

Developer Commits To Not Tear Down St. Augustine’s Church

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Staff Report

Another in a series of meetings regarding the development of the St. Augustine’s Church complex was held last Monday night at the South Boston Boys and Girls Club. The meeting was called as required by Article 85 of the zoning regulation in regards to the proposed demolition of St Augustine’s Church and School. It was attended by well over a hundred and fifty people, all of whom listened intently to the presentation by the developers and many of them stood to speak their mind and ask questions on this very hot topic.

The developer, Bruce Daniels stated: “After hearing all concerns of the

neighborhood, we will withdraw our application to demolish the church.”

In order to proceed, the developer stated that they will need to build “up to twenty five, 700 square foot residential condominium units in the preserved church building and build forty eight, two bedroom condominium units on the school site”. Also, according to the developer, due to the underground supports needed to maintain the physical structure of the church building, the church property may only have ten to twelve parking spaces.

While much is not finalized and it’s estimated that at the very earliest,

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Editorial “Something is wrong”

Queerty.com is a well known news and entertainment site that’s “free of an agenda, except that gay one” as it is described online. In March 2010, Queerty ran an article titled, “New York Parade Still Doesn’t Want Gays. And That’s Their Right.”

The gist of the article was that while they vehemently disagree with what they view as a discriminatory policy, they agreed that organizers absolutely have the right to admit whom they want. The posted comments ranged from 100% agreement with the article to “The article couldn’t be more wrong.” Most took a moderate position. For instance, “on this occasion Queerty has got it right”. Another, “It’s abhorrent but their right as a private organization must be respected, just as we would want our rights respected”. This one was actually pretty funny, “and marching in some drunks’ parade is important to gays because...?” Still another, “We have the best gay parade in the world and if we won that means we’d have to allow any anti-gay floats in our parade? I don’t want those blankety-blanks in my parade and I don’t want to be in theirs either”. Yet another said “We’d have a much stronger argument if we were able to point to gay groups marching on Thanksgiving Day, Columbus Day, Puerto Rican Day, Pulaski Day, Caribbean Day, Israeli Day, in other New York Parades but gays aren’t allowed to march openly in those parades either. It isn’t just those terrible, bigoted, awful, Irish Catholics who discriminate in their parades. The Jews, Poles, Blacks and Puerto Ricans aren’t any better”. Remember, too, this is not

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“From experience of the past we derive instructive lessons for the future” - John Quincy Adams

Last week’s poll results:

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

Last week’s South Boston Today poll asked readers the following question:

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

Menino - 83%
Connolly -17%

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And The Hot Air Continues...

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The question is often asked: “What about the word ‘NO’ don’t some people understand?” Once again, the pressure is being put on to force the South Boston parade organizers to give in and allow one or more groups into the parade that the South Boston Allied War Veterans find not conducive to the theme they want for the procession itself. A reminder: It’s their parade. Our veterans won the right to decide who will march and who will not. They won this in a now famous landmark Supreme Court decision by a unanimous vote, which means even the liberal members on that court at the time understood the law, the Constitution and the rights granted to private organizations and individuals in America. The fact that some continue to need reminding of that is mind boggling. To those who seem to have the need or the craving to gain acceptance from the so called progressive elements in this city; among them the media, how about showing a little backbone and standing up in support of our veterans who stood up for all of us when they served their country and laid their lives on the line.

So here we are again, in 2013, and some of the same people who insist South Boston’s traditions must change to fit their idea of progress have climbed back atop their soap boxes to shine the spot light of negativity on our neighborhood. And many people are walking tight ropes afraid to stand up to them in the attempt to be politically

correct. They are too nervous and squeamish to be able to go against the media’s wishes and the agenda driven South Boston haters. Well, we aren’t.

Let’s start with that pillar of monotony, one Peter Gelzinis of the Boston Herald. He said in his sleep inducing column in last Sunday’s paper: “Like Southie, the parade will change in time”. But like Gelzinis, some things never change. For instance, Gelzinis can always be counted on to bash this neighborhood. It’s what he does. The fact that he whines constantly about what he sees as the faults of his neighbors will probably go on forever. If there is something bad going on in our town we can count on him to take it and run with it and do his part to make it sound worse than it is. If there is something good and positive - there is silence. He has lived here all his life, but from what he writes about ‘his hometown’, many people wonder why he remains in a community he has always seemed to have such disdain for. Rumors abound as to why he appears to dislike the place so much. Perhaps the kids picked on him in the school yards when he was growing up. Who know? And who really cares? Gelzinis calls the parade, and I quote here - “a funky blend of priests, soldiers, cops, marching bands, and gadflies atop floats that are little more than flatbed trailers...” So Pete, what’s your point? Except now you even have a problem with priests, soldiers and cops; much like most good little leftists? And you proved my point. You list all the things YOU find to be negative in the line of march and omit everything that the kids

and their families love. But whether or not you or the media trolls, like what marches by doesn’t matter, it’s what the veterans want and once again, it’s THEIR parade.

To the point of Gays not being allowed to march. That’s bull. In a parade consisting of 10,000 marchers, there are probably hundreds of gays and you know what? Nobody minds, no one cares, and no one has a problem with it. They are as welcomed to participate as is everyone else. The issue here is that the veterans do not allow anyone marching as a separate group advocating for a sexual theme whether it is a gay group or a straight group. It is the Allied War Veterans Council position that this issue has no place in their parade and that is the final word. Get used to it. That’s how it is.

To the so called Veterans for Peace, we say thank for your service to your country. But if you think that parade organizers are not smart enough to know that you might be acting like a Trojan Horse, demanding to be included in the line of march so you can bring in other agenda-driven and issue-oriented groups that have been denied entry by parade organizers then you under estimate the intelligence of the South Boston Allied War Veterans. They are and always have been, light years ahead of their critics.

And finally, to politicians, both current and aspiring, enough soul searching using media sound bites. Whining that you are torn between marching and not marching in an effort to come across as oh so progressive and PC is nauseating. There are even

Boston City Councilors who do not have the courage to stand up to pressure groups who insist that they not participate in South Boston’s parade. We are thankful that City Council President Stephen Murphy always participates and will not allow radicals of any stripe to turn him against our community. And we take notice that last year, he was the only At-Large councilor to be here. But for others, either holding or wanting to hold office, allow me to help you make the decision. If you are not comfortable marching - don’t march. Trust me when I tell you that you are just not that important to this neighborhood if you take the wimp’s way out.

But it will in fact be made known just who buckles to the pressure and who does not. Just ask Mayor Menino. It never ceases to amaze how there are so many people who demand that everyone be tolerant of the views of others, but they themselves show no tolerance for the rights of folks who hold differing views. The PC crowd and those they are able to intimidate act as if everyone’s views must be respected and catered to except of course the members of the South Boston Allied War Veterans and the people of South Boston. Isn’t it time that people grow up and respect the traditions that others hold dear. And if marching in a parade is so important to some, well, the Supreme Court of the United States, by a 9-0 vote made it clear that anyone can hold a parade of their own and also have the right to decide what type of parade it will be and who will be invited.

How Has The Sequester Changed Life In America?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

John Ciccone

The March 1st deadline came and went and the issue known as the 'Sequester' finally went into effect. Many Americans have breathed a sigh of relief that no major impact, at least so far has hit the country; especially with all the dire predictions that were made in the lead up to it actually taking place. Still, there are questions and even confusion as to just what will be the result.

One of the biggest questions asked by people was - will the sequester cut Medicaid. The answer is no. Medicaid will not be touched. Nor will Social Security or The Children's Health Insurance Program and other vital services. In fact, as has become clearer to the public, the Sequester was not a real cut in the amount being spent, it was actually just a cut in the amount of spending growth. In other words, the government will still spend more money than it did last year, it just will not be allowed to spend as much as it had planned to. The amount of increase has been cut back by 85 billion dollars, which is just 2.4% of the entire budget.

This is not to say that certain items paid for by the taxpayer won't be cut or eliminated. But many of those, when brought to light, have people scratching their heads and asking - do we really have to pay for this? The Washington Times Newspaper listed quite a few items they consider wasteful, among them a project to design beef jerky that rolls up at a cost of 1.5 million dollars. Then there is the seminar costing \$100,000.00 with the topic being 'Did Jesus die for Klingons too?' Klingons, for those who don't know are fictional creatures seen in Star Trek movies. The defense department was spending 6

billion dollars on non defense research and the list goes on. These items will most likely be gone and won't really be missed.

Much of the battle leading up to the Sequester finally taking place was considered political theater by many economists. Washington is known for over dramatizing the reality of situations; especially when it come to the economy in an effort by both political parties to win public support for their position on any given issue. Unfortunately, with the rhetoric and some would call drama involved, many Americans become confused rather than educated about how certain issues will influence the running of the country as a whole but often too, what impact these things will have on their individual daily lives.

There are those who feel that some of the immediate cuts made were deliberately done to frighten Americans or even to punish them for going along with the Sequester cuts. The releasing of 2000 illegal immigrants from prisons in the South West was one of the more noteworthy. Was it done to make a point or was it because there was clearly a lack of money to keep them in jail? That was the question. But it was also noted that the release of these people was done a few days before the Sequester even took place, yet the Sequester was blamed. This caused quite a bit of skepticism, doubt and even anger.

But time will tell what the real effect of the Sequester will be. So far, life goes on in America and it's back to gridlock in Washington DC. Many call that - business as usual.

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construction of new housing would not even begin until October or November of this year because of a series of studies that must be done, there was some good news delivered to the crowd. A commitment by the presenters at the meeting was made not to tear down the church. This commitment was made by the developers at the request of neighbors who said they recognize and respect the emotions that are attached to St. Augustine's. While it will no longer be used as a church, it will be turned into housing units, the facade of the Church will remain, though some repair work will most likely need to be done. This promise brought apparent relief to those in attendance. As many know, the St. Augustine's church and the school as well hold fond memories for many people. A large number of local residents attended the St. Augustine's School, grew up going to Mass at the Church, many were even married in the Church and it is important that those memories, at least in preserving the Church building's facade, remain a part of the community. At this point, thanks to neighborhood pressure and a willingness by the developers to respect the wishes of the

people, it looks like it will.

The School however most likely will be coming down, with one plan calling for structures with 48 residential units. The proposal for the Church, at least at this point calls for 25 units. Concerns were voiced about what could be a lack of enough parking spaces for the new units, which would impact the already limited amount of parking that already exists in the area. To accommodate the parking ratios required under the zoning regulations, the developer is proposing to locate sixty four parking spaces under the residences planned for the school site for a total of approximately 74 spaces when combined with the church site. Other concerns were about increased congestion and the possibility of already high property taxes in the area going even higher with the new construction coming in. Some of the younger people felt that more 3 bedroom units, rather than the suggested 2 bedrooms for most, should be included for families with children.

Certainly, there were people in the crowd who are not pleased that the St. Augustine's Church, school and rectory are no longer in operation but as the presenters reminded everyone, it



was not they who closed it and sold it, it was the Archdiocese who made the decision to close it and sell.

Dennis Conway, who has been involved for several years in preventing the demolition of the church stated: "This proposal is a positive step, however, the size and scope of the school site development is a bit overwhelming and urges the abutters and the developer to continue the dialogue and address the issues that will impact this immediate area."

Ed Flynn said "The neighborhood process was also necessary in terms of deciding what was best for South Boston. This is only a small step. We have huge issues with not enough neighborhood parking as it is. Adding more luxury

condos is not the answer for this area."

