening of a new liaison office in Boston. Through its new presence on the East Coast, AFDEL will be able to better provide support to entrepreneurs establishing new ventures, as well as help existing companies to expand their networks for business advantage and form deeper connections with customers, partners and prospects. AFDEL currently has more than 330 members (representing approximately € 3.5 billion in revenue) throughout France: including major international groups, SMEs, and start-ups.

“Given the continued fast pace of technology innovation and globalization, this was an ideal time to expand our footprint to ensure we are best aligned to support the needs of our growing membership base,” said Jamal Labed, President of AFDEL. “As the technology market continues to trend towards mobility, cloud, social and big data, the opportunity for new and established software companies is huge and we want to make sure that our existing and future members have the appropriate resources they need to take advantage of that potential.”

To mark the geographic expansion and launch of its presence in Boston, AFDEL, with the help and support of Jérôme Malavoy, founder and CEO of TraceOne, last week hosted a networking event at TraceOne’s Boston headquarters at 2 International Place and featured remarks and insights from Fabien Fieschi, Consul General of France in Boston. Also in attendance were Nicole Fichera, the Mayor’s Innovation District Manager, Tom Gradel, Manager of Business Development & Protocol Officer at Massachusetts Office of International Trade & Investment, Richard Doherty, president of the Assn. of Independent Colleges and Universities of MA., Scott LaChapelle, Office of Career Services at Harvard University and State Rep. Nick Collins representing the Legislature’s Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

“As a current member and French software company ourselves, we are delighted to be working in close association with AFDEL to launch



a Boston office to help other French entrepreneurs and executives,” said Malavoy. “Having recently opened TraceOne’s headquarters in Boston, I know how valuable it is to have access to the right people and resources as you get acclimated and look to grow quickly. We are pleased by the attendance of key organizations and government officials from Boston and Massachusetts at our inaugural launch.”

According to an AFDEL survey of 60 Boston-area French Software companies invited to the launch event, executives expect to add approximately 1,000 new employees in the next 12 to 18 months.

Roger Casement - Irish Nationalist, Patriot



"Self government is our right, a thing born to us at birth. A thing no more to be doled out to us by another people than the right to life itself; than the right to feel the sun or smell the flowers or to love our kind." Roger Casement

Roger David Casement — known as Sir Roger Casement between 1911 and shortly before his execution for treason in 1916, when he was stripped of his knighthood — was an Irish nationalist, activist, patriot and poet. Casement's story is staggering. Born in Dublin to a Protestant father and a Roman Catholic mother, he went on to become British consul in the Congo, where he was commissioned by the British government to examine forced labor in the Congo Free State. His report on the atrocities he witnessed contributed to Leopold II of Belgium's relinquishment of his colonial fiefdom. A few years later, he travelled to Iquitos in northern Peru, from where he embarked on a similar investigation into the treatment of the Putumayo Indians by the Peruvian Amazon Company. After the

publication of his findings, the British board of the company resigned. Having cemented his establishment credentials by being knighted for his efforts in 1911, Casement eventually retired from diplomacy and dedicated himself to the Irish nationalist cause. After helping to found the Irish Volunteers, he went fundraising in the US and tried to persuade Germany, by then at war with England, to help create an independent Ireland.

In April 1916, Casement was dropped off in County Kerry by a U-boat and arrested. When the Easter Rising began, he found himself in the Tower of London awaiting trial for treason. He was defiant in the dock of the Old Bailey. He was hanged at Pentonville on August 3, 1916. His legacy was marred by both innuendo and the existence of

the so-called Black Diaries that cast doubt on his sexual orientation. That question factored into his trial and sentence of death.

According to the UK publication, The Guardian, "the ghost of Roger Casement—martyr and traitor, liberator and predator — is once again beating on the door. The former British consul who died an Irish revolutionary has remained a persistently unquiet spirit in the 96 years since his life ended in a Pentonville prison noose." Casement's colorful life is the subject of Peruvian-born winner of 2010 Nobel Prize for literature Mario Vargas Llosa's forthcoming book, 'The Dream of the Celt'. It was first published in Spanish and was a best seller in Spain for two years. It was published in English in 2012. Llosa's quotes Casement: "If true religion rests on love, it is equally

true that loyalty rests on love. In Ireland alone in this twentieth century is loyalty held to be a crime. Loyalty is a sentiment, not a law. It rests on love, not on restraint. The government of Ireland by England rests on restraint and not on law; and since it demands no love, it can evoke no loyalty." Llosa then writes: Neither Plato nor Pascal nor Bergson could have put it more clearly, or more, justly".

What makes Roger Casement different from Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King, Ghandi and Tiberius Gracchi is that as an Irish man, he first fought for the rights of people who were not of his own race or nationality. This act did not make him superior or inferior to other human rights activists, who followed him. It just made him different. He fought for the rights of natives in Peru, Brazil and Congo before he headed back to Ireland to fight for his homeland. The roots of Amnesty International are based on Roger Casement's noble work in Congo.

