

In Your Corner

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

The Association of South Boston Community Organizations announces a candidates’ forum to be held Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 at The Lithuanian Club 368 West Broadway. Residents are urged to attend. This week the importance of being involved in your community and the issues it faces deserves even more emphasis with our upcoming elections. Knowing where candidates stand and actions they have or will take is helpful in making an informed decision on Election Day. The first real estate development being reviewed in this week’s “In Your Corner” is a follow up to the BCEC hotel proposal.

Realizing community concerns on some issues have yet to be resolved; BCEC officials have stepped forward and extended the comment period until April 22. This hopefully will provide the time needed to hash out



these final, but vital, details. Those officials, along with elected officials, deserve credit for their efforts to keep the process moving forward.

A busy week in the Cityside Neighborhood Association just

concluded. To start the Landmarks Commission issued a ninety day stay on St. Augustine’s Church. This allows developer and residents to work out the best design that

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Editorial

“Are We Listening?”

Sometimes we listen, but do not hear. In 1993, New York’s world trade centers were bombed. We were shocked but then returned to business as usual. In February 1996, Osama Bin Laden, in an interview aired on American television, declared war on the U.S. naming American civilians as legitimate targets. That was on the news for one night. In 1998, Al Qaeda blew up two embassies in Africa; following that the USS Cole in 2000 and finally 9-11. That finally got our attention.

For the next ten years, our attention focused on the Middle East madhouse and attempts to bring “Democracy” at least until we finally got Bin Laden. With his death, much of that complacency returned. It shouldn’t. Was it Jefferson who said “eternal vigilance is the price of freedom”? If so, he was right.

This past March 11, North Korea revoked the 1953 Cease Fire. To refresh your thoughts, in 1959, the war between North and South Korea started with a surprise attack from the North.

Three brutal years of war resulted in a cease fire that has been in effect for 60 years. There has never been a Peace Treaty. Over the weekend, North Korea moved its third missile battery to the border.

If we weren’t listening March 11, it better be loud and clear now.



Last week’s poll results:

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

With Mayor Menino’s announcement that he won’t seek re-election - who is the odds on favorite to replace him?

Here’s how you answered – With more than 1500 votes cast - Walsh tops it with 48%

Answer	Percent
State Rep. Martin Walsh	48%
State Sen. Sonja Chang Diaz	0%
City Councilor Rob Consalvo	1%
City Councilor John Connolly	15%
City Councilor Felix Arroyo	2%
City Councilor Michael Ross	0%
Suffolk County DA Dan Conley	2%
City Councilor Tito Jackson	0%
Former City Councilor Michael Flaherty	30%

“There is no such thing as society. There are individual men and women, and there are families.”

- Margaret Thatcher



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Hollywood Hasn't Yet Corrupted ALL Of America

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
John Ciccone

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Lately, I find that I just do not have much time to kick back and watch a lot of television. I made it a point to make time to watch 'The Bible' series prior to Easter and being the Red Neck I am, sometimes I do get the chance to catch an episode or two of Duck Dynasty. That's right, Hillbillies with shotguns wearing camouflage. We all have different tastes. FOX News is a priority in order to get an accurate account of what's going on in the world without the slant engineered by White House propaganda. But something I was able to see was last Sunday's Academy of Country Music awards show (ACM's) and I was glad I did. In fact, I watch it every year and never fail to be impressed. It's good to know that all of today's entertainment has not been taken over by the secular indoctrination machine and warped sense of values that comes out of the Axis of Weird of Hollywood, New York and Los Angeles.

Whether you are a fan of Country Music or not doesn't matter. The stark differences between the ACM's and award shows like the Emmy's, the Oscars, MTV awards etc. cannot help but be noticed. It's like night and day really, they are that different. Where the other, so called 'trendy,' award shows feature performers who are convinced that they are the center of the universe and who have egos the size of the moon, the stars of

the ACM's are humble and grateful for all they have achieved and don't feel that they deserved it or are entitled because they are members of what they believe is the elite of the world.

It's often been said that Country Music is real music. about real life, written and performed by real people. Whether you feel that way or not, it's obvious that these artists sincerely believe that they are on stage to entertain and please their fans, not be worshipped by them as so many products of the Hollywood culture do. What was so refreshingly different about Sunday's ACM awards, as it is every year, is that the singers did not saunter out on stage with scowls or 'too cool' expressions on their faces acting as if they were doing all a favor by even showing up as they do on the other shows. There is no 'look at me' attitude. No, the Country artists were clearly appreciative of the honors and applause they received. Unlike the Sean Penn's of the world, the award recipients at the ACM's did not bore the crowd with scolding rants about Global Warming, Hugo Chavez and every other leftist fad of the week. Instead, they praised America's troops and offered their support. They were not afraid to thank God for their success, as well as thanking their fellow Nashville artists and their families for the inspiration and support that helped get them where they are today. And

they know and acknowledge that if not for the fans, which they show the highest respect for, they would not be where they are today.

When they spoke from the huge stage Sunday night, every third word did not have to be bleeped out. None of them looked like they had been up for a week at a drinking

and drug party. Families with small children could actually allow the kids to stay in the room to watch the whole 3 hour show. Not bad for prime time. How un 'hip' is that?

The performers at the ACM's are successful beyond belief. They each sell millions of recordings and are

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Sequester Still Blamed For Cuts But White House Parties Go On.

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

Sequester cuts are still being blamed for so many things. The threatened shut off of funding for tuition for America's returning veterans, the reduction of security along the US/Mexican border and tie ups at various airports around the country are but a small number that Washington says there is just not enough money to support because of the Sequester. Yet, even though there is so much being blamed on the sequester, the most notable being the shutting off of White House tours to School groups, it seems there is plenty of taxpayer money around for the lush and extravagant and star studded parties being held in "America's House".

The latest in a long line of concerts that are right on schedule to go on is the 'Celebration

of Memphis Soul Music'. Performers include Al Green, Ben Harper, Queen Latifa, Cyndy Lauper, Josh Ledet, Sam Moore, Charlie Musselwhite, Maves Staples and many others. All will be giving a private performance and hosted by the president and the First Lady. This party and concert will of course be closed to the public with an invitation only guest list, the names on which still had not been released as of this writing.