Representative Collins stated, "I urge residents to contact me at 617-722-2080 to voice further comments or concerns about this project. This project is something I will need to see play out in terms of seeing their proposed plans and how they will keep the church facade intact".

All taken in to account, according to some people's reaction, it was a well run meeting but with many concerns aired and questions asked. But the process does not end here. There will be more meetings and studies in what will prove to be a lengthy process. Stay tuned, stay informed - South Boston Today will continue to follow this topic for our readership.



Reading Between The Lines

“The Heights” *The second of a 3-part series on the History of Evacuation Day*

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
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The British conducted their last and most destructive raid into South Boston (Dorchester Neck) on February 13, 1776, burning houses and property of the Blake, Wiswell and Foster families among others. This time however, the Americans responded with 300 mounted troops, causing the British to flee in their longboats. It was this raid which seems to have been the final straw. Washington had been advocating for a frontal assault across the ice from Cambridge and Roxbury. His military council disagreed and after his final council of war on February 26, Washington wrote, “I am preparing to take a position on Dorchester Heights to see if the enemy will come out to meet me.” He had reversed course and decided the Americans would fight from fortified positions and force the British to make the frontal assault.

On the morning of March 2, the Americans opened a three-day bombardment of the British in Boston. Under an advance protective screen of 800 infantry, 2,000 artillery men began their stealthy advance into South Boston. With muffled horses’ hooves and wagon wheels, this column began to snake its way up the “Turnpike” (Dorchester Street). Reaching the area of today’s “Telegraph Street”, nine cannons for three artillery batteries were muscled up to the peak of the “Twin Hill.”

The column continued up the “Turnpike” until it reached today’s Perkins Square area. There, a sloping hill began to rise, extending west toward the West Broadway parking lot and north toward Dorchester Street and Emerson Street. This hill was known as “Leek’s Hill” and was designated for 7 cannons. Emerson Street, the second of South Boston’s original remaining streets, was called the “way to the Castle” and extended all the way to the east shore

(Farragut Road). The column moved on this road to roughly “M” & East Fourth Street. At this point, six cannons were dragged up to “Bush Tree Hill” where their muzzles towered menacingly over the British warships at anchor. The last leg of the eastern march ended at Dorchester Point where a single three-gun battery was placed.

Back at “Leek’s Hill”, 700 men and 10 cannons skirted the western base and followed “Plaski Ave.” to West Third Street. This third and final road was known as the “Way to the Nook.” This road reached, straight as an arrow, to the 125 foot high “Nook Hill” located at today’s “B” & West Third Street. This hill was closest to British positions and warship anchorage so presented the most danger to the British. At the same time, its nearness made it the most exposed to British fire. It was decided by the Americans to fortify this hill last.

The cannon’s movement and the actual construction of their fortifications was a master stroke itself. Besides wrapping hooves and wheels in rags to muffle sounds, the Americans took a number of pre-emptive measures that led directly to victory.

The crossing into the “Neck” would have been under the eyes and guns of the British, particularly the “Green” artillery position located on a rise at today’s Berkeley and Washington Streets intersection. The American created a “Blind” or a wall that would cover their movements by twisting and weaving hay. This was called “Screwed Straw”. Washington, for weeks, had his troops out in the “Wilderness” of Dorchester collecting thin tree branches and kindling. This was used to build “Fascines” or walls around cannon positions; usually by digging a trench and combing dirt and branches to make those protective walls. The frozen ground plus the need for

secrecy made digging impossible. The solution was called, “chandeliers”. These were simply 10 by 4 foot skeletal wooden tubs. Light, mobile, easily moved into position around the cannons, filled with the “Fascines” and immediately turned into sturdy defensive walls.

During the next three days, the men labored to erect defenses while the non-stop bombardment of Boston provided cover their actions. A bombardment so fierce that famed jurist, Oliver Wendell Holmes, later wrote and spoke of it in a childhood memory. As a Boston schoolboy in the 1850’s, Homes recalled passing everyday by a house which still has “cannonball embedded in its chimney since that barrage”.

Over the centuries, Americans have been stirred to the defense of their country, in part by words identifying their cause. “Remember 911” is most recent. Before that it was “Remember Pearl Harbor”. Earlier, “Remember the Maine”. Still earlier, “Remember the Alamo”. It was on the “Heights” that call to battle was first used as General Washington walked among the troops exhorting them to “Remember the Men of March the Fifth”. Speaking of course, of the “Boston Massacre” six years earlier.

Upon awakening on March 5, 1776,

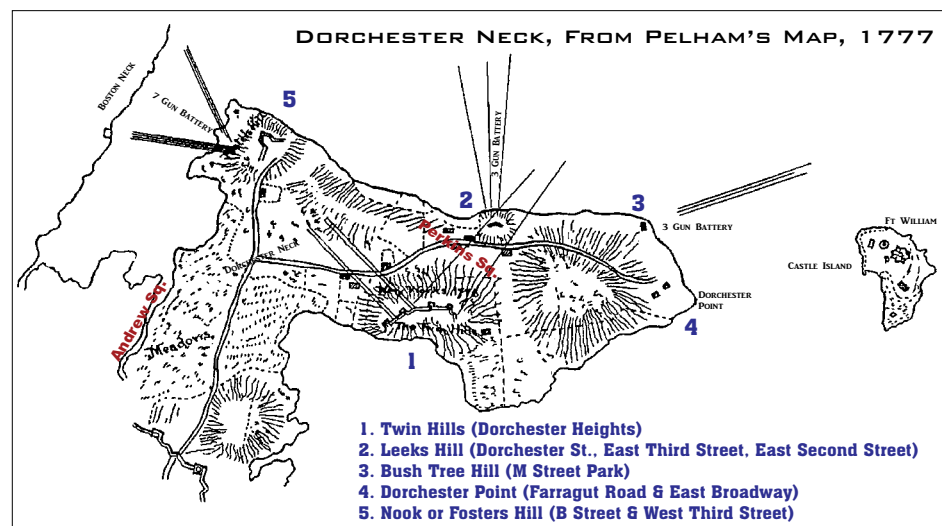
General Howe first noticed the silenced cannons. Next, across the harbor, was the astonishing sight of the “Heights” bristling with troops and cannon from four positions. He then made his famous statement, “These men have done more work in a night than mine could do in a month.” Undeterred, Howe immediately drew up plans to attack across the harbor and dislodge the Americans from the Heights. All day, Boston was the scene of increasing alarm as British troops hustled about preparing for battle. Longboats were brought from the warships to ferry the troops for the assault and tied up at “Long Wharf”. By late afternoon, 2,400 troops were lined up at the foot of “Long Wharf”, today’s Purchase Street.

Stay tuned next week for the final chapter.

In the meantime, please remember public drinking is illegal.

A number of “Family Zones” have been created throughout the parade route and will be listed today and next week. Please ask your guests to respect the celebration, the town, and themselves and refrain from “Mardi Gras” type actions. Folks have worked diligently for a year to provide a safe, fun day that can be enjoyed by all.

Take care till next week.



Boston Firefighters Endorse Nick Collins for Senate

Nick Collins, candidate for State Senate for the 1st Suffolk District, has received the endorsement of Boston Firefighters Local 718, which represents over 2,400 active and retired Boston firefighters. Collins was unanimously endorsed by the Local 718 Executive Board, and that vote was ratified by the membership.

Rich Paris, President of the Boston Firefighters Local 718, stated, "As an honorary member of Local 718, no one has worked harder for Boston Firefighters and their families on Beacon Hill than Nick Collins. We are proud to endorse Nick Collins and look forward to working with him to defend working families and our right to collectively bargain."

"In 2011, when the Legislature voted to take away collective bargaining rights regarding municipal health care benefits, Nick Collins stood tall with

union members and their families, when others did not. I ask every firefighter and their family in the 1st Suffolk District to vote for Nick Collins on April 30, and ensure his election to the State Senate." Paris further stated, "The firefighter community and the working families of our district can count on me to be a voice for them on Beacon Hill," said Collins. "I admire the courage of the men and women who risk their lives in order to keep others safe. I also recognize that a fire is not only fought by the men and women in uniform, but also by the families of those who put their lives on the line to protect us."

In 2011, Collins was made an honorary member of Local 718 for his unwavering commitment to the firefighter community.

For more information on Nick Collins please visit www.votennickcollins.com.



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New York nor is it Ireland. How and why they run their Patrick's Day Parade is their business.

The main point here is that you cannot use a broad stroke and say all gay people feel a certain way, anymore than it is okay to say all Irish will drink.

Our parade is different. Our parade isn't actually a St. Patrick's Day Parade. People sometimes refer to anti-Irish discrimination in America, but Boston was ground zero. The insult, "Paddy Wagon", was coined here in Boston. Boston was the home of the anti-Catholic Know-Nothing Party. "No Irish Need Apply" signs were first used in Boston. So virulent was the hatred that Evacuation Day was never observed because it fell on St. Patrick's Day. It actually wasn't observed until 1902 when the Dorchester Heights Monument, which the South Boston

Citizen's Association lobbied for, was dedicated that Evacuation Day. Thus St. Patrick's Day became linked forever and the Irish had their day. It was the first time, in their new country that our Parents, Grandparents and Great Grandparents, could openly and proudly declare themselves as proud Irish Catholics. Surely Gay Americans understand the feeling on a day that you can stand up proudly and say this is who I am.

Interestingly, shortly after the Allied Veterans won their right to decide who can be in the parade, Gay Pride Parade organizers used it to exclude a Christian group. Politicians and candidates, who are tripping over themselves to denounce our parade for discrimination, fail to do so when that very same law is used to discriminate by someone else, in this case the very constituency that they

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Linehan Hosting Police Test Informational Meeting

The Civil Service Exam will be held on April 20th this year and Councilor Linehan is sponsoring a local meeting at the Tynan Community Center to provide information to community members interested in a career in law enforcement. Local law enforcement authorities, including Boston Police, Massachusetts State Police and MBTA Police hire new recruits through the Civil Service program.

On Monday 3/11/13 Boston Police Officers as well as the Director of Recruitment and Community Partnerships for BPD will be at the Tynan Community Center Cafeteria, 650 East 4th St., from 6 to 7:30 pm. This meeting is being held to provide information about the exam, hear firsthand accounts from police officers about their experiences in law enforcement and to answer any questions prospective recruits might have. The deadline to apply for the exam is March 18th. There is a late deadline of April 1st but a \$50 late charge will be incurred. The normal exam fee is \$100, information on fee waivers for eligible applicants will be provided at this meeting. For additional information on Civil Service visit <http://www.mass.gov/portal/jobs-education/find-job/civil-service>.

"It is important that the men and women patrolling our streets come from the neighborhoods they'll be covering. I coordinated this meeting to make sure those in my district that are interested in a career in law enforcement have all the information available," said Councilor Linehan.

If you have any additional questions call Councilor Linehan's office at 617-635-3203 or email Bill.Linehan@cityofboston.gov. For additional updates follow Councilor Linehan on Facebook, Bill Linehan, and Twitter @Linehanbill.

This Week's Poll

This week we ask South Boston Today readers what is the most important reason to celebrate St. Patrick's Day & Evacuation Day?