He was caught by the English. He was stripped of his wealth, status and power. He had nothing left but a dream of an independent Ireland. The English could not break him and showed no mercy. In the book, King Leopold's Ghost, it was reported that an imprisoned pacifist caught a glimpse of Casement watching the sunset sky through his Pentonville cell window. He looked "wonderfully calm... he seemed already to be living in another world; there was not a trace of anxiety or fear in his features." On the morning of August 3, 1916, guards tied his hands behind his back. "He marched to the scaffold," said a priest who accompanied him, "with the dignity of a prince and towered straight over all of us." The hangman called him "the bravest man it falls to my unhappy lot to execute." In one of the last letters he wrote from his cell, less than a week before he was hanged, Casement looked back over his life: "I made awful mistakes, and did heaps of things wrong and failed at much — but the best thing was the Congo".

Many facts excerpted from Wikipedia and other online sources.

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Guest Contributor Riz Mallal

“South Boston Around the Globe”

A Proud Recruit

Marine, Army and Air Force have been featured in our series. This week the Coast Guard takes its place. Proudly representing South Boston in this branch of the armed forces is Sydney Mahoney. On Feb 25, her 21st Birthday, Sydney will report for duty at the southwest harbor Coast Guard base, Maine. This is actually part of Bar Harbor. Sydney completed basic training near the top of her class at Cape May, New Jersey. She was assigned, for a brief stint, this past February, as a recruiter in Malden. Sydney has uncles on both sides, going back generations, who are veterans like her father and she has always looked forward to this

opportunity to serve. More than looking forward, she is excited to be reporting for duty.

At this station she will be tasked with what are termed “Quality Ratings”. Sydney is determined to qualify for a standard that would allow her a choice to train in intelligence, operations or as an electrical warfare specialist. She is hoping to eventually be assigned overseas.

As always South Boston Today asked Sydney how growing up in Southie affected her career choice. “Well, actually it both hurt and helped me, but mostly helped. When I first arrived in Basic I have some friction with other recruits because of my directness. In South Boston, I



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learned to confront situations. Some people don't like to be called out. In the long run, though, that attitude helped because people knew exactly where I was coming from and I ended up being good friends with just about everyone, including my superiors and that never hurts. So whether, good or bad, I believe my South Boston assertiveness has and is helping me reach my goal. If I could, I'd like to urge more young women to look at the Coast Guard. Of all the branches, we are the only one who allows women to perform every single job, as men do. There are

really a lot of equal opportunities for women and I think more should join or at least check us out. I can't wait to get to my base and get started."

That type of attitude is one we've become accustomed to from South Boston's men and women, but never taken for granted and always appreciated and respected. And one more emotion, gratitude. Sydney and those other citizens who serve and protect us will always have and deserve that gratitude.

Good luck Sydney, come back an Admiral.

The Artist's Studio

Southie's Art Association in its tenth year

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Guest Contributor Dan McCole

South Boston has changed and is changing daily. Not by an act of nature or bureaucratic order ... but by the unfolding of time and events. "Change happens" ... always has and always will. And I'll admit as one who lived in the old days of Southie ... I do miss its flavor, warmth and my many old friends. And most that travel inside that curve of change have been aware of the process and work to make the changes as positive as possible whenever, wherever and however.

In the ten full years of existence, the South Boston Arts Association has taken a strong role in the day to day changes in South Boston by following through on the mission statement they have adopted. That is ... to promote, encourage and support local artists and performers and the creative arts in general. Painting, photography, writing, performing, songwriting, music making ... these are things that lend heart and soul to a community. From a wealth of Southie 'old-schoolers' (I like that phrase 'old-schoolers' ... 'elderly' and 'seniors'? ... Not so much.) the kitchen writers, and painters ... musicians, singers and performers ... emerged showing their secreted talents long held but veiled in their privacy.

The Arts Association has provided the vehicle for many to step out of their dens and kitchens and show a creative side held too silent ... too long. This has made a lasting impression on the area. Residents from all walks of life – young and new ... at all ages ... have been encouraged to open up their hearts and minds to their own talents and explore the talents of others that has been hidden behind the perceptions of past times.

Writers and poets such as: Dorothy Morris, Susan Mahan, Jack Canavan, Paul Conley, Dave Connolly, Brian Wallace, Ray Flynn, Brianne Fitzgerald, Carole Masshardt, Pat Sullivan, Rachel Baker, Robert Morris share their creativeness with musicians, singers and performers such as: Bobby Dunlap, Kathi Taylor, Peter Golemme, Skip Toomey, Ken McLeod, Bill Linehan, Leo Stapleton, Elizabeth Young Collins, Lorie Walsh, Rick Winterson and Bob Russell.

For painters let's start with the 'Godfather of us all' aka Norman Crump (I can see him cringe when I call him that) but Norman was the leader of the pack. He opened up the eyes of locals with his great Southie paintings and paved the way for the rest of us to follow. More about him as the weeks go by.