Americans are still hard pressed to believe reports coming out of Washington that the sequester is causing the legitimate hardship around the country that inside sources claim. In fact, skepticism grows with each passing day and every new claim being made. While the spending continues out of control and the national

debt keeps climbing by the minute, the public is reluctant to take the word of Administration spokespeople any longer on this and a host of other subjects. The doubt rises as well when the first family members continue their top shelf vacations, and the presidential golf trips go on unabated.

There was a time when those who held public office asked Americans to sacrifice in poor economic times would lead by example and cut back on their own spending of tax dollars. But when federal workers continue to be hired and raises given to others in government, while people in other careers are losing their jobs or the unemployed have just stopped looking for work because of a dwindling job market, the public tends to lose faith in the

sincerity of those public officials who seem to be living high on the backs of the taxpayers.

Will confidence in government by the majority of Americans ever be restored? That's a tough question. The answer could depend on whether or not officials in Washington decide to change their ways and walk the walk themselves just as they are demanding that average Americans do.

Hail Mary Prayer

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This Week's Poll

With all the talk of sequestration and budget cuts, should Veterans services be on the table in any of the President's or Congress's negotiations?

Question: Should Veterans' Services:

- A) Be cut
- B) Remain the same
- C) Be increased





Reading Between The Lines

"Spring Has Sprung"

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian R. Mahoney

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A sure sign of spring is the first appearance of stalks of the Liliaceous family. For those unfortunates denied a classical South Boston High School education this would be, a lily. At the same time members of the Akkadian family, or simply crocus, arrive.

For the first time in a number of years we have sprouting up campaignus signus, better known as campaign signs. They're popping up in front yards everywhere. Some are like ivy appearing on the front and sides of buildings

Unlike the others, these are sort of "mystery" flowers. We don't get to see who or what has bloomed until the polls are closed at 8:00 P.M April 30th.

As with anything else, the more you give something, the better the results. In this case, you the voter are the gardeners.

Instead of water, nurture is provided by listening. Our Democratic State Senate race has three possibilities - Maureen Dahill, Rep. Linda Dorcea-Forry and Rep. Nick Collins. The three engaged in an informative candidates' forum in Fort Point last week where residents got a chance to listen and to ask questions of the three candidates.

Tuesday, April 16 6:30 P.M., at the Lithuanian Club 368 West Broadway, the candidates will meet for a forum where a question from each community organization will be asked as well as questions from the audience. All three candidates are to be complimented for making themselves available for

examination by the electorate.

Putting yourself in the public eye leads to intense scrutiny and is a sacrifice to privacy from each candidate. The voter should appreciate that fact and perhaps offer their own sacrifice by making an effort to attend and hear the candidate's positions.

An even rarer sign of spring is a U.S. Senate race. This is a primary for both parties as well, Democrat and Republican, on April 30 with the final in May. The Republican field consists of Rep. Dan Winslow, former U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan and businessman and former Navy Seal Gabriel Gomes. The Republicans seem to hail from the suburbs where most of their support comes from.

On the Democratic side, there are U.S. Rep. Steve Lynch and U.S. Rep. Ed Markey. Unlike the Republicans, Democrat Lynch seems to get the most of his support from the urban centers. Democrat Ed Markey seems to get most of his support from Washington D.C. power brokers. If that last line appears to be a shot at Markey, it is. One thing that particularly grates this columnist is "carpet bagger". Sure, Markey is from Malden originally, but 30 year neighbors have rarely, if ever, seen him. Did you know before he married Theresa Hines, Senator Kerry voted at the Condon School on "D" Street? You don't really consider Kerry a "Southie Guy" do you?

It was simply a matter of convenience and necessity. The same with Markey, he's so deep

in the Washington D.C. insider "tank" he needs scuba gear. He's an adherent to philosophy that the elite, beautiful people know best and life and society should be decided by the Feds and dictated to the rest of us. As opposed to those who believe the will and desires of the people are to be transmitted to and shape what comes out of D.C. Suspensions are always present with those who pontificate from afar and only deign to live among us when it suits their needs and then only to show us the "right" way to do things. One of the best measures is always to "follow the money". Is it true that nearly 70 % of Congressman Markey's campaign donations have come out of state? Scary is the only word to describe that situation.

Who ever is elected, it would be nice to have someone local or at least familiar with local concerns. Forcing British Petroleum to put a camera a mile down to film a broken pipe when the results could be seen with the naked eye on the oceans surface is hardly an action to crow about or seek admittance to the "Statesman Hall of Fame" and Louisiana is a long way from Massachusetts. Vote local, act local.

In both of these elections, South Boston or all of Massachusetts, they're like big gardens. It's up to us, the "gardeners", to pay attention. We can't continue to deplete the soil wasting time and money by cultivating exotic flowers not native to our land. Yank the weeds.

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Requests Increase For Additional City Dog Parks

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
staff report

There used to be a time in many of Boston's neighborhoods when the sight of packs of free roaming (unleashed) dogs was a common thing. It was a mystery how these dogs would know where and how to find each other when let out in the morning, travel many blocks together from their homes then somehow know when it was time to return to be fed and turn in for the night. Only to repeat the whole routine the next day.

In South Boston, It was not an unusual thing to see the same group of dogs; which came in all shapes, sizes and breeds playing on the beach at M St in the morning only to be found later that day racing to tree a squirrel or annoying neighborhood cats.

But that was many years ago and things have changed. Leash laws are now in place and dog licenses are the rule for our canine friends. And the only time we actually see a dog running loose on its own is when Baxter or Jake manages to bolt out of their houses when a door is accidentally left open or when they are able to break their chain in the back yard and slip through a hole in the fence. But just because the day of the free roaming dog packs is no more doesn't mean that there are fewer dogs living in the city. Quite a few residents still own dogs. But alas, man's best friend only gets to go out when he or she is being walked on a leash. And THAT folks is why there is an ever growing demand for designating areas as 'dog parks'.