- the parade
- honoring our veterans
- educating our youth on our nation's history
- celebrating immigrant roots



Brian's Beat

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian Wallace

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Where do I start? The first time I met him when I was about thirteen. We had just played a basketball game in Savin Hill against kids like Kevin Devlin, Teddy Cotter, Wally White, Roger Croake and others. We won by about a dozen points when this kid who looked to be about sixteen or seventeen came up to me. "Hey, good game," he said extending his hand. "I'm Bill McDermott," he said as I shook his hand. "You play like Teddy Ryan," he said. Anytime your game is compared to either Teddy or Danny Ryan is a good thing. "Thanks," I said as we headed back to Southie. I had no idea that this was going to be the start of a great friendship and it wouldn't really take hold until years later.

The next time I saw Bill McDermott he was one of Kevin White's go to guys and they had some serious go to guys. Names like Barney Frank, Peter Meade, Eddie Sullivan, Bob Kiley, Frank Tevnan, Kirk O'Donnell, George Regan, Micho Spring, Billy McNeil, Eddie King, Billy Ezekiel, Brian Leahy and Bill McDermott were the people behind the machine. And what a machine it was. Billy

McDermott was the elections guys and I have never seen, met or heard of anyone who is more knowledgeable in that chosen field than Billy McDermott. If you told Billy what street you lived on, he could tell you what precinct you voted at. He was that good. He knew election laws like I knew the Red Sox batting averages. If there was a close election anywhere around the city, state or country, the call would go out to Billy McDermott. Mayors, Senators, Selectmen to candidates for President of the United States, all have called Billy at one time or another to help them with their recount. He was simply the best and often times candidates, who were opposing each other, both called him. He always took the first call and he always took the Democrat and he usually won.

It's funny but Billy and I, even though we were helping different candidates, always got along so well. He was White, I was Timilty. He was Finnegan and I was Flynn. Finally a guy came along that both Billy and I could agree on. His name was Steve Lynch and both Billy and I knew the real thing when we saw it. We both jumped in and jumped in hard for

Steve. For Billy it was more than just an election, it was a passion. He had finally found his true candidate and a wonderful family that made Billy part of that great group. At the time, Billy and I were writing a book together about the 1983 Mayoral Election Race in Boston between Flynn, King and Finnegan. We got about a quarter of the way through when Joe Moakley got sick and Steve ran for Congress. We never finished the book, not yet anyway. When I do, I will do it in Billy's memory.

Billy became Steve's guy and he put out more fires than Johnny Georgian ever lit. Billy also loved Boston College ice hockey about as much as anyone can. He and Jack Dever never missed a Beanpot or a Frozen Four when BC was playing. You give Billy a good recount, and a BC hockey game and he was set. He also loved his kids Liam and Deirdre and his grandchildren about as much as any parent or grandparent can. I said to him one day, "You are going to have to get a bigger wallet to fit all those pictures in." He loved showing off those pictures to anyone who would stand still long enough to look at them.

To say Billy McDermott was the

epitome of sartorial splendor would be a lie. I asked him if the last suit he bought was from Gorin's on West Broadway. Clothes never mattered to Billy, but people did. He really liked people and they liked him. Once you broke that tough exterior you would find a heart of gold. He would do anything for his friends. He loved practicing law with Jerry Sullivan, whom Billy thought was a genius. We had remained good friends all these years. He had so many promising years in front of him it is so hard to believe it all ended so suddenly and in front of the place that this L Street Brownie loved. It is so tragic that we all lost Billy on a rainy, windy night in February. Billy was just gearing up for Southie's High Holiday, the Frozen Four, for getting his friend elected to the United States Senate and for watching his grandchildren grow up. It just doesn't seem fair. I have lost a friend who I had a special bond with and I pray for Billy and his family every day. He was truly a legend. He was such a part of Boston and Boston's electoral process and its characters. We will never see his like again. Rest in Peace my friend and thank you.

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wish to pander to. At least one of the current candidates, who have denounced the parade, marched in it two years ago, without questioning its policy then. If those who denounce it are that firm in their convictions then they shouldn't march nor should they attend the Breakfast event leading up to it. Ahh! The press coverage and photo opps! Talk about having your corned beef and eating it too!

Of course, as usual, the sting of this will be felt by the good people of South Boston, because after the reporters, cameras and crowds leave, we are here with each other. Over the last 10 years, most of 33,000 residents are new. Most of these new people have become involved in community meetings and community life over this time. Some of them are gay. I think, or actually, I know. But really don't. Our relationships have been about what is best for our neighborhood and

how to make it better. Why should I know of their personal life, or they, of mine? Our new residents and neighbors are as dedicated and community minded as any other Southie people I have known. They moved here because it is a community of many resources, man-made and natural. It is a community rooted in fundamentals – safe streets, excellent health care, good restaurants, intriguing people, time honored traditions, proximity to Boston, defenders of liberty, rich history. South Boston gives everyone that sense of place that reminds them of home.

These relationships and this sense of place may be called into question because South Boston, yet again, is forced to defend itself over the invidious label of 'bigotry'. However, I have a hunch that after this celebration has passed, Southie people, gay and straight; will get back to the business of building community on our terms.

Tech Corner...Identity Theft

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Guest Contributor Peter Ostashen

Identity theft is a major issue in the world we live in today. “According to various websites 15 million Americans have their identities stolen every year costing over 50 billion dollars in damages.” [4] There is no foolproof method to protecting yourself from an attacker especially if you provide value in the attacker’s eyes. There are some steps you can take to help protect your online identity. Some attackers might use social engineering tactics to mislead users. Social engineering is defined, as “Social engineering, in the context of security, is understood to mean the art of manipulating people into performing actions or divulging confidential information.” [1]

One way an attacker can social engineer you is through phishing emails. Phishing is defined as “The act of attempting to acquire information such as usernames, passwords, and credit card details (and sometimes, indirectly, money) by masquerading as a trustworthy entity in an electronic

communication.” [2] These attacker’s will pretend to be your bank for instance to try an extract personal information from you such as your social security number, date of birth, and the typical mother’s maiden name security questions. These emails will have hyperlinks that go to fake malicious website to gather your banking credentials or they will have malicious attachments for you to download malware on your computer.

When you get these emails it is important to first realize how your emails should look when they come from your authorized bank. Some online banks allow for a special subject heading for when they specifically need to send you an email like a statement. The email will have these keywords within the subject line so you know that it actually came from your authorized bank. Secondly look at who sent you the email, notice the sender on top of the email and verify other emails you’ve received from your bank previously to see if they match. Sometimes they

might look similar but in fact the email was sent from someone else. An example of this would be receiving an email from “CEO@google.com” but it was really sent from someone with an email address of “CEO@g00gle.com” which is actually a fake malicious email address. Third your bank will never ask for confidential information via email. When in doubt call your bank before you enter this information.

Another way an attacker can social engineer you is through the phone or in person. These attackers will call impersonating your utility company to gather your social security number or perhaps your credit card number. Another example would be an attacker dressing up as a utility worker and social engineer themselves through security or into confidential information. Before you give out your personal information do what you can to verify who the person on the other end really is. When giving authorized access to someone verify their credentials and appointment

to ensure they aren’t trying to gain unauthorized access.





There are a lot of attack vectors someone could use against you to gain confidential information by social engineering. Here are a couple of reported issues where this happened in the work place which in turn affect hundreds of thousands of peoples’ confidential information like social security number and/or credit card information. This is because someone didn’t verify who they were talking to over the phone or responding through email the end user then sent this information actually to an attacker.

Several thousand comprised email accounts have been made public due to a phishing attack.

Andrew Ostashen who works as a security engineer for Redspin Inc., says a typical phishing email scenario goes as follows:

- 1) An attacker notices big public entity has gone public for something major or not.
- 2) The attacker has access to

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Your Best Health

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Guest Contributor Tim Kiley, Doctor of Physical Therapy

If you have been walking on Broadway the past few weeks I am sure you have seen them. Those being our local runners who train through the elements all winter in order to participate in the Boston Marathon. Kudos to all of this year's participants who help raise money for areas of need in greater Boston. The Boston Athletic Association estimates that eleven million dollars will be raised this year. Unfortunately the demands of this sport can take its toll on the body. This column will highlight patellofemoral pain syndrome, an affliction commonly affecting runners.

Patellofemoral pain syndrome also known as "runner's knee," is typically the most common ailment amongst runners. As its formal name suggests the area most affected is the articulation of the patella or kneecap with the femur or long bone of our thigh. When the knee is flexed these two surfaces approximate together. Repetitive movement and misalignment at this joint can cause friction between these surfaces which in turn causes inflammation and wearing of the joint cartilage. Contributing factors for these symptoms may also include tight hamstring musculature, restriction in the iliotibial band, and over pronation of the feet. Symptoms such as pain, swelling, and "grinding, or popping," may be experienced. PFS pain is typically experienced when going down the stairs, during prolonged sitting, and while squatting. Runners may experience discomfort immediately or within several minutes of their run.

When acutely irritated it is best to treat this injury with the "RICE" method. This method consists of rest, ice, compression, and elevation of the knee. Over the counter anti-inflammatories can also be very helpful when treating symptoms in the short term. When inflammation has subsided, several measures can be taken to prevent further recurrence. Let's start from the ground up. Just like the tires on our cars running shoes are what grip the road and help stabilize our feet. Novel runners should have their

feet measured and their gait examined at a local running store in order to be fitted for shoes. The expertise at these stores varies so do your homework on brands before you go. Running shoes should also be replaced about every 300-400 miles for those that have been pounding the pavement. Many times PFS can be caused by poor foot alignment as the shoe wears down. Arch supports for those that over pronate may also be very helpful in promoting proper biomechanics while running. Pronation occurs as the feet roll inward as the heel is striking the ground. The easiest way to see if you over pronate is to look at well worn shoes. Over pronators will demonstrate more wear on the inside of the heel. A second way to determine if you might need external arch support is to have a friend stand behind you and look at your heels. In a normal supported arch only the baby toe will be observable. If more than 3 toes can be seen the arch is most likely dropped and supports are highly recommended. Over the counter supports may suffice for some but others may require custom made supports from a podiatrist or specialist.

Stretching both before and after running can also help a runner maintain proper biomechanics. The hamstring and achilles tendon are two of the more important muscle groups to stretch for those PFS. We recommend dynamic stretching pre run and static stretching post run. Dynamic stretching uses active muscular effort to cause a stretch. This can be done in the hamstring group by standing and swinging your leg out in front of you. For the achilles group dynamic stretching can be done by placing your hands on the ground in front of you and lifting the heels alternatively while maintaining an all fours position. Static stretching performed after a run can be done by holding each muscle in a gentle stretch for no less than 30 seconds. This type of stretching helps cool down the muscle tendons and promote elongation of the muscle fibers.