Other notable painter-members are: Deb Putnam, Tommy Cherry, Maureen Murphy, Billy Frew, Harold Cuniff, Joanne Miller, Joe Kerbatas, Peter Schofield, Robert Farrell, Cheryl Weissbach, Tom and Patti Steiner, Dan Myers, Josie Lawrence, Irene O'Brien, Ann Marie Norton, Jimmy Allen, Greta Canty, Annie Roper and yours truly, who match their styles and trade concepts with the photographers: Pauline Margarone, Terry Joyce, Judith Sweeney, Harry Brett and Jamie Ryan.

And probably most important are those who truly support the arts and the efforts of the group with their loyalty and hands-on interest like: Audrey Williams, Mary Dorion, Dorothy O'Toole, Denise Harrington and Nick Fizlow. Most of these artists are double dippers ... they write and sing as well ... or paint and perform. Much more will be said of each and many new names as time goes on. And for any name forgotten ... think this ... the writer is an old-schooler with all the baggage that carries ... and a promise that it will be made up to you.

The association has just begun the fourth year of free painting lessons for youngsters in cooperation with the South Boston Community Health Center's 'Young at Arts' program. The lessons are held Monday afternoons at the St. Vincent Community room on E Street from 4:30 to 5:30 for kids from 7 to 11. This is a spin-off of the painted 'Lighthouse' and 'Adirondack chairs' programs.

For the tenth year celebration we have presented outstanding guest artists in talks, exhibitions and demonstrations by many great local and area artists for our members and the public. It began with a demonstration by a war veteran Peter Damon, a wounded warrior who lost both arms in Iraq. Peter is from Middleboro and is a painter ... painting with his mechanical left arm and hand. Prior to his loss he was right handed. This was a special beginning.

Ray Flynn mesmerized the group with his free-wheeling talk of his adventures from



the ball fields of Southie to the courtyards in the Vatican. Internationally renowned painter Tom Dunlay held the group spellbound with the simplicity of brush strokes and the excellence of the painting. Dan Myers of Quincy, a long time SBAA member demonstrated his sculpturing ability creating a new head for an old-schooler. See photo.

Bob Russell created magical moments performing from Gilbert and Sullivan. Southie's Lorie Walsh, former singer in the San Francisco Opera Company, created magic with a magnificent performance telling of the lives and singing the music of Rogers and Hammerstein III. Pianist Peter Golemme accompanied Lorie.

Next Saturday March 9, at 9:30 a.m. muralist and art gallery owner Cris Revered will demonstrate mural painting at the regular meeting of the Arts Association in the Curley Recreation Room, at the L Street Bathhouse. All demonstrations were and are open to the public ... free of charge with coffee and refreshments served.

Urban Zoning Laws: Do they meet Today's urban needs...or Yesterdays?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Guest Contributor David Zisskind

Not too long ago there was a \$250M investment slated to go in next to a train station and in the downtown of a large gateway city here in New England. The investment would have transformed a neighborhood into a destination area bringing people into the downtown from all over New England. The City, the State and the Largest Bank In America at the time bought into the "canal district". It was going to be great.

Word of Bank of America's willingness to fund the \$250M for the project leaked out accidentally at a press conference and as you can imagine every property owner in the neighborhood thought they were sitting on a pot of gold. Real Estate prices in the neighborhood went up dramatically. What the property owners did not foresee was that when they all raised their prices at the same time the economics no longer worked for the project.

One unguarded sentence uttered by the city manager at a press conference destroyed months of coordination between the City and the Bank and rendered the \$1.3M 'master plan' of one of the state's largest architectural firms unrealized forever. That is how fragile the redevelopment process can be, but it does not have to remain that way.

Current real estate development in South Boston is bringing to light the issues inherent in the re-development of many post industrial and urban areas. We are not alone in finding ourselves in a neighborhood changing at the whim of powerful

private interests. Market driven development should result in the highest needs of the area being addressed. There are many needs of a neighborhood that can be economically exploited by developers and benefit the neighborhood, but only a few of these opportunities are ever exercised. Few acceptable collateral options exist to bankers, and, developers are not willing to take the risk on anything 'out of the box'. The result is hundreds of residential rental units and nothing else.

Like gas fumes to a match, demand for a single 'profit-making' option produces a bubble ready to explode, leaving developers with a short to mid-term glut of product on the market. As for the neighborhood, it begins changing to accommodate the resulting dollars brought in by the renters, whose sole interest in the neighborhood around them is convenience.

The task of making neighborhoods better falls to zoning and planning departments nationwide, which were conceived in a world of infant cities and 'planned utopias'. The first zoning office opened in New York (1916) and the BRA opened its doors in 1957. Back in the 50s' the prevailing wisdom was that the government 'knew best' (code for 'they were lining their pockets') and land was taken by eminent domain in the ambitious 'modernization' of large areas of Boston. In this top-down approach, the West End, an entire neighborhood physically resembling the North End was razed to make way for a modern centrally planned neighborhood. What resulted was a cluster of modern buildings that had no natural cohesion, never mind a resemblance to a neighborhood.