Dog parks it seems are the way to go in congested areas if our pets are ever to get that outdoor time without being attached to a leash attached to the wrist of their owners. And let's face it, our pets love the freedom to run free even

if it is confined within a chain link fence and most owners want to give them that chance at every opportunity.

There are now two dog parks in South Boston and every other neighborhood has them as well. All of them are well used and people for the most part are really good about picking up after their pets. It's an honor system. But with the number of dogs growing all the time, the demand for ever more set aside areas to give pets that time to get their exercise and socialize and play with other dogs is growing. And for the most part, the city has been pretty good in accommodating.

South Boston Today has been told by sources at city hall that more such parks could be in the planning stages in the near future. Many feel there is a definite need; especially since dogs are barred from our beaches from May through September, even when on a leash.

Rewarding our furry friends, who give us unconditional love and loyalty, with a few more recreation areas is the least we can do in return by writing letters to City Hall and asking them to build more dog parks. Perhaps even circulating petitions might get it to happen sooner than later. It's up to pet owners to make the effort.

Thank A Vet

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
by William A Predeau

Many people travel to our shores
To escape their world of strife
and leave their troubled lands behind
To enjoy our way of life

But our way of life in America
Didn't come easy, so don't forget
If you love what we enjoy today
Be sure and thank a Vet

They shed their blood on foreign
shores
to help keep others free
and many never came back home
to their wives and family

Many Fathers, Sons and Daughters
Still battle in distant sand
May they never be forgotten
Nor the fight they have at hand

The bells will toll in their honor
As long as we never forget
America is what it is today
Thank God, and thank a Vet

The South Boston Community Development Foundation

Announces the Annual Bidders Conference
on April 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.
at the South Boston Library on East Broadway.

WHAT: Request for Proposals (RFP) Grant
Application Process

WHEN: April 16, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: South Boston Branch Library
646 East Broadway

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available funds. Grant applications will be reviewed
and voted on by the SBCDF.

Questions can be answered and applications picked up
at this bidders conference.



Brian's Beat

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY
Brian Wallace

Note: talk back to Brian by email at bwallace@southbostontoday.com

Wallace Cancels Speech At Curley Recreation Center

Former State Representative and present author Brian Wallace has been forced to cancel his talk to the L Street Runners Club on April 11th. Wallace's topic was his book "Night Runner" which features the L Street Club. Wallace underwent surgery on Tuesday April 9th after an accident late last week. Wallace will also have to take a leave of absence from his present duties with South Boston Today. "I have waited almost a year to speak before the L Street Runner's Club, so this is really disheartening. I apologize to Alma and Mac Moran and hope I can get a rain check. I will have to undergo a 12 week rehab process to gain full strength in my arm, so I will not be writing for a while. I hope you enjoyed my writing to date and that it brings back some good memories and some smiles." Wallace stated.



The New England Council Round Table Breakfast Held at South Boston's Seaport Hotel

The New England Council, a non-partisan alliance of businesses, academic and health institutions, and public and private organizations, recently hosted a Congressional Roundtable Breakfast with U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) at the Seaport Hotel. The Senator (L) is pictured here with Council President & CEO James T. Brett (R).

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Linehan Calls for Transportation Infrastructure Improvements

South Boston Flats and the Marine Industrial Park continue to attract tenants for back office, light manufacturing, new high tech and bio production centers. Based on the concentrated growth it is imperative for the success of these new tenants and all who presently live in South Boston, Fort Point, Water Front, Innovation District, East and West Sides that a full-fledged traffic and transportation plan be developed immediately with capital infrastructure needs recognized and investment pursued.

Transportation needs to keep pace with development or our growth spurt will prove to be a handicap not an enhancement. South Boston is the epicenter of development in the City at this time. A long awaited migration of the crane is in full view and is a wonderful site, but once all the buildings are full to capacity we have transportation grid that is woefully inadequate.

Millions of square feet of residential and commercial spaces are presently under construction and much more on the immediate horizon. The Convention Center expansion and related hospitality infrastructure argument has been made and accepted, adding additional pressure on our streets and roadways.

The following issues need to be addressed as part of this effort.

- Building an access and egress roadway to move commercial and residential traffic out of the Fort Point area is essential, including opening up Dorchester Avenue from Broadway to Summer St. Get South Station expansion on the fast track and remove levy standing barriers to this progress.
- Creating an East/West road parallel to First Street similar to Massport's planned truck route from Conley Terminal from Summer Street to A Street.
- Creating a D Street corridor with bus service from Andrew Square and beyond to the Waterfront. Including quality pedestrian walkways leading north and south from the Convention Center. Reevaluate existing bus service with an eye toward enhancement in order to address overcrowding.
- Improve access to Interstate interchange from A, D and E Streets for residents and commercial vehicles.
- Begin an analysis and community process for affected community in the Fort Point, South Boston, First Street Corridor, Chinatown and Leather District including both sides of the 4th Street Bridge (Dover St. Bridge) that focus on vehicular access, egress and parking. Including review of parking ban, preferred bicycle routes aimed at travel to and from South Boston and Downtown. Improve intersections and walkways to ensure pedestrian friendly accommodations for those with disabilities and young children.

All of the major players need to participate and contribute to this effort. They include: BRA, City of Boston Transportation and DPW, along with Massport, MCCA, MassDOT and MBTA to create a plan for the varied interest of this most dynamic area and share in the responsibility and resource gathering to implement such a plan.

I am calling for these agencies to meet, commit resources and begin a process which includes neighborhood meetings to address the issues we have raised as well as additional concerns that are raised by stakeholders.

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will preserve and celebrate the historic while allowing the proposed residences.

Eighteen units with 20 parking spaces were proposed and supported by residents for one of the most unknown historic sites in Boston. Dahlgren Hall once located at "E" and Silver Streets was also a one time Masonic Hall as well as the former headquarters of Breadmore Movers. Its footnote in history is that in 1676 Captain Hopestill Foster built the first home in Dorchester, as Southie was known as at that time. Until recently the 1680 Blake House in Edward Everett Square was thought to hold that distinction.