Rolling of ITB band or iliotibial band can also help alleviate pressure at



Foam rolling of the ITB helps break up restrictive muscular adhesions



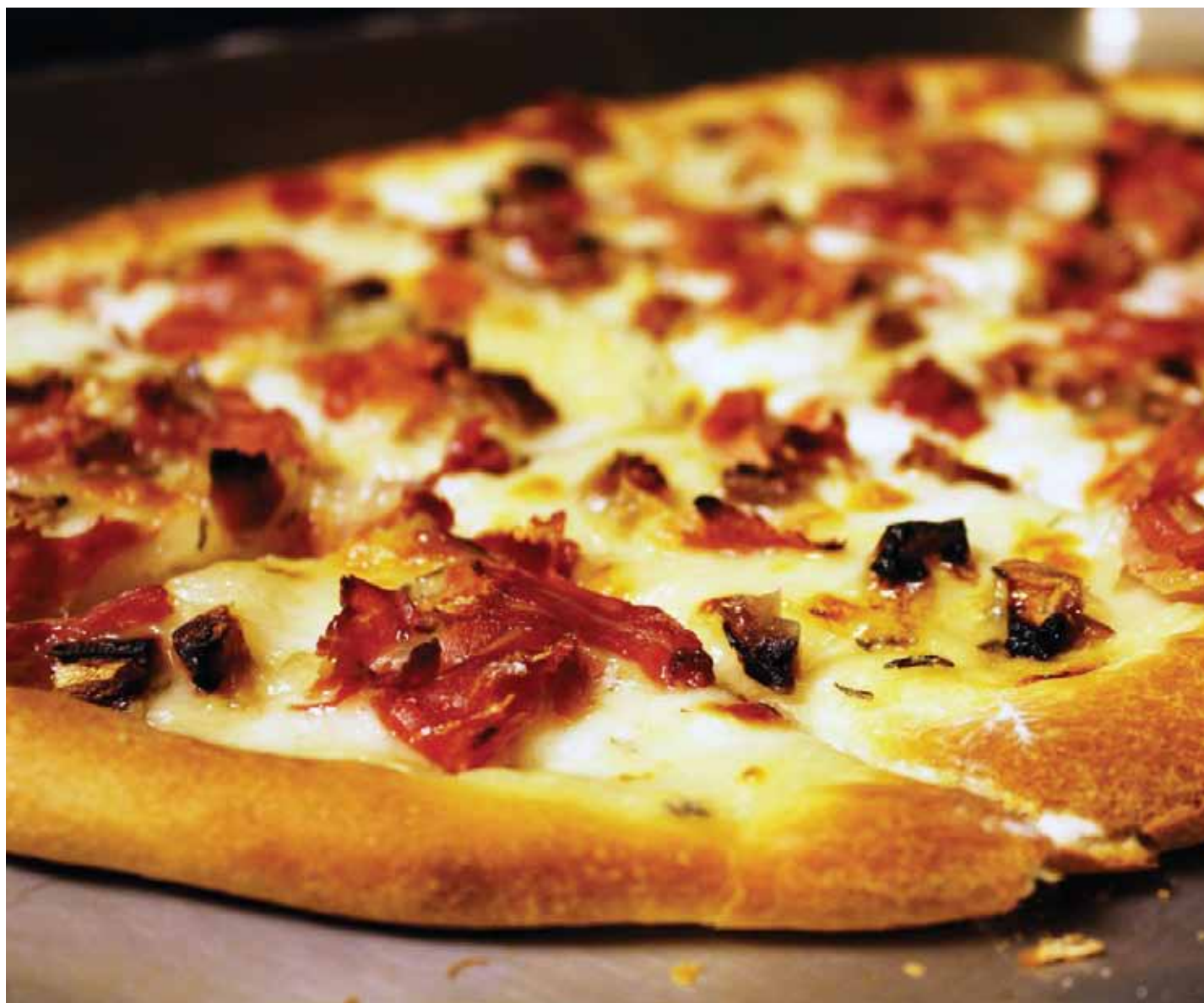
Proper foot alignment and arch support can help reduce stress felt at the knee

the patellofemoral joint. The ITB band is a thickening of the connective tissue along the lateral part of the thigh. It is an extension of a muscle that helps abduct the leg out to the side. The connective tissue is difficult to stretch and tends to hold muscular tension in the form of knots or trigger points. To get the tissue to release pressure must be applied sometimes superficially other times deeply. The best way to do so is by rolling this tension out with a foam roller. Perhaps you have seen folks rolling around on a big white foam log at the gym? It looks silly but can really help elongate the ITB and allow the patella to run smoothly against the femur. We will warn you

that it can be painful at first as the muscle tension is breaking up but will feel great afterwards.

PFS syndrome can often be mistaken for knee degenerative joint disease. Both have similar symptoms and it is best to have a professional assess your knee if these symptoms present. Early diagnosis and treatment can prevent months or even years of unnecessary pain and functional limitation. Stay healthy South Boston and good luck to all marathoners April 15th!

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



Al's Pizza and Grill

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

Wasn't it just February and we were looking at 8-12 inches of snow last week? And now it's March 7, two weeks away from spring? Spring, of course, signals that change is coming. One change is pulling out the shorts and short sleeves we've put away. Another change is what we eat to make sure we fit into those spring clothes. On this journey visiting South Boston eateries, we've discovered a dinner spot that addresses the "spring" menu. "Al's Pizza and Grill" at 402 West Broadway is this week's featured spot. Located directly across the street from Store 24 and the Health Center, Al's goal and motto is "delicious and healthy food served fast".

Al Rakim is the public face of what is really a family business. With his sister Hind, they opened this past October, with a menu

heavily influenced by their Italian roots that reach back to the town of Abruzzi. Abruzzi is known for its Monte Pulcino wine but is more famous for its pasta, considered Italy's best. Florentine, Caprese, can be found next to your typical steak and cheese. Home made Alfredo, Marinara and Pesto are just some of the sauces to smother your pasta in. Italian, however, isn't the major influence. Morocco and the sweet, light influences of the Mediterranean take center stage as spring and summer approach. The Rakim parents make an annual return to Morocco thus those old world cooking secrets remain fresh, ready to use and a central ingredient in the upcoming spring offerings at Al's.

When Al says "healthy food" it's much more than just a slogan. Al used to eat whatever he felt, mostly junk food. More than five years

ago Al was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer. Immediately, upon meeting Al, it is obvious he's not a "quitter" type of guy. He fought hard and has been cancer free for almost five years and counting. To quote Al "everyday is a gift".

So when Al says he is determined and dedicated to provide the best healthy food available without losing taste it's a vow based on over 15 years in the food business. A claim backed up by South Boston Today's Luanne, who dines on Garlic Chicken and said "the spices are out of this world and to die for".

Seven days a week from 11am until 10pm, Al and sister Hind are there to present that unique blending of Italian and Moroccan cuisine. Humus, Falafel, or Chicken Mozzarella or both, come in and experience this truly new taste and thank me for the tip later.

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hundreds of thousands of email addresses to send phishing emails to.

3) Here is an example of the phishing email the attacker just sent to all these users: (taken from chase.com[4])

4) Since this company was just in the news for something that pertains to this email the user clicks the link to see what the matter with their account is.

5) Once the user clicks the above link that says "www.chase.com" it will go to a website.

6) This website was crafted by the attacker to look/feel/operate just like the actual chase.com website.

7) Since the hyperlink within the email went to a malicious site, as the user submits their username and password it is being transmitted to the attacker.

8) The user is then redirected from the attacker's website over to the actual www.chase.com website and logged into their account portal, if the username and password were typed correctly.

9) Now the attacker has your username and password without the user knowing.

Depending on what the end goal of the attacker was they might have only needed one successful user who actual goes through with submitting their information or downloading the malicious file to accomplish their end goal. If you have any questions regarding this topic please email me at: peter@ostashenconsulting.com

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[5] <http://www.identitytheft.info/victims.aspx>

Around The Globe Lt. General Edward Logan

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

staff report

We take a pause, this week, in our usual “South Boston Around the Globe” series and in keeping with the holiday spirit present a historic figure.

Virtually every person reading this has landed or taken off from Logan Airport. Perhaps you one day wondered how it got its name. For close to 60 years, travelers to Boston have been welcomed by a son of South Boston. Edward Logan was born in 1875 at 560 East Broadway. His father Lawrence began the Boston Brewing Company which is now Castle Cove Senior Living at “D” and 2nd street. Edward was an excellent student at Boston Latin and later at Harvard. In 1898, at the outbreak of the Spanish American War, he served with the

9th Irish Regiment. A natural fit for this first generation American whose sprang from Galway.

He remained stateside as an instructor when the regiment sailed for Cuba. Returning to Harvard he graduated in 1901. He entered politics and served as both a representative and senator from South Boston. He later was nominated and accepted a judgeship and served at the South Boston District Court, located at Dorchester and Fourth Street. He also retained military status and in 1917 was commander of the 101st Infantry of the 26th Yankee Division, the same division that Medal of Honor recipient Michael “Mickey” Perkins served in and from where Perkins Square receives its name.

When the division sailed for

France, it was the first from America to do so and the first to see combat. At the end of World War I, General Logan returned to his duties as a jurist. He was a tireless worker for Catholic charitable causes, particularly for children. He was knighted in 1929 by the Pope as a Knight of Malta for his charitable work. He never forgot his veterans and was one of the first and most outspoken champions for veterans, especially pilots whom Logan lauded as having “the highest risk duty”. Although not a pilot he loved to fly. He died suddenly in his sleep in 1939.


Boston Airport was re-named in his honor in 1943. Today his statue as a Lt. General stands at Logan welcoming visitors to Boston from a Southie lad.



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at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in Room 154, 415 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02119

The Massachusetts Convention Center Authority (the "Proponent") has filed a Second Amended and Restated Development Plan for Planned Development Area No. 50 in South Boston, including a description of the area involved and a fact sheet (collectively, the "PDA Plan"), which was filed on Friday, February 22, 2013, under Section 80C-5.2 of the Boston Zoning Code. Comment period ends on Monday, April 8, 2013.

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The Fort Point Arts Community, Inc. of South Boston

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Guest Contributor Rebecca (Becky) Dwyer

John Adams over 200 years ago, penned this quote: "I must study politics and war, that my sons and daughters may have the liberty to study mathematics and philosophy, natural history and naval architecture, in order to give their children a right to study painting, poetry, music, architecture, tapestry, and porcelain."

Engaged and vital, the South Boston Arts Community has proved to be the silk lining within the fabric of South Boston. South Boston Today is pleased to present the Artists' Studio series as our way of supporting our friends and neighbors in community building.

The Fort Point Channel area of South Boston is home to several hundred artists who produce work in a wide array of media. It is recognized as one of New England's largest artists' communities. Painters, photographers, sculptors, designers, ceramicists, performance artists, jewelers, book artists, digital media artists, and more populate the historic warehouse buildings of Fort Point.

The Fort Point Arts Community, Inc. of South Boston (FPAC) is a non-profit community organization founded in 1980 and run by neighborhood artists and volunteers. We strive to promote the work of our artists to a broad and diverse audience; to preserve the artist community in the Fort Point Channel area; to insure the continuance of

permanent, affordable studio space; to build community; and to increase the visibility of the arts in Fort Point.

Artists began to arrive in Fort Point in 1976, and since then, FPAC has presented Fort Point Open Studios, the first in Boston, now in its 34th year. We also have an annual Holiday Sale and a Spring Art Walk. These events draw an estimated 10,000 visitors to Fort Point each year. The FPAC Gallery at 300 Summer Street, is a venue for all visual media, and presents eight exhibitions each year, with free regular openings, gallery talks, and other educational outreach events.

Made in Fort Point, our store and event space, has recently moved from Farnsworth Street to 30 Channel Center Street (next to Barlow's). Made in Fort Point sells Fort Point

created art, designs and craft. Run entirely by volunteers, the space hosts exhibits, receptions, performances and talks, all free to the public.

FPAC developed the 249 A Street Artists' Cooperative in 1983. Later, in the 90's, came The Artist Building at 300 Summer Street. Both are limited equity artists' cooperatives that provide live/work space for 90 artist households. FPAC also assisted in the development of The Brickbottom Artist Building in Somerville and played an instrumental role in founding the Fort Point Cultural Coalition, which developed Midway Studios in Fort Point, Boston's largest artist live/work building.