Today's brick, brutalist style Boston City Hall Center is one example of one of those island-like clusters whose materials tell the story of a Mayor's office that may have been too close to the special interests that liked bricks. There is a solution in which everybody wins...so check back next week.

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28 Mitchell St UNIT 1 Condo	\$327,500	2/25/13	4	1	780
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104 D St UNIT 3 Condo	\$285,000	2/25/13	4	1	550
104 D St UNIT 1 Condo	\$250,000	2/25/13	3	1	500
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At Castle Island, Sully's Is Open, The Tradition Continues.

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

As we all know, 'Sully's is now open!! So far the weather isn't cooperating to coincide with the approaching and long awaited warm season. But look at it this way, this year Sully's got the jump on spring. Good for Brendan Sullivan, the owner, and of course his excellent staff. Sullivan's Restaurant at Castle Island is a long standing South Boston Tradition. The sweet enticing smell of burgers and their famous hot dogs is something a lot of us look forward to. Add an order of fries or onion rings, throw in a Coke or Pepsi; maybe a cup of coffee and just kick back and enjoy the sites from one of the most scenic locations in Boston. Castle Island just would not be the same without Sully's now would it?

The food cooked as Sullivan's is of

high quality, to be sure. Ah, but it's the taste, the tantalizing flavor that only the food at this unique establishment has keeps people just coming back for more. Each year, Sullivan's seems to expand the variety of what it sells adding to its menu such things as smoothies and salads which take their place alongside the traditional menu items that have helped bring so much success to Sullivan's.

Whether you are a long time patron, an occasional customer, a first timer or someone who actually travels a hundred miles for the food, yes, some do, one has to be impressed at the service. Sullivan's, it seems, has worked out the ultimate system when it comes to serving the huge crowds of hungry people; most of whom don't particularly like waiting in long slow

lines. But when the lines are long at Sully's, sometimes numbering into the hundreds at a time and stretching as far as 200 feet or more, they are not slow. You can actually be at the back of a line that would take you hours to get service at some other places and get your food literally in minutes. It's amazing.

How do they do this, is the question. Good organizing and a great staff is the answer. Sullivan's is famous for the high energy, hard working, super competent workers they hire. Most of them are hired right from the surrounding community. They employ everyone from teenagers to senior citizens and everyone seems to like their jobs. They are friendly, fast and know how to complete their tasks well. And, they go out of their way to make customers feel welcome

and appreciated. Overseeing this outstanding crew are experienced longtime managers, among them are Maryann Sullivan, who is Brendan Sullivan's sister, Harry Markarian, Chris Lane, Harry Minucci and Jim McDonald. Combine a great crew like this with their popular menu and this is the recipe for success that Sullivan's has not only invented but has perfected over the 62 years (since 1957) they have been in business.

So, very soon now, the leaves will be coming out on the trees, the flowers and plants will be sprouting, the sun will start to feel that much warmer as the crowds flock to Castle Island. To know this, we do not even have to check the calendar. We are sure of this because Sully's is now open for the season.

A Salute To South Boston's Incredible Volunteer Spirit

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

staff report

As St. Patrick's /Evacuation Day approaches and all the festive events that come with it, it reminds us how unique and blessed our community truly is. We are made aware of this especially at this time of year because of the army of volunteers who step up and give of their time and special talents to put together an itinerary of activities that rival any other town in any other place probably in the world.

The 2 main organizations that line up the entertainment are of course our friends who are members in the South Boston Allied War Veterans and the good people at the South Boston Citizens Association. But there are more groups and individuals as well. Our local Clergy get involved, as well as the folks at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club. Our elected officials play a prominent role. This year's St. Patrick's Day breakfast will be hosted by City Councilor Bill Linehan. They work long and hard putting in countless hours to make sure everything is perfect and goes off on time and without a hitch or complications. Think it's easy? Not even close. But that's ok. These volunteers might make it look easy, but it's anything but and yet it does not faze them. They just get it done and never

much more bring out the talents of our many fine young athletes. Essay contests and arts displays show off the creative talent of our young people.

Senior Citizens are prioritized as well. There are dinners and luncheons that bring with it some of our talented entertainers. And for everyone, there are the banquets, where the corned beef and sometimes corny jokes flow to the delight of all. There is no shortage of patriotism in our community as solemn ceremonies honor our veterans, our flag and our nation itself. And then of course, there is the big parade. A massive line of march to rival the largest parades anywhere in the world. This sometimes brings in more than a million spectators to partake in one huge and impressive procession and celebration. For two solid weeks it goes on. Again, all of this is made possible by scores of dedicated volunteers who get up early and stay up late to get it all done.