Next for this busy group is a proposal to replace 141-143 West Sixth Street with four units and four parking spaces. After discussion and some changes this proposal was supported.

This past Monday night a proposal was heard and supported for an organic brewery to be located at 60 Old Colony Ave. This would have a visitors' tour center. No alcohol is otherwise sold for consumption on the premises as this is not a bar or even a package store. Older residents may remember "Romanow" Trucking with their long red trailer trucks. This is the same building and the grandson of the same family. Those in attendance were treated with a tasting of their product after the vote which was in favor.

This would still require city zoning relief.

The final project, which had initially been rejected by residents, was for 8 units at "Thornton's Florist" at Dorchester and Silver Streets. The initial glass and aluminum proposal has been replaced with red brick and bay windows more in keeping with the surrounding architecture. It will have 8 parking spaces and be approximately a floor or more lower than the McGoo's Pizza building.

An update on the "Mansion" reveals that contrary to assertions reported here previously, the developer did not follow all aspects of community process requirements under article 85. Primarily that alternative development plans were not examined by the proponent, the Landmarks Commission has delayed any further action until the process is in compliance.

Finally, an organization "neighborhood first" that dates back to the removal of the oil tank farm at "O" and First Streets, held a meeting Monday night at the library to discuss Massport plans to build a truck haul road that would parallel First Street from the Conley Terminal, along the docks behind Edison and connect with Summer Street Bridge. This is yet another proposal, if done correctly, would benefit all, but if mishandled will leave residents bearing, yet another potential environmental and quality of life disaster. More details to follow.

These development reports are starting to read like after action reports from a military assault. South Boston is the most active development area in America if not the world.



Are South Bostonians Habitual Jay Walkers?

SOUTH BOSTON TODAY

staff report

Lately, there have been stories in the media about the rampant ‘Jay Walking’ that takes place in Boston as opposed to most other places around the country. This is felt to be the cause of the relatively high number of injuries suffered by pedestrians in this city when compared to other congested areas. The Boston Globe recently ran a story quoting numbers. For example, in Boston, there are 193 pedestrians on average who are injured per 100,000 residents while Denver’s numbers are 39 per and Seattle has 89 per. To quote Boston’s traffic commissioner and South Boston resident Tom Tinlin from that same Globe article: “...people are making some bad choices...” Tom is absolutely right. On a busy day in Boston, if you choose to jay walk, you could get slammed by an oncoming vehicle driven by someone who might not be paying attention or who just might not expect to see someone crossing the street where they shouldn’t be.

Perhaps people should be more careful and follow the anti jay walking law, which by the way will get you a whopping one dollar fine for not following it. That’s right - a buck, that is if it were ever to be enforced. But let’s face it, our police have a lot more to do than go around busting people for not staying in the cross walks when crossing the street. But, a question that has been asked a few times of South Boston Today by our readers is “Why, in South Boston, are there so few cross walks?” And that’s a good question. Let’s do a reality check. Take East Broadway for example. On most of it, there are cross walks at the intersections only; just like most other streets in our neighborhood. With the exception of the added crossing lines that take you from Stop and Shop to Rite-Aid, if a person is at a store in the middle of the block and needs to get to a location directly across the street and was to obey the Jay walking law to the letter, he or she would have to trek all the way to the end of the block; possibly one hundred feet or more, when the destination is actually only 25 feet away as the crow flies.

Let’s look at the side streets. To obey the law, can you imagine someone who lives on E. Fifth St. whose car is parked directly across from their house walking all the way down to L St. to walk between the lines to get on the opposite side? Family members would have them committed. To travel the shortest distance between two points is far too tempting; especially if you’re on your lunch hour or running late to pick up the kids at school. So you just make that direct bee line which saves you time and energy and kind of makes sense. But then again, it could get you hurt as well. Doing this sometimes causes the pedestrian to have to sprint to get across in the face of oncoming traffic. It also can cause drivers to have to slam on their brakes. Tempers have been known to flare and the occasional harsh words to be uttered, fingers to be displayed or even punches to fly. Not a good scene.

So a follow-up to the question of why are there so few cross walks in South Boston could be: ‘Wouldn’t it make sense and make things safer all around for the city to create more crossing areas?’ If adding even one additional cross walk, say in the middle of each block could be done, it might make things a bit safer and there would be less reason to Jay Walk. Now we know that adding more crossing areas won’t end the act of jay walking. But it just might cut it down a bit and maybe save a life or two.

We welcome reader feedback on this story. If you have an opinion on this, please share it with us. Input and advice from city officials regarding the possibilities of adding more crossing areas is welcome as well.

Nick Collins Opens Campaign Office in the Heart of Dorchester

State Senate campaign continues to build momentum leading up to Special Election

Nick Collins, candidate for State Senate in the First Suffolk Senate District, opened a campaign office in Dorchester this week. The office, located at 483 Washington Street, will serve as the base for Dorchester field campaign operations and staff. The Collins Committee is planning an Office Opening this Thursday at 4pm and all are invited to attend.

“By establishing an office in the heart of Dorchester, my supporters and I will be able to directly reach the extended community I hope to serve,” said Collins, state representative for the 4th Suffolk District.

In addition to the campaign office opening, latest examples of endorsements helping to build election momentum include:

- Communities United Political Action Committee
- Greater Boston Labor Council
- AFSCME Council 93
- Massachusetts Nurses Association
- Boston Carmen’s Union #589
- Boston Firefighters Local #718
- International Alliance of Theatrical State Employees Local #11
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local #2222
- International Brotherhood of Teamsters
- International Longshoreman Association Locals #799, #800, #805
- Ironworkers Local #7
- Laborers Local #223
- MA Correctional Officers Federated Union
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This week’s “Around the Globe” is a little different from the norm. Our profile today is of a young South Boston woman who is an executive in one of the oldest and most prestigious firms in the industry. The US Second Infantry Division known as the “Warriors” formed in

1917 during WWI. It consisted of the Army 9th and 23rd Infantry Regiment, and the Marine 5th and 6th regiment and 6th Machine Gun Battalion, all of the 4th Brigade.