Many of the artists in these buildings have played an active role in South Boston – serving on committees, IAG's, working on the Hundred Acre

Plan, attending community meetings, and much, much more. Our elected officials have been very supportive of our efforts, as we support the goals of the entire South Boston community.

Check out the FPAC website (www.fortpointarts.org) where you'll find information about our events and members, featured artists, highlighted artwork, and our public art projects. You'll also find information about our free hands-on art projects for the public, like our "Make Your Own Valentines" day event, and children's participatory art projects at each Open Studios.

Rebecca (Becky) Dwyer is one of the artists of the Fort Points Arts Community (FPAC). Her work, along with the work of other artists can be viewed at their website at www.fortpointarts.org



Jeweler Brelyn Spindel at work in her studio. photo: Silvergrain



Jacob Higginbottom watercolor of Fort Point buildings



inside Made in Fort Point, photo Sylvia Stagg Giuliano



Bonnie Mineo demonstrates printmaking at Open Studios



The Fort Point Arts Community Presents

Made in Fort Point will be featuring Seasonal Gleanings, the paintings of Jenifer Mumford for the month of March. Jenifer Mumford has always been interested in how the landscape tells a story – the small things that transform themselves organically and the magnificence of the atmospheric and biological changes that often appear, move around and then disappear. Her paintings are often built from the suggestion of landscape elements and the way in which they lend themselves to an ephemeral sensibility. Jenifer lives in Fort Point, but spends a great deal of her time in Maine whose landscape often informs her work. She shows her work regularly at the Caldbeck Gallery in Rockland, Maine as well as other galleries on the Maine coast. Her body of work includes many pieces in collage, encaustic, oil and acrylic. Jenifer graduated from Smith College and the Massachusetts College of Art and has worked at the Vermont Studio School and Haystack School of Crafts.

Location and Hours: The Fort Point Arts Community's store and gallery has a new location: 30 Channel Center Street, off of A Street (adjacent to Barlow's Restaurant) in Fort Point.

Monday-Friday 11am-6pm, Saturday 11am-4pm, Sundays by chance.

Made in Fort Point is a store, gallery, community space, performance venue, and informal incubator for artists and small arts-related businesses. We encourage new ideas, collaboration, connections, and economic growth. MIFP sells and exhibits the art, craft, and design of over 75 Fort Point artists.

Jenifer Mumford - Seasonal Gleanings

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Opening Reception Thursday March 14th, 5-7pm

About The Fort Point Arts Community:

The Fort Point Arts Community, Inc. of South Boston (FPAC) is a non-profit founded in 1980 to enrich the Fort Point area with an artist's live/work population that contributes to the district's and the City of Boston's cultural life. In Fort Point, artists not only create art, we advocate for the development of permanent studio space, present two Open Studios events each year, organize art lending programs, run two galleries and a store, produce temporary public art, and are active participants in determining the future of our neighborhood.

Stones in His Pockets

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Review by: John Joseph Fahey

The magic of movie-making takes place in Ireland, more specifically, County Kerry. A film company descends upon a quiet location in the Emerald Isle to shoot a production, titled appropriately enough, *The Quiet Village*. Much to the excitement of the local town folk (some of whom serve as extras), along with the prospects of additional revenue, the film crew and cast are a most welcome sight; however, not all are pleased with their quaint village exploited for the benefit of a universal audience.

The play is *Stones in His Pockets* and it is playing until the feast of Patrick – March 17th at the Lyric Stage in Boston. The winner of the Olivier Award for Best New Comedy in London, along with receiving three Tony Award nominations, is presented with Daniel Berger-Jones as Charlie Conlon and Phil Tayler as Jake Quinn. That's right, a two man play. A two-man play featuring fifteen characters! One might reason that this is a daunting task – especially when the characters are male and female; but Berger-Jones and Tayler do quite a commendable job with character transition as well as with working mutually – essential as the play exhibits various personalities but via only two actors. The dialogues are between both actors themselves as long times friends, and as themselves with various characters on the movie set and with other locals. Their dialects are credible and comical and character depictions compelling.

The play written by Marie Jones, and directed by Courtney O'Connor, conveys a light hearted comedy - and should of course, be appreciated as such; however, the play also evinces a sullen tone – implicit within the context of the story which both actors handle admirably, and that is the subject of depression. A young man meets his untimely end due to this mental condition presumably caused by severe losses. Within the beauty, docility and charm of this quixotic land, lies an undercurrent of despair - caused by the same universal catalysts – economic upheaval, loneliness and feeling unworthy.

This engaging tale unfolds on the Lyric Stage in the Copley Square section of Boston. With the month of March, dedicated to all things Irish, treat yourself to a little bit of Ireland (and help support the Arts in the meantime) by attending a performance of *Stones in His Pockets*, in this most Irish of American cities!



Music Ma'am

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

As we're all aware, but sometimes forget, art comes in many different forms. Sculpture, wood, oil, pencil, watercolor are some.

Music too, obviously, is one of the highest forms of art. Please allow the profile of one of Southie's top musical artists, Donna Rans.

Now many credit Californian Tom Brady with introducing UGG's here in the east. In reality Southie was the cutting edge when Donna brought surfer dude husband Max here and he promptly showed up at St. Peters kindergarten with daughter Monique, on a cold October day, wearing shorts and you guessed it, "UGGS".

Whenever Max wasn't "Hanging Ten" off of Redondo Beach, he was establishing himself as a successful commercial real estate finance banker which is how they met in California in 1989. Donna who was born with a love for marketing followed her career as an executive for Mars Co. (M&M's) to California. Born and raised in Haverhill Donna has an MBA and undergraduate and graduate degrees from Northeastern University.

In 1992 Donna met Max and somehow he talked poor Donna into marriage in 1994. Their first two children Monique, 17 and a junior at Boston Latin and David, a freshman at Boston Latin were born in California. Rachel, 11 is in advanced prep at the

Condon and was born in Boston.

Donna is nothing, if not active in the community presently serving as a Laboure Center board member. She is also able to pursue her business with Dafna Rolls Associates.

Somewhere, however, between her leaving California and arriving back home in Mass. Donna rediscovered her other love, music. Growing up in Haverhill Donna had a piano in her house. By second grade she was taking piano lessons and like a duck to water her fingers flow through the keyboard. Naturally, all three children play. If you happen to stroll along Broadway by the courthouse some evening you just might hear son David who appears to be a natural talent. In fact Donna says at least half her students are boys, so what happened when Donna moved to South Boston? First piece

of furniture was a piano and the first piece of business was to offer piano lessons. Today Donna has a full complement of students she teaches from 3-7, Mon-Thurs, for after school convenience. From September to mid June lessons are held. In mid June Donna holds a recital which music lovers as well as parents have come to look forward to over these past few years. The summer months are to recharge the batteries, but after Labor Day the music education begins once again. Donna is booked for lessons this year but folks interesting in brushing off their rust or starting for the first time, especially kids, but adults also should give Donna a call at 617-268-7717. Stay tuned and we'll remind you of the date of the don't miss recital.

Gary, Indiana might have The Music Man but Southie has The Music Ma'am.

South Boston Boys and Girls Club Partners with Generations Incorporated



Boston, MA 2/26/13 — On any given afternoon at South Boston Boys & Girls Club, shouts of laughter and play echo down the hallways and up the stairwells. Some children work to finish their homework quickly so they can spend as much time in the pool or gym as possible. Others can't wait to walk into the Generations Incorporated (GI) reading room. Its rustic appearance and wood paneled finish gives it the nickname "log cabin room." It's here where older adults dedicate their time and talent to help young children attain one of the most important elements of learning: literacy proficiency.

Generations Incorporated is an early literacy organization based in

Boston, serving the area's young students to improve their literacy proficiency. They are an affiliate of the nationally renowned AARP Experience Corps, which engages older adult tutors to improve K-3 student literacy in underperforming schools. Volunteers have been serving at the Club for over a decade, and have become a valuable addition to its after-school programming.

The program currently has ten dedicated volunteers tutoring over forty-five students. Outside of the log cabin room hangs a "superstar reader" board, filled with pictures of the star readers in the program. Adam Wehrkamp, an AmeriCorps Program Associate at GI, can't say enough about the efforts of the volunteers.

"It's great because everyone is so passionate about the work that they do. It's inspiring. Their commitment to making an impact in these kids' lives is incredible."

Adam admits that it isn't always easy to get the students into the room. In fact, he remembers a young boy who fought tooth and nail to stay in an activity room rather than go to his reading session. "But I finally got him to sit down with his Reading Coach, Donna. And after ten minutes, I heard giggling, then full-on laughter. He was having fun reading. They were just having a blast." Once the students get began reading and the story comes alive, they are hooked.

Adam also touched on the value

that serving with Generations Incorporated can provide. "Volunteers get all the support they as for. It's a community, and there's a web of people looking out for you and the kids. The kids can be a challenge sometime, but they're also a joy to work with. And it's the challenging days where you see the most growth. Volunteers create a bond with students, because they get through it together."

If you would like to become part of this very important literacy work and can commit a few hours a week to help young children, please visit our website www.generationsinc.org or contact Katie Klistner at 617-399-4700 or kklistner@generationsinc.org.

Southie's Music Men-Where Have They Gone?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

Brian P. Wallace

When I was growing up in the 60's there was really a cultural and musical shift taking place around the world. The doo wop era and the songs of Paul Anka and Bobby Darin were being replaced by an influx of talent from England. Elvis was still around but he was nowhere near where he had been in popularity a decade earlier. There were so many new groups, all of whom were talented and had at least a couple of hit records. Some are still putting out hit records.

Of all those groups, I think the groups that most profoundly affected the society we live in was The Beatles. The staid vanilla of the 50's and early 60's were giving way to bands like The Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Dave Clark 5 and The Kinks. It was also giving rise to a new group of protest singers led by Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Donovan, Arlo Guthrie, John Sebastian, Joe Cocker and others who picked up the torch. There were bands like The Who, Santana, Grateful Dead, Sly and the Family Stone, Jefferson Airplane and such great individual talents like Hendrix and Joplin. Did anybody sing harmony

better than Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young? What did you think the first time you saw Sha Na Na? Bye Bye Miss American Pie!

Great memories, but South Boston had their own performers, and I guarantee you that Leo McCarty, Louie Sasso, and Stevie Casey could give anyone a run for their money in the harmony department, especially at 2 AM. There were so many talented performers who broke out of Southie. Can you find two better guitar players than Bobby Dunlap and Leo Stapelton? I doubt it. The group Boston Mass was a monster with performers like Tommy Ferrent, Paul Mahoney, Kenny McLeod, Johnny Devoy, Jimmy Quigley and Brian Scott. The Old Harbor Village produced band after band starting with Eddie Tumac Adams and continuing with Taint, Casey Lynch and McCarthy, The Linehan Brothers, "Al and the Lads", who had a lead vocalist named Louie Sasso.

We use to kid that the band went from "Al and the Lads" to "The Lads", to "Louie and the Lads" to just plain "Louie". If you wanted my honest opinion, there was no better performer, better singer; nobody had



better stage presence than Louie. There simply was no better attraction from Southie than Louie Sasso. Louie had that certain something that simply drove people to watch him perform. I miss hearing Louie sing. I remember how the girls would go wild when he took the stage and they never let up. You haven't heard harmony until you stand with Louie, Leo McCarty, Stevie Casey and a very under-rated singer named Kevin Tarpey, inside a project hall way early in the morning. There was something about the acoustics which was magical. I'm sure it wasn't magical for the people in that building

who were trying to sleep, but I never forgot it.