And with many of these dedicated citizens; our friends our neighbors and even our family members, it does not start and finish with the March celebrations. It is, for some, a year round task that they take on with pleasure and a smile. They are the volunteers who organize and



ask for a dime in return. It's a labor of love and they do it all for South Boston and to make sure their neighbors have festivities that they can be proud of and enjoy.

The focus is never on just one segment of the population. They concentrate on everyone to ensure that people of every age group have something specifically for them. The kids? Lots to do for the kids. With the creative minds among the volunteers at the South Boston Citizen's group, a combination of athletic competitions and arts events guarantee that everyone gets involved. Boxing shows, ice skating contests at the Murphy Rink, Hoop Shooting meets, swimming, puck shooting and so

coach our youth hockey league, soccer league, Little League Baseball, CYO Basketball and other excellent programs that are the envy of other communities. They are the volunteers who organize, run and participate in our many neighborhood civics groups and who work hard in our local charities and help with all the good causes that thrive in South Boston.

South Boston Today salutes the volunteer spirit and the many volunteers themselves, far too numerous to name in one article for the job they do. Their dedication, their concern, their willingness to give of themselves for the benefit of their neighbors deserves very special praise. We say God Bless them all.

A Look Back @ Gatey CYO teams



Photo Caption 1979 Boys Basketball

LAST ROW L TO R - PAT CARTER - DAVID DUFFLEY - BILLY PUGLIA - TIMMY DOOLIN - JACK CHISHOLM - RICH SWANSON - BOBBY MCCARTHY - KEVIN LALLY

FRONT ROW - DAN DOWNEY - BILLOTTE - WALTER COFFEY - STEPHEN COFFEY - MATT MULLIN - MIKE CAPUTO - JOHN KANE



1987 CYO Basketball

BACK ROW L TO R - PAUL CARTER - STEVE COFFEY - DAN MCDONALD - ADAM SANCES - GEORGE BURTON - COACH BILL "TOUCHIE" MCDONOUGH

FRONT ROW - JIM BURTON - TOM CHERRY - BRIAN FROMM - MATT SANCES - BRIAN NEE



2003 Girls Team
GATE OF HEAVEN HALL

L TO R - ERIN MCDONOUGH - (...) (...) - JAMIE LEE PICKUP - JULIE BURNS - COACHES : JOHN INJUN HORAN - LINDA CHAPIN



CYO Mid 1980's

BACK ROW - BO CLEARY - YANOVITCH - STEVE FLAHERTY - MARTY LEE
PETER LEE - SCOTT HAYNES - BILL(...)

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237th Annual Evacuation Day Events

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Saturday, March 2nd

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Claire Linehan-Miller, Robert Pacitti

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Cornerstone Restaurant 7:00 PM

Tom & Eddie Butler Senior Salute

Saturday, March 2nd

State Representative Nick Collins

Thomas Butler Jr.

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Ann Lynch, Ellie Hart, Marie Butler, Helen Butler

Peggy Flaherty, Edie Linehan, Mary Collins

Honorary Chairpersons

Saint Monica's Lower Church Hall - 11:30 AM

21+Bowl-A-Rama

Sunday, March 3rd

Cheryl Joyce, Andrea Flaherty

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South Boston Bowl 11:30AM to 3:00 PM

Must be 21+ to attend-no children, please

Basketball Free-Throw Competition

Monday, March 4th

Bernie O'Donnell, Kathy Davis & John Hurley

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Tynan Community School Gym - 6:00 PM

The Swimming Competition

Tuesday, March 5th

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Boys & Girls Club Pool

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Boxing Show

Friday, March 8th

Register of Deeds Francis "Mickey" Roache

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Sunday, March 10th

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133rd Annual

Evacuation Day Banquet

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Saturday, March 16th

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St. Augustine's Chapel - 9:00 AM

Memorial/Historical Exercises

Saturday, March 16th

including

Essay & Poster Competition Winners

State Representative Nick Collins

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237th EVACUATION DAY - ESSAY AND POSTER CONTESTS

South Boston Citizens' Association President Tom McGrath announced today that because of the tremendous success of last year's contest, the Association will once again sponsor the 2013 Annual Essay and Poster Contests. "After last year's outstanding effort put forth by past President Bernie O'Donnell, he has once again accepted the challenge of chairing The Essay and Poster Contests. Bernie always taught me that these contests are a great way to educate and strengthen the interest of the children of the community. I was more than pleased when Bernie offered to head up this Event for the children of South Boston", remarked McGrath. Bernie further expressed, "One of the missions of the SBCA is to reach out to the younger folks of

this historically rich community, joining the SBCA in promoting, organizing, and judging the Evacuation Day Poster and Essay Competitions are a most fitting way to improve on that mission."