Their first combat was the horror of Belleau Wood. They are the only Army Division in history commanded

by Marine General Charles Doyen and General John LeJeune, namesake of Camp LeJeune, North Carolina. In WWII they chased the Nazis from Normandy through the “Bulge” and all the way to Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. In 1950 this division’s members won 18 Congressional Medals of Honor

during the Korean War.

In 2007, 2009 and 2011 they were deployed first to Iraq then Afghanistan. They are the famous “Stryker Brigades” who together with Marine Recon, are credited with leading the “Surge” in both countries that has basically broken the terrorist insurgents. Today their focus is on the enemy they have spent the past 60 years facing down.

Thankfully, in their midst, the 2nd Division has a dose of can-do and common sense with the presence of South Boston native Lindsey Elder or more appropriately, as of April 5th, Captain Lindsey Elder of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team.

The Captain grew up on “F” Street and was a 1999 graduate of South Boston High. She was acquainted with Major Mullen (featured previously) when both were members of ROTC at U Mass. She graduated from U Mass Amherst in 2003. She furthered her studies graduating from Central Michigan University in 2012. She is presently stationed at Camp Hovey, South Korea which sits astride the historical invasion route dating to Ghengis Khan, so she needs no evening news report to know how fragile and dangerous the present situation is.

The original contact made for this article actually began a couple of weeks ago. Time zone difference and increasing tension over that time is making communication difficult. We at South Boston Today feel it’s important to let the Captain and all the troops know we’re with them now. Hopefully in the next week or so we’ll be able to bring you the Captain’s words directly. 2nd Division “Warriors”, second to none.



Artist's Studio..... Where's Norman

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South Boston Today Guest Contributor
Deb Putnam

The other day as I drove down East Broadway I did a double take. The Crump Art Gallery was gone! A fixture in the Southie Art Scene for years, I wondered aloud, "Where's Norman?" Well fear not, Norman is fine and his indomitable artistic spirit has just relocated to a new venue on East 6th Street. Meeting Norman for the first time is like greeting an old friend. His affable spirit immediately puts you at ease while his obvious excitement of all things art carries you away. An unexpected jewel on Broadway, his gallery has given us a view into Norman's world for years. His paintings of beautiful sun dotted fields, massive ships appearing through the fog and Castle Island on a crisp fall day reveal his love for the landscape. Norman, to me, is an everyman's artist and his art gives rest to the weary.

Ever since he was a child Norman wanted to be an artist. He was always drawing, painting and exploring his interest. As he got older he began visiting museums and observing the work of some of the world's greatest artists. He just couldn't get enough. Along the way his friends, family and neighbors were all very supportive. Attending art school for a few years after high school, his real education took place by working in the field of art where he took every job that came his way. During this time he learned by doing, taking on commissions to paint portraits, murals, graphics and signs. Not everything worked out well though – one mother, after looking at her child's portrait, said, "You made my baby look like roast beef." So, eventually he gave up the portraits all together, and concentrated on landscape painting.

In 1974, along with a few friends, he opened an art studio in the old Ellis Building in South Boston which is now the home of the South Boston Community Health Center. In those days, the building was filled with artists, musicians, dancers and even boxers. There was always a great energy, and the artists were pretty



prolific. They did fairs, festivals, even antique and street shows, basically doing everything they could to get out there.

In the late 70's Norman worked with the great South Boston artist, Paul Shannon, and together they had several successful and encouraging two man art shows here in town. Paul, as some of you may remember,

designed the Vietnam Memorial on Morrissey Boulevard and has since passed away but his extraordinary gift of drawing will be an inspiration to Norman forever.

In 1980, Norman moved his family to Boston Harbor's Thompson Island in order to work and live on the island. Eventually he became the Boat Captain for the island ferry, but

his interest in his art never waned. Inspired by his beautiful surroundings Norman continued to paint all the time. He continues to maintain a special relationship with the island and works on special projects there from time to time.

When he moved back to South Boston in the early 90's Norman and his wife, Jane, decided to open up a studio on Broadway, the first artist owned gallery in the area at the time. A lot of artists thought he was crazy for doing this in South Boston. Someone even said, "Who tries to sell art to poor people in the middle of a recession?" But Norman knew something they didn't. He was convinced that the people of South Boston were the most supportive and kind hearted people anywhere. He believed in their love of the arts and they, in turn, believed in Norman.

As he was getting the studio ready, before the paper was even off the windows, people began stopping by to say they were glad to see him there. It has

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literally rolling in money. But they do not allow it to change who and what they are. They are loyal to their roots, they are proud and fiercely patriotic traditional Americans and they certainly feel more comfortable driving their pickup trucks, going fishing and hanging out with old friends and family at a backyard barbecue than at some glitzy Hollywood cocktail party laced with giant egos and phony conversation. These are clearly people most would enjoy having a beer with and they would enjoy the company as long as you keep it real. It's good to know that try as it might; Hollywood has not corrupted all of America.

We'll close with a statement from one of the loons who haunts the air waves at that nut farm of a TV network MSNBC. The only reason I quote one 'Melissa Perry', one of that channel's reporters, is to expose the warped mindset of many people on her side of the political spectrum. Ms Perry, during a broadcast earlier this week said that Americans need to break through and leave behind the private idea that children belong to their parents. Her side believes that kids belong to the community, aka, the state. Oh yes, you see, Ms. Perry and those on the left who think as she does feel that parents have far too much say over their own children's lives and that government can do a much better job of raising them. The good thing is, more Americans every day are starting to see the light as to just where the 'progressives' of the world want to take this country. And thankfully, most people have no intention of going along for the ride.