Who were your favorites? Next week I am going to look at a pretty little group called "Rat's Castle" and I promise you I won't forget you this time Kevin Connors. Let us know who you liked? Let's talk about Southie's Music Men and Ladies, sorry Megan! Tell us about your band, how it started and who played in it. Let's go back in time a little to the Surf Nantasket, and BC High Dances, The Rexicana and the good old Southie Courthouse's fourth floor. Let us hear what and who you liked?

South Boston Students Eligible for \$5,000 Butler Award



Thomas J. Butler Memorial

Scholarship is awarded each year to a student who resides in South Boston, is graduating from high school, is engaged in community service, and has been accepted to an accredited college or university by the submission deadline.

Butler was an Advisory Board member of the Boys & Girls Club of Boston, youth counselor and Director of Little City Hall in Charlestown as well as former president of the South Boston Citizens' Association and member of the South Boston Irish American Society. When he arrived at Massport in 1987 as a manager of intergovernmental relations, Butler was a licensed social worker who had worked in the Boston Juvenile Court, and for the City of Boston.

"The Butler scholarship memorializes the extraordinary dedication and compassion Tommy applied to his work, whether in

the halls of power or in the local neighborhoods he cared so much about," said Massport CEO & Executive Director Thomas P. Glynn. "We hope the scholarship will be used by a student who will one day work for the betterment of their community, wherever their professional life takes them."

To be considered for the Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship, students must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Resident of South Boston
- High school senior with a minimum 3.0 GPA
- Letter of acceptance to an accredited college or university for the 2013-2014 academic year
- Involvement in community service in South Boston
- Interested in pursuing studies in Criminal Justice, Political Science, Public Service or Social Services
- Obtain two letters of

recommendation, one of which MUST be from the community service agency where the applicant has volunteered.

Students interested in applying for the Thomas J. Butler Memorial Scholarship must submit an essay of 1,000 words describing their interest in pursuing one of the fields of study described above or how their community service has affected their outlook on life. All essays, letters of recommendation, certified High School transcript and proof of residency must be received by Alaina Travaglini in Massport's Strategic Communications and Marketing Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013. For more information on Massport's Scholarship Program, including an application checklist for Thomas J. Butler Scholarship, please visit <http://www.Massport.com/scholarships>.

John Horrigan - Guest Speaker at the 133rd Evacuation Day Banquet

South Boston Citizens' Association President Thomas McGrath is pleased to announce that John Horrigan will be the guest speaker at the 133rd Evacuation Day Banquet, which will be held at the So. Boston Convention Center on March 15th 2013. "It is an honor to have Mr. Horrigan to take part in our celebration of historical importance," McGrath stated.

Below is a brief bio on Mr. John Horrigan

Historical Lecturer and Professional Sports Announcer

As a Historical researcher, John Horrigan loves American history and is referred to as a "New England Folklorist". Aside from being a colonial re-enactor with the Lincoln Minutemen, he is also the producer and host of a cable television program entitled "The Folklorist", which won a Boston/New England Emmy Award in 2012. John's primary focus is American History of the early twentieth century. As an accomplished historical lecturer and researcher, John has made hundreds of presentations to seniors, historical societies, libraries, social clubs, corporate teams, universities, schools, churches and civic organizations.

His lecture topics include: American History 1900-1960, music and entertainment history, great fires and disasters, astronomical phenomena, Revolutionary War, Irish History, baseball history and even paranormal phenomena and miracles.

He has also spoken at adult education classes, senior retirement communities and assisted living facilities. An engaging speaker, who interacts well with all audiences, he travels with his own projector, public address system, music and Power-point presentations.

Horrigan is a longtime member of the Historical Society of Watertown, the Waltham Historical Society, The Society in Dedham for Apprehending Horse Thieves, Ancient Order of Hibernians – Division 14, the Planetary Society, the Society of American Baseball Research, the Economic History Association and the Economic Historical Society.

As a Sports announcer, John has also been announcing sporting events since age 13 and he has called over 3,500 boxing matches, golf, hockey, basketball, base ball and football games.

John has spent the last 20 years working with both former and current members of the Boston Bruins and the New England Patriots by hosting their charity events, including golf tournaments, celebrity basketball, softball, hockey and football games. He most recently toured across Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador) with members of the National Hockey League, Russian National Teams, Team U.S.A. Olympians, Russian National Teams, Boston Bruins, Toronto Maple Leafs and the Montreal Canadiens Alumni.

Horrigan has traveled around the world (including Kuwait and Venezuela) announcing comedy basketball games with members of the Harlem Globetrotters, Harlem Magicians, Harlem Wizards, Harlem Rockets, Harlem Hoopsters and the Court Jesters. He produced the popular ACE award-winning program "Atlantic Boxing Television".

On June 5th, 2012, he fulfilled a childhood dream when he served as the public address announcer for the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park. John also announced the Winter Legends Classic hockey game at Fenway Park in January of 2010. He is the only man to have announced both a hockey game and baseball game at Fenway Park and was the final boxing announcer in the old Boston Garden.

John's full-time profession is in program management for a medical and security devices manufacturer. He lives in Watertown, Massachusetts with his wife Jennique. His websites are www.ushistory.me, www.usfolklore.com, www.programmanager.us, www.announcer.org

"The Folklorist" Boston/New England Emmy Award winning television program can be found at: www.folklorist.tv

Mayor Thomas M. Menino to Attend SBCA Banquet and Receive “Doc” Tynan Award

South Boston Citizens' Association President Tom McGrath has announced that Mayor Thomas M. Menino will be an honored head table guest at the Association's 2013 Evacuation Day Banquet, to be held at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center on Friday evening, March 15th. Mayor Menino will be awarded the 2013 John T. “Doc” Tynan Profile in Courage Award.

“This will be only the 2nd time the Doc Tynan Award has been presented,” said McGrath, “and we are greatly pleased to honor our Mayor.”

The award is named for the late, legendary South Boston resident “Doc” Tynan and is intended to recognize dedication and courage in public service in the face of adversity and challenge.

“Whether he was flying missions over Germany as a fighter pilot during World War II, fighting for his community during his tenure in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, advocating

for rights and opportunities for veterans and immigrants, or leading fundraising efforts for various South Boston charities, Doc Tynan always displayed a steady and quiet courage that should serve as a model for others,” said McGrath. “We could think of no more fitting son of South Boston in whose name we would present the Association's Profile in Courage Award, for Doc Tynan truly lived up to its name.”

Mayor Thomas Menino has long been recognized as a national leader on neighborhood issues and has always believed that the role of government is helping people,” McGrath continued. Elected five times as Mayor of Boston, and five times before that as a city councilor representing Hyde Park, Mayor Menino has spent a lifetime building a better Boston. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts at Boston, Mayor Menino and his wife, the former Angela Faletra, have two children, Susan and Thomas, Jr., and six grandchildren.

The longest-serving mayor in the

city's history was released from Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital just before Christmas, after having spent nearly six weeks at Brigham and Women's Hospital battling a respiratory infection that developed during a vacation in Italy. While at the hospital, the Mayor suffered complications, including a compression fracture in a vertebra in his spine, and was also diagnosed with type 2 diabetes.

“Like Doc Tynan, who as a fighter pilot entered the war as a private and earned the rank of major, survived five plane crashes in Europe and was shot down several times, Mayor Menino continued to persevere while on his rigorous rehabilitation schedule,” McGrath said. “The Association's executive board unanimously found it appropriate that Mayor Tom Menino be recognized for his commitment to the City of Boston and its residents in the face of adversities that may have made a less dedicated person quit. There is no quit in Mayor Menino,” McGrath added.

Mayor Menino early in his tenure

earned the nickname the “Urban Mechanic” in recognition of his tireless work ethic and attention to the basics that make for a thriving city, and he continues today to inspire a generation of New Urban Mechanics, rooted in the belief that citizens are the best civic entrepreneurs. Forging partnerships to revitalize neighborhoods, strengthening the economy through workforce investments, and innovating in education, Mayor Menino's vision for Boston is based on strong, welcoming communities that provide unlimited opportunity for success. “We are greatly honored to be able to present the 2013 John “Doc” Tynan Profile in Courage Award to Mayor Menino,” said McGrath, “and are delighted that his schedule will permit him to attend the Banquet and accept it”.

McGrath said that a limited number of tickets for the Banquet are still available and that anyone interested in attending should contact him by telephone at 1-857-204-5825, or by email at bmcgdad@aol.com

Ed Buccigross to Receive the Butler/Bare President's Award

South Boston Citizens' Association President Tom McGrath has announced that the Association will present its 2013 President's Award to Edward Buccigross at this year's Evacuation Day Banquet, to be held on March 15th at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

“This award will be presented to Ed Buccigross in recognition of his lifetime of service to the South Boston community, and particularly his many years of fundraising activities to help neighborhood children go onto earn college degrees,” said McGrath. “Ed Buccigross has truly made a difference in strengthening our community and helping its children, and for that we are grateful.”

Edward Michael Buccigross was born in South Boston on December 4th, 1932, to Michael and Belle Buccigross. He has an older sister, Mary, and two younger siblings, Belle, and James. The family belonged to St Brigid's Parish and attended Nazareth School through the 8th grade. Ed then attended Boston Latin and graduated in 1950. He played baseball and hockey and was a goalie on the hockey team, playing without a mask. Ed's early involvement in sports was to stay with him his entire life, continuing with his fundraising activities to support local high school graduates going on to college.

After Boston Latin, Ed enrolled at Boston College. Two years later he joined the Army and was stationed in Austria, where he served for two years before returning to Boston College in 1957 to finish his studies. He graduated with a degree in mathematics and was soon married to Mary Donovan, also of South Boston.

From 1955 to 1960, Ed was one of the finest football players in the Boston

Park League. Running and passing for the South Boston Chippewas, he led the Chips to four championships in his six years of play and was the MVP of the first title game played at Fenway Park.

A member of the South Boston Hall of Fame and the Old Timers' selections committee, Ed started the South Boston Scholarship Fund to assist South Boston's youth in attending higher education. The first golf tournament was played in 1996 and since then has raised over \$130,000, funds used to help over 100 high school seniors from South Boston go on to college. “Ed resides in Plymouth with his bride of 55 years, Mary, but he remains a vibrant part of the South Boston community with his generous time, presence, and fundraising,” said McGrath. “It is only fitting that we recognize his commitment to our community with the 2013 Thomas Butler/Michael Bare President's Award.”

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Susan Hart Woods and Tim Buckley to be Honored

South Boston Citizens' Association president Tom McGrath has announced the Association's 2013 recipients of the James M. "Jimmy" Kelly Shamrock Award for Community Service.

One of the 2013 Shamrock Awards will be presented to Tim Buckley, for his selfless efforts in aiding those in need, and pitching in at the drop of a hat, for any benefit or worthy cause in the town. Tim has quietly gone about his many great deeds with one mission in mind, to make South Boston a better place. Tim's charitable work has been going on for decades in South Boston as part owner of the Quietman Pub and a volunteer parent with South Boston Little League, SB Babe Ruth, and Gatey CYO basketball to name a few. Tim is also an active member of the South Boston Boys and Girls club advisory board.