The Poster Competition is open to all students in grades 3, 4 and 5 who are either South Boston residents or who attend school in South Boston. Topics for the 2013 South Boston Citizens' Association's Evacuation Day Essay and Poster Competitions have been announced by the SBCA. This year's theme is: What is the significance of the South Boston Veterans Memorials. (Example: World War II, Korean War, Admiral Farragut, Vietnam War and Marine Park). Posters should be original compositions, in any medium, at least 8 ½ x 11, but preferably larger. Prizes are as

follows first prize \$100, second prize \$75, and third prize \$25.

The Essay Competition is open to all students in grades 6 through 12 who are either South Boston residents or who attend school in South Boston. For student in grades 9 through 12, the high school students can be from Boston and/or attend a High School (public or private) in Boston. The Essay themes are broken down according to grade, as follows: For students in grades 6 through 8: Who was Col. Henry Knox and what were his contributions to Dorchester Heights and our Country? Essays should be at least 500 words, prizes are as follows first prize \$150, second prize \$100, and third prize \$25. For students 9 through 12, the topic is: Who are Michael J. Perkins, Charles A. McGillivary,

and George H. Nee and Frank T.O. Walker? What honor did they all receive and what did they do to deserve it. Essays should be at least 1000 words; prizes are as follows; first prize \$200, second prize \$150, and third prize \$25.

All prizes will be presented during the Historical Exercises weather permitting, on Saturday, March 16th, 2013 at Dorchester Heights or St. Augustine's chapel. All entries should bear, in an attached envelope, the contestant's name, school and a means of contacting the entrant, and should be submitted no later than Monday, March 11, 2013 At 5PM. All entries may be mailed to P.O. Box 74, South Boston, MA 02127, 170 Street, South Boston, Ma.02127 or can be picked up at schools by a representative of the Citizens' Association.



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Senior Salute

Tommy and Eddie Butler Senior Salute and "Special Shamrocks" This Saturday, March 2nd, the SBCA will sponsor two great events. First, the Annual Tom and Eddie Butler senior salute at St. Monica's church hall. Entertainment will be provided by the Mike Reynolds Band and traditional corned beef dinner will be catered by Dominic's.

Later on that evening the SBCA along with the SB Special kids and Young Adults will host their annual fundraiser at the Cornerstone, 7PM and preset the Mary "Sissy" Devine award to George Brennan. Please make every effort to attend these events. George Brennan and his Ann have been a long time volunteers with the South Boston Special Kid's/ Young Adult program. George has run the Bowling League on Sundays at the South Boston Yacht Club for the past 7 years, along with Steve Grieg and a host of volunteers. This is a very important fundraiser that will help the "Special Shamrocks" get to their vacation resort this spring.

Please try and make this event to help them reach their goal. For more info see Robert Pacitti, Claire Linehan or Edie Morrill around the town.



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LYNCH NOMINATES MEGHAN O'LOUGHLIN TO U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Congressman Stephen F. Lynch recently announced that he has nominated Meghan Katherine O'Loughlin for appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Meghan, the daughter of Francis and Patricia O'Loughlin, is a senior at Boston Arts Academy.

As part of his annual Congressional responsibilities, Congressman Lynch nominates exemplary candidates to the service academies. "Since

September 11, 2001, the quality of applicants has steadily improved every year, and this year was no exception. These candidates are the best of the best, and I am proud of their desire to serve our country."

"Meghan was highly recommended by her teachers at Boston Arts Academy. She is a remarkable young woman, and we are fortunate that young people like Meghan are willing to serve our nation," said Congressman Lynch.

Congressman Lynch and his

Congressional Liaison for Military Affairs, Bob Fowkes, examined each candidate's record of academic, athletic, and service achievements, as well as letters of recommendation. After an extensive review process and a personal interview, Meghan was selected as someone whose scholastic record and community contributions elevated her to the top of a list of well-qualified candidates.

Congressman Lynch said, "There were many impressive candidates

this year for the U.S. Naval Academy. Meghan stood out as a young woman of keen intelligence and strong character. She is a wonderful reflection of her parents, Francis and Patricia. The O'Loughlin family, South Boston and the entire state should be proud of Meghan in this achievement."

Students interested in attending one of the United States Service Academies should contact Mr. Robert Fowkes in Congressman Lynch's Boston office at 617-428-2000.

Medicine Wheel Film Screening

Save the Date: Thursday, March 7th at 7pm at Medicine Wheel Productions, 110 K Street, Second Floor, Boston MA 02127.

A FREE Screening of the documentary- *Adrift*- co-produced by South Boston based film maker Tracy Heather Strain. The film's co-producer is Tom Curran, a graduate of Boston College. The film is based on Tom and his family and is a "meditative portrait of loss in an Irish American family".

When the four Curran children lost their father, twelve-year old Tom, the eldest, did not cry. Instead, he made a secret vow that, someday, he would become an athlete in the "big leagues" for his Dad. At 37, cameraman Tom Curran journeys into his past in Alaska and Cape Cod to trace how he and his siblings have tried to live up to their late father's expectations. <http://adrift-movie.com/>

The film is shown in conjunction with MWP's Spoke Gallery's current exhibition, *HERE*, which will be run until March 16th.