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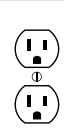
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141 Dorchester Ave UNIT 317 Condo	\$845,000	3/29/13	5	2	1544
33 Sleeper St UNIT 504 Condo	\$790,000	4/5/13	2	1	1270
82 G Street Two Family	\$721,500	3/29/13			2580
354 K Street Single Family	\$685,000	4/9/13	7	2	2055
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9 Broadway UNIT 201 Condo	\$599,000	3/29/13	5	2	1130
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The Tara High Kings Festival – Pre-Medieval History in the 21st Century

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By John Joseph Fahey

Folklore has it that the location where official power was administrated in Ireland was known as the Hill of Tara (in the English language) and Temair in the native Gaelic tongue. This terrain was also considered sacred as it was thought to be where the gods resided.

The land of Tara has something to offer those in the twenty-first century as well – and that it to take part in a festival where one can learn about the legends and history that this ancient and quixotic land offers. The festival is appropriately titled the Tara Festival of the High Kings and will take place in September, 2013.

One of the offerings that this festival has is the coronation of the High Kings; this competition gives one the opportunity to compete for one of thirteen positions as king. According to the festival organizers, those interested are expected demonstrate both physical and intellectual prowess, such as meeting the six quest requirements with the memorization of twelve books of poetry, along with being able to stand up to the waist while fighting off attackers, or when running, pick a thorn from your foot - without stopping! (This physical dexterity would make proud the ancient warriors - Na Fianna.) The objective of these arduous tasks (and what those participating are judged on)

is to demonstrate “courage, brawn, leadership skills and community involvement.”

The coronation will occur on September 14, and is perhaps a little reminiscent of those “142 High Kings who were crowned at Tara in ritual ceremonies - around the Stone of Destiny (Lia Fail) which is said, would cry out when the true king touched it,” according to those involved in organizing the festivities.

The High Kings of Tara festival promises to be not only fun but educational as there will be: “traditional craft workshops, dramatic exhibitions, traditional music, food and story telling.” Also, for those with an interest in Irish history, it might be interesting to learn about those High Kings of Tara whose reign lasted from the 3rd Century to the first millennium. True, what remains in the venerable physical landscape of Tara are earthworks, but the festival sounds as if it offers a plethora of cultural information regarding the historical (and mythological) component of this romantic land.

For further information, contact the festival’s website at www.tarahighkingsfestival.ie. The project is part of The Gathering Ireland 2013. It is also supported by Meath Travellers Workshop LTD, and the Hill of Tara Foundation, along with many local volunteers.

The Boston Foundation’s “Teacher Advisory Board”

Selects Ms. Jamie Richardson Grade 5 Teacher at South Boston Catholic Academy



Ms. Richardson was selected to participate in The Boston Foundation’s “Teacher Advisory Board,” a board of 30 teachers from the Boston area, including representatives from public, private, charter, and parochial schools. The board was established to provide feedback on the Boston Foundation’s education strategies in regards to programs, initiatives, and research. Engaging and meaningful activities serve as the pulse of the board and include

meeting with Boston Foundation leaders and staff to discuss challenges and opportunities of working in an urban environment. Recent meeting topics have included “Student Health and Wellness” as well as “Culture and the Arts in School.” Ms. Richardson is leveraging these cross channel discussions and sharing best practices with all her peer teachers at South Boston Catholic Academy. Ms. Richardson describes her participation with the board as “truly a privilege, the opportunity to meet such dedicated and talented teachers from across all sectors-both public and private has given me great insight into various aspects of teaching.”

Ms. Richardson loves being in the classroom and is proud of the rich and dynamic classroom she has created. Currently in her third year of teaching at SBCA, where she has taught grades 5 and 6, Miss Richardson understands how learning occurs through various

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been the same ever since those days. Norman explains, “People would stop by just to say hi, let me know they love the work, bring their kids by to look at the paintings. It has been great, and yes, they have my work in their homes and I’m happy.”

So many good things have happened because of that first decision to follow his heart. Norman has collectors locally, nationally and internationally and he speaks warmly of the great friends and associations he’s made here in the community. He met his friend, former partner and fellow artist Dan McCole because of the studio. Together they formed the South Boston Arts Association, and they opened a gallery on the waterfront by the World Trade Center.

Norman had been back on East Broadway in Southie for a while, but the building is on the market so he just recently closed shop and moved back to his home studio. He’s still “open for business” so folks can reach him by phone or via email to make an appointment to meet and his website, www.normancrumpgallery.com, has been updated. Now that the weather is warming up Norman will be easy to find, back out on the street painting all around town.

The latest big news for Norman is that he’s hosting a weekly open house on Thursday evenings from 5pm – 8pm. People can stop by to see what’s new, pick up and place orders, meet some old friends and make some new ones. He is hoping this will become a fun early Thursday evening event for people. So please

feel free to stop by at 793 East 6th St.

In the end it’s all about the art. Each day Norman wakes up excited about creating the best art he can. He tries to push himself to learn something new every day and carry that excitement into his paintings. He feels fortunate to be able to do what he loves every day, and is grateful to God for that. It is a privilege to have the support of this community.

Deb Putman is a local artist and regular contributor at South Boston Today. Her work can be viewed at www.dputnamart.com

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Southie Trees and South Boston NDC Launch Free Tree Planting Program

The Plant-A-Tree Program is a neighborhood initiative started by Southie Trees and South Boston Neighborhood Development Corporation to get more trees planted in South Boston. For the first time, funding was received to plant trees in private yards and spaces in South Boston. The program, launching this Spring, will provide interested and qualified residents (on a first come first serve basis) with a tree, planting supplies, and the know-how to ensure long-term health and growth (up to a \$200 value!). The application deadline for Spring 2013 is April 15, 2013. There will be a mandatory training session/planting day on April 20, 2013 at the corner of D Street and Crowley Rogers Way. We will be planting six trees in this location in order to teach you the ins and outs of planting and caring for your own tree. Plant-A-Tree Program trees will also be available for pick up at this date and location.

Who Can Apply

Any resident living in South Boston can apply to the Plant-A-Tree Program. Residents must be able to plant the tree on their property in a yard or adjacent green space.

How to Apply

It's easy! Just fill out the one page application found at www.southietrees.techboston.com and email to southietrees1@gmail.com or hand-deliver to SBNDP at 365 West Broadway by April 15, 2013

What are Eligible Projects?