Tim has recently been involved in organizing the South Boston Boy's and Girl's Club and Quietman Memorial Golf tournaments. These two events raise significant funds to help provided needed services to the "Club" and various charities in South Boston "His leadership and business skills are very crucial when it comes to putting together golf tournaments of this magnitude. Running a golf tournament can be a difficult task, but two back to back each summer can be challenging, making sure committee members are following through on their assignments and the weather holds up, but Tim does it year after year with great success" said Tom McGrath, president of SBCA.

Susan Hart Woods has also been chosen to receive the James M. "Jimmy" Kelly Shamrock Award as well, for her diligent volunteerism in the community. "I have known Susan my whole life and she is most deserving of

this award. She never hesitates to get involved in something she believes in, especially if it involves the quality of life in South Boston." McGrath stated. Susan is a lifelong resident and small business owner in South Boston, has volunteered much of her time to community organizations and events that make a difference to the families and youth of South Boston.

As the co-founder and sponsor of South Boston Girls Softball, she has devoted her time coaching and fundraising in order to maintain a robust and sustainable program. As an advisory member of the Harry McDonough Sailing Center Susan Woods has been instrumental in fundraising to provide a free opportunity for 100+ children to sail at Pleasure Bay, at historic Castle Island where they can play on the beach and playground, explore marine life, jump off the docks, and embrace the waterfront.

Her time and efforts have also been allocated to raising funds for the Woods School of Irish Dance, where her daughters, Shannon, Lauren and Catherine have developed as performers, competitors at World Championships. She believes that Irish Dance is a link to our Irish heritage while building lasting friendships and self-esteem for the girls.

Susan Woods also sits as a member of the South Boston Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Trust Fund, the Curley Community Center and has been helping to raise funds for Scleroderma Foundation, New England Chapter. On January 1, after the iconic L Street Brownie Polar Plunge, supporters retreat to L Street Tavern to raise funds for awareness and provide resources for those afflicted with this autoimmune disorder. Her

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St. Peter Academy News

On Wednesday, February 27, Father Zukas celebrated the sacrament of First Penance with Miss Collins and her students. Congratulations to Bobby, Josie, Nolan, Henry, Kathryn, Fernando, Haliagh, Mia and Alison. They are very excited about making their First Communion on Sunday, May 5th.

Penance 1 - Bobby, Josie, Miss Collins, Nolan, Henry, Kathryn, Fernando, Haliagh, Father Zukas, Mia and Alison.



February was biography month at St. Peter Academy. Students in Grades 2-8 read about important characters that they were interested in. Students in Grades 2 & 3 dressed as their famous person and gave an oral presentation about their characters. Grades 4 & 5 students made a time capsule relating to their famous person. All of the students did a great job presenting their biographies.



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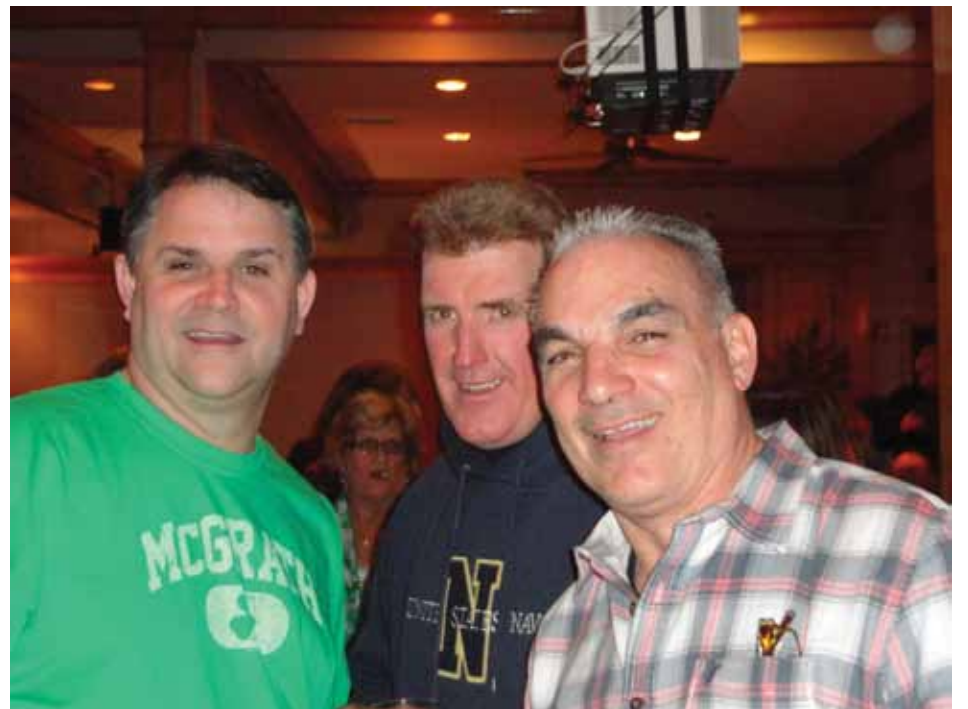
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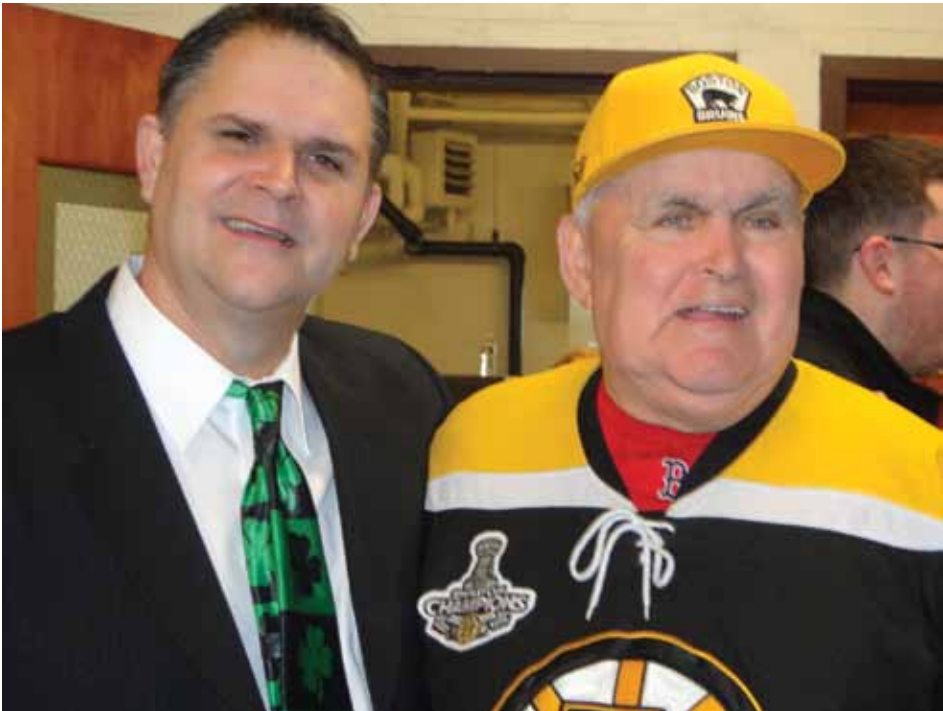
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A Pictorial Look at this Week's High Holiday Events...Join In the Fun!

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The Annual Chief Marshall Banquet was held at St. Monica's



From left to right. Ed Flynn, U.S. Navy Veteran and Chief Marshall of the 2013 Evacuation Day Parade, Massachusetts State Representative Nick Collins and Boston City Councilor Bill Linehan, host of the 2013 St. Patrick's Day Breakfast.

Remarks from Chief Marshall Ed Flynn:

To the South Boston elected officials, Congressman Lynch, former Senator Hart, Councilor Linehan, Rep. Collins, Clerk of Courts Michael Donovan and Register Mickey Roache - we are all grateful for your leadership in fighting for our veterans and their families.

A special thanks to Commissioner Tom Tinlin from the City of Boston for your leadership in helping veterans and their families as well. From Capitol Hill, to City Hall, to the State House and the courthouse, the patriotic people of South Boston continue to be one strong and united voice for veterans. This year in particular, we are seeing so many returning veterans from Afghanistan, Iraq and The Persian Gulf joining our veterans from Vietnam, Korea and World War II. When I was in The Persian Gulf in 2006, I remember a career naval officer ask me where I was from. When I responded that I was from South Boston - he immediately said to me: "Congressman Stephen Lynch and the elected officials from

Southie are outstanding in supporting veterans and their families." I was proud to hear that comment. And I'm proud to tell that story today.

As we all know, when a veteran serves on active duty, their family also serves.

Most veterans here today can remember a Christmas or Thanksgiving while serving in a foreign country, away from your family, spouse, kids, parents. These wives and children have to make sacrifices when their Dad is serving overseas. It is the family who also sacrifices. Raising the kids, having a job themselves, running the house, PTA meetings and sports, - being a military spouse can be a big sacrifice. We ask a lot of you and your contribution is significant and we say - thank you to all those family members for your service.

To the South Boston Veteran's and members of various veterans post throughout the town (including the Thomas J. Fitzgerald Post VFW) - South Boston is a stronger community because of your service - helping veterans and their families - ensuring they are treated with

the dignity and respect they have earned. We also acknowledge that veterans do need services when they return. Some need job training and employment, health care at the VA, a support group, family counseling, therapy and assistance in navigating an often complex VA system. It is people like Stephen Lynch, Nick Collins, and Bill Linehan that ensure that call is answered for the veteran and their family.

This year, we are fortunate to have so many young people with us, after serving in the U.S. military over the last several years. These young men and women volunteered for active duty and served throughout the world. These dedicated and patriotic South Boston residents volunteered to serve our country and are now back home with us. We salute their service to our country. These veterans became highly trained and worked on state-of-the-art equipment and technology while in the U.S. military. Some served in combat conditions. These men and women are a great credit to our neighborhood and country. Today, some of these returning veterans are now Boston police officers, fire fighters, school teachers, they are also in the private sector and are now continuing to make significant contributions to our city and neighborhood. As Chief Marshall, we salute these young returning veterans while we continue to honor and pay tribute to our older veterans. It is fitting to honor and remember them as we celebrate this historic Evacuation Day Parade in Boston. We also celebrate with pride our Irish heritage and culture.

From the beginning of our nation, our country has had to defend itself, and the men and women of South Boston always answered the call. We are proud of their service. They helped build this great nation and this great community. Our deceased veterans and their families - their sacrifice will always live in the collective heart of South Boston. We remember and we honor them here today. We have much to be proud of so let's celebrate with pride and continue the tradition. And we say thank you to the people of South Boston for giving your sons and daughters to the service of our great nation.

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other affiliations include Gate of Heaven CYO Committee, SB Little League Tournament Sponsor (for her son, Jake), and Coach of the SB Catholic Academy Travel Basketball League in the South Shore Parochial School League.

"It gives me great pleasure to announce these awards," said McGrath. "These are truly dedicated and committed individuals who have contributed so much in their own unique ways. It is fitting for the Citizens' Association, and the South Boston community, to honor these individuals. We will be announcing the Joe Moakley award for Government service recipient next week."

The awards will be presented at the Association's 133rd Annual Evacuation Day Banquet, to be held on Friday evening, March 15th, at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. A host of special invited Dignitaries are expected to attend this year's banquet. Curragh's Fancy will provide the entertainment. McGrath cautioned that tickets are sure to be purchased at a good pace, with so many of South Boston's most valued community leaders receiving awards. I urge those that are planning to attend to act fast. For information on tickets call Tom McGrath at 1-857-204-5825. This year parking will be available in the South Lot for \$12.00, with a shuttle service to the entrance for the Banquet. Valet service will still be available for \$25, the same rate as last year.