HERE is a group show that examines the complex and interrelated issues of immigration, migration, family trees, and family legacy. This exhibition features the work of eight Massachusetts based artists: *Ahmed Abdalla, Genara Banzon, L'Merchie Frazier, Dell M. Hamilton, Josephine Pergola, Dan McCole, Courtney Moy, and Mario Quiroz. *Three of the artists are immigrants and three are first generation Americans. Four have ties to South Boston.

Both the film screening and exhibition are free and open to the public.



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Patriots Gamble And Lose on Dennard

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Brian P. Wallace

Many people thought that by drafting Alfonzo Dennard in the seventh round of last year's draft, the Patriots got away with a crime. There is no question that there was a crime, the only problem was that it was committed by Dennard and not the Patriots. It looks now that both might suffer from it. Dennard, who without question, is a very talented cornerback, was the Big Ten Defensive Back of the year two years ago and was expected to go high in the second or low in the first round of last year's draft, but plummeted all the way to the seventh round where the Patriots grabbed him.

The reason that Dennard's stock plummeted was due to his arrest last April. Dennard, at that time, was accused of third degree felonious assault on a police officer and resisting arrest. Last week, a 12 person jury in Lincoln Nebraska found Dennard guilty of the felony assault charges and innocent of

the lesser misdemeanor charge. He will be sentenced on April 11th and faces a maximum of six years in jail and \$11,000 in fines for the guilty charges. The NFL is investigating the incident and what disciplinary action it will take, even though the arrest occurred before Dennard was drafted by the Patriots.

Dennard was accused of getting into an altercation outside a bar. He was found guilty of assaulting the officer who tried to arrest him. Dennard admitted to resisting arrest, at the trial, but he claimed he merely pushed the officer. It was a pretty expensive push, if you ask me. His stock began to drop immediately after the incident as he fell all the way to a seventh round pick. Bill Belichick said he was comfortable with drafting Dennard, despite the pending legal charges he faced. With six years in jail facing Dennard, I wonder how comfortable Belichick feels now.



Boxing Trainer Jimbo Curran pictured with former Golden Glove Champ Emmanuel Steward a renowned boxing trainer (recently deceased)

“The Boxing Show”

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

“Tradition” might be the best word - if one word could - to capture, or explain, the meaning of the Evacuation / St. Patrick Day boxing show. At least 103 years old, it is believed to be the oldest, continuous boxing event in the country. Do the names Rocky Marciano, Marvin Hagler, Tony Demarco, Joe DeNucci, and Johnny Ruiz ring a bell? All world champions and all got their public start in this show. More recently, Charlie LeGrasso, Joey Degrandis, Ned Morrissey, and Jimmy Le Blanc have all joined the championship ranks. Again, all are alumni of this historic event.

They got their start by demonstrating those unteachable traits of heart, determination, spirit. What is needed after that is direction, guidance, instruction and the discipline to master their craft. That’s what’s at the heart of this show. The work and the workplace needed to excel.

The show is March 8 at the McDonough Gym or the “Muni”. The work to create this show begins in January with training Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and results in 20-25 bouts for the March Show. The work to train a fighter, however, is year long, year after year. It isn’t always about being a champ in the ring, but a champ in life. Don’t kid yourself, keeping a program like this alive sometimes means the difference between losing and saving lives.

Years ago measures like prop 2 ½ threatened to end programs like this. The battle to keep the McDonough Gym open is still fresh in memory, as are the names of those who fought it. Making sure that effort wasn’t wasted were people like South Boston Hall of Fame member Peter Welch whose Gym on old Colony Ave is an oasis for fighters. He joined with boxing legend Tommy Connors, and champs Danny Long and Derek Shea, as well as Southie’s Lawyer and now a Judge Franny Hurley to make a success with this event and the entire program.

The glue that keeps all this together, though, is Mass Boxing Hall of Fame Member “Jimbo” Curran. Born on West Third, where he still lives, Jimmy is recognized in the trade as one of the best trainers and maybe the best in teaching a style change for a specific opponent. “Jimbo” has been involved with boxing and this program since 1974. He’ll deny it, but his intimate friends will pull you aside and tell you “Jimbo” has spent money over the years out his own pocket helping to keep these programs alive - all out of a

love for this town and its people, especially the kids.

Years ago, coming out of the Perkins Sq. Dunkin Donuts I heard my name being called from a big limousine. As I approached I was astonished to see Tommy “The Hitman Hearn” and “Sugar” Ray Leonard on either side of “Jimbo” in the back seat. See, world famous boxing promoter Bob Arum owed a favor and Jimmy collected by arranging a rare treat for his hometown people.

That same care and thoughtfulness is always used in setting up these matches. After all these are little kid boxers. Great care is taken to ensure age, weight, and especially ability is evenly matched. And mothers, no one gets hurt! This is not only a chance to be part of the tradition and celebration of Evacuation/ St. Patrick’s Day but a chance to support the important work of Jimbo and the entire crew who make this event possible. It teaches like lessons that shape lives. And it’s fun.