Trees must be planted on the applicant's property by the applicant. There are many types of eligible trees that can be planted in South Boston and we encourage you to choose the type that works best for your yard! You can find the list of approved trees here www.cityofboston.gov/parks/streettrees/Tree_species.asp (All trees are subject to availability from the nurseries, but we will work with you to find the perfect tree for you).

What do you Get?

In addition to a free tree, Plant-A-Tree will provide you with all the supplies needed for planting.

Contact: Bethany Lawlor Program Coordinator Southie Trees

Southietrees1@gmail.com 617-268-9610

A GRAND SPRING CONCERT



The Friends of the SB Branch Library Invitation

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Saturday, April 13 at 3 p.m. South Boston Branch Library, 646 East Broadway, South Boston, 617-268-0180

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mediums of instruction. As an English and Social Studies teacher, she recognizes the fluid nature of the two subject areas and tries to integrate instruction as much as possible. Whether students are creating thoughtful projects, working in the computer lab, participating in Reader's Theatre, or reinforcing concepts through centers, Ms. Richardson's classroom is never boring! Facing History and Collins' Writing methods are routinely implemented and provide varied access for student learning. In addition, Ms. Richardson runs an ISEE preparation summer program for incoming grade 6 students.

Originally a New Jersey native,

she moved to Massachusetts for college. Ms. Richardson attended Boston College for her undergraduate study where she received a B.A. in Elementary Education/Human Development. She continued her work at Boston College where she received a Master of Arts in Developmental Psychology. After college, she worked for Boston College implementing and coordinating the International Student Teaching program, a program she participated in during college when she taught 6th Grade in Melbourne Australia. Through the program, Ms. Richardson worked to place undergraduate and graduate students in various teaching positions on six different continents!

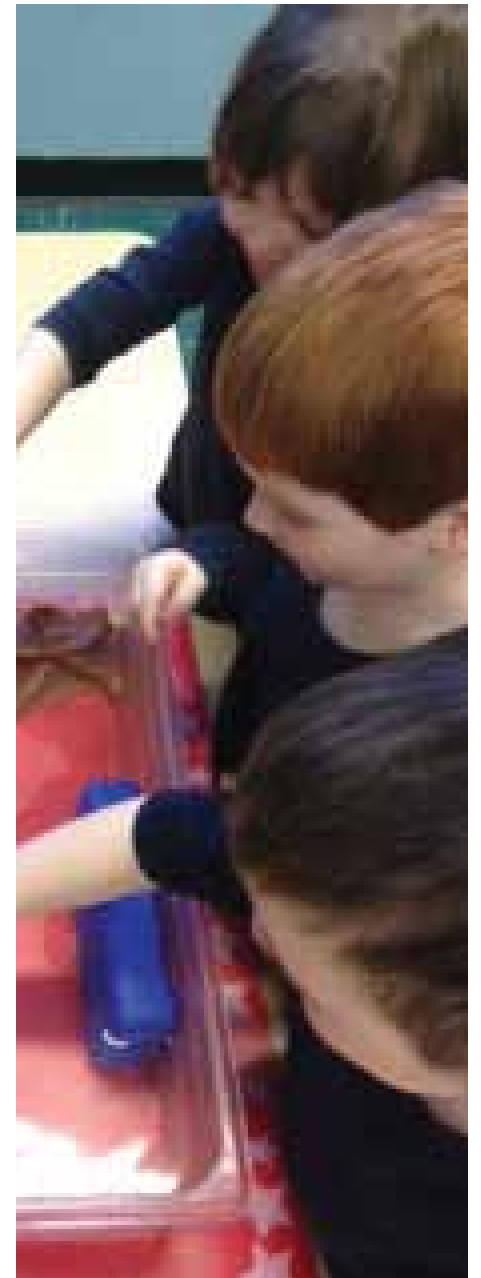


Tide Pools Alive Program at SBCA

The early childhood students at South Boston Catholic Academy had a visit from the New England Aquarium's "Tide Pools Alive" Program. During this visit the children were able to look, touch, and explore animals that live in a tide pool. The children also had the opportunity to dress up in costumes provided through the program and act out what it is like to live in such an ecosystem. As a follow up the children are currently creating a display of a tide pool through various types of art work. Together the preschool and k1 programs are continuously working on enhancing the curriculum to reach our goal, which is, developing the children's language skills and engaging their imaginations to explore and learn about everything around them.



South Boston Catholic Academy







South Boston Youth Ambassadors on Fifth Community Service Trip!

The South Boston Community Health Center's Youth Ambassadors are going on their 5th Service Trip! This year the youth will be serving in Long Island, NY. The Youth Ambassadors are aware of the devastating effects Hurricane Sandy had on Long Island on October 2012 and that help is still needed in this community. In this spirit, it was decided that in April of this year, Youth Ambassadors will spend their spring vacation working in Long Island with a Jewish organization called NECHAMA.

NECHAMA's work is based on the Jewish value of Tikkun Olam, which is Hebrew for repairing the world through acts of goodness. NECHAMA continues this mission for Long Island through house restoration and other community development programs.

Our jobs in Long Island will include; gutting homes, painting, installing sheet-rock, removing debris from a home, or finishing out a home. The Youth Ambassadors are committed to community service in their neighborhood and beyond.

The yearly experience of traveling to disaster relief sites solidifies their resolve to make a difference once they return home to South Boston. Bill Driscoll, Executive Director of NECHAMA, welcomes the team from South Boston and had this to say: "Volunteers provide the energy and labor force to help disaster survivors recover from the storm by helping cleanup or rebuild. Many disaster survivors cannot afford or perform the repair work needed to make their home whole again and volunteers play

a major part in each individual's and a community's recovery. We are grateful to the volunteers from South Boston who will dedicate a week to helping with the recovery efforts.

Previous community service trips to the Gulf Coast and Alabama have been life changing for the youth participants as well as their adult chaperones. They have felt a great sense of accomplishment by representing South Boston in recovery relief efforts.