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2013 Boxing Show Friday Night

The South Boston Citizens' Association will hold its 72st Annual Boxing Show this Friday Night, March 8th. At 7:00pm. Citizens' Association President Thomas McGrath stated The South Boston Citizens' Association will again be sponsoring this year's show, as they have for over 71 years. The Boxing Show Admission is free to the public at the Gavin House Gym, in South Boston. (Behind the South Boston Court House) known for years as the McDonough / Jim Walsh Gym, on East Broadway. This year's Boxing Show put together by Co-Chairman and Trainers Peter Welch, Tommy Connor, James Jimbo Curran and Danny Long should be one of the best in years, with boys -ages 6 to 18 years old. All boys who have been picked for this year's Boxing Show Friday Night must report to the gym by 6pm with shorts, sneakers and a mouth guard.

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Who Will The Patriots Choose in Upcoming Draft

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

By Brian P. Wallace

With the line backing portion of the NFL combine finished. Teams are now better prepared to fix their sights on the players that will help their team next year. If you don't think these combines are important, think again. Every single part of a player's game is gone over from his IQ to his time in the 40 yard dash and everything in between.

Coaches and their assistants will go over jumping ability, quickness, and intensity on and off the field and character. Speaking of character, one player who was thought to be a high first round choice, a couple of months ago, has seen his stock drop because of the character issue and his disappointing time in the 40 yard dash. His name is Manti Te'o from Notre Dame and his story has been featured from 20/20 to the Enquirer magazine. When you are a football player you don't want to see your name in the Enquirer for any reason and you don't want television stations camped out in your front yard begging for an interview, when it doesn't relate to football.

You would have to live under a rock to not have heard of the bizarre story of Manti Te'o who led the Notre Dame Fighting Irish with 113 tackles and was considered the leader for one of the finest defensive units in the country, before the story got weird. I am not going to rehash the story about his fake girlfriend dying and all of that histrionics. I am just going to say that because of his very slow 40 and that character issue, which we talked about, Manti, could slip as far down as the 29th pick, where the Patriots sit. If he is available at 29 do the Pat's gamble, as they just did on Alfonzo Dennard? Personally, I saw the man play football and he is one of the finest defensive players you will see in quite a while. Sometimes a guy like Nick Buoniconti comes around and all of the experts will tell you that he is too slow, too small, not strong enough, and will never make it in the NFL. What they don't measure is the size of the player's heart, his will to win, his leadership qualities.

It's funny, both Manti Te'o and Nick Buoniconti are from Notre Dame. They play alike, they have the same dimensions and one is already in the NFL Hall of Fame. If Manti Te'o falls to number 29 and the Patriots pass on him I think it is a huge mistake. The kid can flat out play football. Hire a publicist for all the other stuff.

I do however want to qualify this pick. If there is any way that Florida safety Matt Elam is still on the board when the Patriots pick, all bets are off. The Pats finished 29th in pass defense last year and Elam had 76 tackles, 2 sacks, 11 tackles for a loss last year. He was first team All – SEC, first Team AP All American, If Dennard doesn't come back next year, the Pats are going to need a player like Matt Elam to replace him. I just don't think he will be available by the time the Patriots choose.

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Danny Picard's daily sports-talk show I'm Just Sayin' has been picked up by 1510 NBC Sports Radio Boston. It began airing on 1510 AM on Feb. 25, and can be heard live every weekday from 9-10 a.m.

Beginning Monday, March 11, Picard's show will add an extra hour and will be heard live every weekday from 8-10 a.m.

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Bruins lose to Capitals, blow three goal lead

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Tuesday night the Boston Bruins lost 4-3 in overtime to the Washington Capitals. Capital's star player, Alexander Ovechkin, was all over the place throughout the night's contest. In one instance, Ovechkin drove to the net barreling over Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask. What was odd about the aftermath of the play was that nobody laid a finger on Ovechkin. Usually in these types of situations, whether the players committed a penalty or not, teammates would come to the defense of their goal tender. That sent a signal to the Capital's who would continue their

relentless attack.

The game ended in late in the overtime period when Capital's forward, Eric Fehr, split the defense, walked in and fired a shot past Rask's glove.

The Bruins currently stand in second place in the Northeast Division of the Eastern Conference. In this shortened season they are well positioned for a postseason run. One challenge that all teams face is fatigue, particularly at the goalie position. With the shortened season, teams are playing more games in a shorter period of time. Managing ice time will be critical down the stretch.




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This week, Danny talked to Barstool Sports' Bruins writer Rear Admiral:

DANNY PICARD: After Sunday's loss to Montreal, Claude Julien went into this rant about embellishment, singling out P.K. Subban. And I'll be honest with you, I didn't leave that game thinking that the Montreal Canadiens were really embellishing. I didn't think that was going to be the topic of discussion. What did you think about Julien's comments?

REAR ADMIRAL: I don't know if it was because it was a national broadcast, but it did seem like kind of a disparity between actually watching the game and then how everything after the game played out. It didn't seem like there was a lot of embellishing. They didn't really replay Subban during the game. I didn't see the standard amount of embellishing from Montreal, so it was a little bit of a surprise to hear of it. I think Claude might have just blown his stack. This has been going on for a few years now, where Montreal's been embellishing and trying to get calls. I think maybe Claude popped a gasket and just got sick of it and finally uncorked. And don't underestimate his games with the officials, either. So next time they play the Canadiens, things might be a little bit even. But yeah, it did seem like it came out of nowhere when we first heard about it.

DP: There's a thought that maybe

Julien used the Canadiens as an example to point out the fact that there has been a lot of diving and maybe a lot of embellishing throughout the league. And I think he's talking about the "boarding" calls. And guys getting hit from behind, along the wall. My take on it is this. I think that if players began protecting themselves a little bit more when they have the puck along the boards, there are way too many guys turning their backs to a hit. I think players need to begin to protect themselves, and stop turning their backs to plays, and we wouldn't see as many boarding calls.

RA: It almost seems like they're relaxing themselves too much when they face the boards, so that when they do get hit, it's easier for them to fall into the boards. So when Lucic got hit, I was kind of surprised he went into the boards. And he doesn't embellish, it's just the angle he got caught at. There has been a lot of boarding calls. It just seems like another area where players aren't sure what to do. But yeah, it is up to players to protect themselves. Players do leave themselves vulnerable. They do turn. I don't get it. It's not worth breaking your face for a penalty call.

DP: Some contact we saw the other night in the neutral zone was Emelin on Seguin. Chara goes

after him. Alright, 17 minutes in the penalty box. What was your reaction to this, and do you agree with what Chara did?

RA: I agree with what he did. I know he took himself off the ice. Some are blaming the game on that. Of course, you still had the rest of the team on the ice that could have maintained the lead. The Bruins still could have held the fort. But as far as what Chara did, no, I have no issue with that whatsoever. It was a cheap play by Emelin, cross-checking an unprotected area on your young star. He broke his stick, so it wasn't a love tap. And Chara went right at him. That's the type of stuff you like to see with your team. The Bruins have been doing that the last couple years. So, it sucked to lose Chara for that long, but sometimes you just kind of have to do the right thing and deal with the circumstances after. That was a perfect example of it. It was just one game too. It wasn't a playoff game. It was a regular-season game, it was for first place, but at the end of the day, it was just one game. It would have been nice to win, but it's certainly not a disaster that they lost it.

DP: When somebody goes after Seguin, it's the player that Emelin went after, more than anything, right? Because Seguin is their stud forward. He's starting to turn it around. You

can't lose somebody like that. This situation, in which Chara goes after a guy with this type of reaction, I agree. I thought it was great to see, but it was only great to see because of the player that Montreal went after. You can't react like this all the time. It's just the specific player in that specific moment.

RA: Yeah, because if Emelin hit Greg Campbell like that, I'm not sure Chara would do the same thing. Of course, Greg Campbell would probably turn around and hit him himself. But it is the young superstar player, and Montreal was aiming at him. Let's face it, Seguin hasn't faced a ton of physicality, even in his third year in the league. He hasn't had to fight. He hasn't really had to take too much of a pounding. So, I think they were trying to get him off his game, and get physical with him. And as the Canadiens, you've got to do that stuff. Not necessarily in a dirty, cross-checking, behind-the-play way, but if you're a Canadiens fan or if you're on the team, then yeah, that's what you want to do, you want to get the Bruins most skilled guys off. Just not with a dirty hit like that. He could have easily cracked a rib there, and then what? As far as Chara, he showed great leadership. There were questions on him a few years ago: should he be the captain? But I think he's really

put all that stuff to bed after the Cup win. I don't think you question anything about Chara anymore. He's the team leader that everyone wants in that room. I don't think there's anyone in that room who doesn't want him in that position.

DP: This Bruins team relies on depth, and depth offensively. Rolling four lines, that's what Claude Julien does. That's what this organization has thrived off of the last couple seasons. Now, they're going to have some questions here, as to what they do to fill all four lines. And the dream scenario for the Bruins at the trade deadline is to acquire a veteran who can put the puck in the net, right?

RA: Absolutely. And every year it seems like we throw all these names out. Hope for this one, hope for that one, and then Peter Chiarelli turns around and always seems to get a guy that nobody had coming here. Whether it was Dennis Seidenberg, or Rich Peverley, or Chris Kelly, he always seems to kind of get that role-player. Not necessarily a star, but a complimentary role guy that is exactly what your team needs. I don't know if he wants to give up a lot for a guy like Jarome Iginla. He's 36. He's going to be an unrestricted free agent. You don't want to mortgage the future just for a guy for a couple months. I'd rather see maybe a second-tier guy along the line of Kelly or Peverley, somebody who you're just going to plug in there, instead of having a marquee name in there. You don't want to give up too much of your future. It's going to be interesting to see what they do, because they do have some trade chips. Malcolm Subban, you've got to imagine teams might be kicking the tires on him. He's a first-round draft pick. The Bruins look like they're going to be all set in goalie for the next several years. So you wonder, are they really going to hold onto Subban? Even if he's ready, then what? You've got Tuukka Rask presumably hitting the prime of his career. You've also got Niklas Svedberg on the farm in Providence, who I understand is going to be pretty good. I try not to speculate with names. Iginla is the obvious one. Alfredsson, I highly doubt he's coming here. He's in the



division, he's in the playoffs. It just makes no sense for Ottawa to make that trade. And Daniel Briere. He pretty much took a fire extinguisher to those reports of him getting traded by saying, "Hey, I don't want to leave Philly." He pretty much put that fire out. Those are the three big names you're going to hear. I'd be surprised if any of those players come here.

DP: You know my guy, and I am speculating. I'm just throwing him out because I think the situation is perfect. I don't think you'd have to give up a lot to a team that might be fading, last place in their division that's already made a trade. It's the Dallas Stars, and that's Jaromir Jagr. **RA:** That would be a great pickup if he's willing to come here and do things the "Bruins way." That

would be a great pickup. One of the top scorers ever. He'd be a hell of an addition. I'm sure he'd like another shot at the Cup too. But is Dallas going to be looking for a ton because he's Jaromir Jagr, even though he's not the Jagr of 15 years ago? I don't know. But then again, Joe Nieuwendyk just traded Michael Ryder. Maybe Jagr could be had there.

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