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DANNY PICARD: Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce took over [Monday night] in overtime. Have the Celtics become too reliant on these two guys?

RICH LEVINE: I don't think so. I think if it was the end of October or the beginning of November and you were looking at this, then maybe you could ask if they could last for the long haul. But listen, there's 25 games left in the regular season now. I think it's time. Who knows how much longer these two guys are going to stick around. This could be the last 25 regular-season games of their career. So, I think they both know what's at stake. Hopefully Jeff Green can get back to the point where he can be a good Jeff Green every single night. I think that's probably the biggest question facing the team right now. But I think from here, it's just through the playoffs, this is Paul Pierce and Kevin Garnett's show. And I think that they can do it. They're not going to be at their best every single night. There are going to be some nights where Doc Rivers just rests them for the sake of resting them. But I think that they can carry the load.

DP: Well that's the problem. They're not going to be like this every night. That's why I guess I ask you have they become too reliant on them. They became reliant on those guys in overtime.



It worked last night because they were on. But they're not going to be on every night. And you mention Jeff Green. When I ask the question, are they too reliant, I'm wondering what people are looking for when they're watching this Celtics team. I'm looking for Jeff Green. Can he be consistent, and can he be a consistent go-to guy? Because

when there's a lineup that has either Garnett or Paul Pierce on the bench, this team struggles mightily. Both of those guys need to be on the court. And that's a problem because as the season continues, there's still a grind here, these guys need a little bit of a break. Somebody else needs to step up, but step up consistently. So where are you with Jeff Green?

RL: I guess I'm cautiously optimistic. He's still not where he needs to be and where everyone hopes for him to be. He has got progressively better and more comfortable and has got more consistent. He has slowly but surely getting better. Like I said, I'm cautiously optimistic. I'm not at the point yet where -- going into

a playoff series -- I think he's a guy that they can count on to do what he needs to do under that spotlight and that pressure. It's a different game. And I guess he played in the playoffs two years ago after the trade here, but he wasn't even close to being part of the plan that he is now. So I think that's a big question. To go back to what you said about being more reliant, I think when you're in an overtime period, or you're in a situation where it's crunch time, if you have five minutes to win a game, I don't care how old you are, you're going to rely on Kevin Garnett and Paul Pierce. That's just what you do. I don't even know why you would want to rely on anyone else in that situation.

DP: I agree with that notion, but I don't even think it needed to get to that point [in Utah]. But defensively, we're waiting on D.J. White to join the team. What does D.J. White do for this team? Are you excited about this? Like Terrance Williams, he's coming from China too. Are we excited about him?

RL: No, I don't think so. It's nice that they're going to have another body. But there's a reason these guys are coming from China. And I think the biggest difference from White and Williams. Williams was out there maybe a little bit more because of him and his attitude, because nobody wanted to deal with him anymore. White is probably more of a physical reason that he was there. That's probably why you temper your expectations for him. He's a capable big man. I'm sure he can get out there and grab some rebounds and get a few buckets. But I would be surprised -- when the playoffs come around -- that he's out there for any more than 10 minutes a night, if he's even playing at all. I could see him playing a Ryan Hollins role of last year.

DP: Jordan Crawford played five minutes [Monday] night. Is this just him not having enough practice time with the team, or is this just Jordan Crawford maybe not fitting as well

as Doc Rivers would have hoped?

RL: I don't know if it's a matter of not fitting as well as he's hoped. I think it's just a matter of Jordan Crawford being Jordan Crawford. A guy who the Wizards were willing to give up on for Jason Collins essentially. I think what Danny Ainge said is they picked up Crawford, hoping to fill the void that was left by Barbosa. And that's what Barbosa did. There were times where Barbosa didn't get off the bench. And there were games where the Celtics needed a boost in offense and Doc turned to him a little more than other nights. There were times where he did provide that punch. There were times where Doc turned to him and he didn't do enough. So I think that's probably what we're going to see with Jordan Crawford.

DP: Did any team in the East, at least, become good enough to beat Miami in the playoffs after the trade deadline?

RL: No, no, no, no. To say any team got better, even that's a bit of a stretch. But no, nobody picked up any ground there.

DP: So what are we doing with the Celtics? That's where it comes back to my question to begin, what are people looking for? What are you looking for? I mean, do they even win a playoff series if Jeff Green doesn't show up consistently?

RL: The NBA Playoffs is all about matchups. And I think if they get the right matchup, for sure. At this point, and maybe this is just green-colored glasses, until it happens, I have a hard time picking against the Celtics in any non-Miami series. And that might be crazy, but I just see this team, and I guess we're really going to see what Rondo really means to these guys, in the playoffs. But for right now, I like them in any series except Miami. I think it's the same as last year. If they play Miami, that will be it. But until then, I think anything's possible. It's the new "anything's possible."

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