Please contact Mayra Rodriguez-Howard at the South Boston community Health Center (617) 464-7423 if you would like more information or would like to contribute to the cost of the trip.

Around Town...

About the Man - Joseph A. McCarthy

Joe was born to Alice (Kiley) and Joseph McCarthy. He had two siblings, Marie T. and John M. He was educated at Nazareth Parochial School in South Boston and Christopher Columbus High School in East Boston.

Upon graduation from high school he was employed for forty years by the Boston Edison Company, now known as N-Star, until his retirement in 2000. He was a loyal member of Local 387 and for many years represented his fellow workers as Steward, Chief Steward and at contract time for the Bargaining Committee. In later years Local 387 merged with Local 369.

He proudly served his country with the U.S. Army in Stuttgart, Germany during the Vietnam Era.

Joe and his wife Evelyn (Gately) were married for forty-three years. They had three children: Joseph (Dan), Teresa (Terri), and Sean, and four grandchildren: Steven, Alison, Kevin and Joshua.

He was active in his retirement years serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Members Plus Credit Union, Medford. BERA (Boston Edison Retirees Association). Castle Island Association, South Boston. The Irish Cultural Center, Canton. And a volunteer at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brockton.

He loved politics and debating political issues. He enjoyed debating anyone willing to take him on. He had a vast collection of political books, pictures, and memorabilia. He also loved backing his favorite candidates and working at the polls for them.

Joe was proud of his Irish heritage. His favorite color was green (he wore green clothing every day of his life), you could always find him at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in South Boston. (only missing one in his life when his

daughter was born) he loved Irish music (he listened to it on the radio every Saturday and Sunday and by CD during the week and in his car). His den and the basement of his Irish Pub sported many items of Irish, Notre Dame, and South Boston origin. One wall was dedicated to South Boston, one to Notre Dame, one to Boston Edison (N-Star) and one to misc. Irish memorabilia. His favorite song of all time was "Southie is My Home Town." His children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews learned this song at an early age and learned quickly that whenever they wanted anything (an ice cream, or a special treat) that if they all sang this song as loud as they could to him it would magically appear with a big smile on his face! At St. Patrick's Day parties he would gather all the kids around him and hand out dollar bills to anyone who could answer his Irish Trivia questions and sing this song. One time he hid a \$10 bill inside a statue of St. Patrick and put it with little prizes for all the kids at one of his parties. When they got a question correct they could choose a prize. No one pick the statue and at the end of the game he pulled out the \$10 bill and danced around the room. Everyone wanted the statue then. In his spare time at home you could always find him puttering around in his famous "shed" in the backyard, in his cellar with the kids creating special projects, or in his den watching the Boston Red Sox or his beloved Fighting Irish of Notre Dame Football Team. Win, lose or draw, they were his teams.

If you could describe the loves of Joe's life in a few words they would be: Family – Friends – South Boston - Irish – Irish Music – Politics – Green and JAMESON WHISKEY!

- E. McCarthy/S. McCarthy

Joseph A. McCarthy Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Joseph A. McCarthy Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to perpetuate the memory and ideals of Joe McCarthy; to raise awareness of "Southie" (South Boston, MA), the place where Joe grew up and that meant so much to him; and to provide a financial opportunity to those who plan to further their education at either an accredited college or technical school through the memorial scholarship award.

This year, two \$750.00 and two \$1,000.00 scholarships will be awarded to full time students at an accredited college or technical school. A 500 word essay on "South Boston's Contribution to Society" is required. The deadline for submittal is April 15, 2013. Please visit The Joseph A. McCarthy website <http://josephamccarthyscholarship.com> For complete details.



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May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.

~

May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and the rains fall soft upon your fields.

~

And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand



South Boston Babe Ruth League (13-15 yrs old) try out schedule

Saturday	April 20	1:00 PM
Sunday	April 21	12:00 PM
Saturday	April 27	1:00 PM
Sunday	April 28	2:30 PM

Everyone who pre-registers and makes three of the tryouts will automatically make a team. To pre-register just email your name, address, phone number and date of birth to; Lallycompound@aol.com.
Your age is based on how old you will be on April 30th of 2013. All tryouts will be held on the Babe Ruth League Fields at Moakley Park. If you have any questions, please call Kevin Lally at 617-268-0536.

Senior Babe Ruth Notes

As the Senior Babe Ruth gets ready for its 53 season, there is a need for coaches to assist Billy Connor. Billy has been coaching the team for 5 seasons and will still be around to help but not full time. We need adults with a good knowledge of baseball who can be around during the months of June and July. The season has 18 games, 9 home and 9 away. The players are all Southie kids who have played through Little League and Babe Ruth. Every game is like an all star game against teams from Norwood, Dedham, Milton, Braintree, Quincy, Dorchester, and Hingham.
It is exciting baseball and one of the few sports available to kids 16-19 years of age. The tryouts will be taking place in early May, but without enough coaches, there is a strong possibility we would not be able to field a team. Anyone interested in helping out please get in touch with Buddy Lane or Billy Connor at budeeln@verizon.net as soon as possible or call Buddy Lane at 617-269-1091.



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Bruins Trade For Jagr, Big Boost For Playoff Run

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staff report

Last week Boston Bruins picked up Jaromir Jagr, a Future Hall of Famer. Jagr's playoff experience and scoring ability are welcomed additions to the Bruins at crunch time. After the news broke on Monday that the Dallas Stars were putting Jagr on the market, the Bruins front office made the deal to bring the 41-year-old Czech-born star on board. In exchange for Jagr, the Bruins gave Dallas Lane MacDermid, a future enforcer, Cody Payne, a 2012 fifth-round pick and a conditional draft pick.

During Jagr's career, he has totaled 679 goals and 1,000 assists with five different teams.

As it stands, Jagr is tied with Brad Marchand for the team lead in goals with 14, proving he still has a knack for the net. Bruins star David Krejci reflected on watching Jagr as a kid. He told the Boston Herald, "He was the best for a long time and he's still one of the best right now."

Let's hope past is prologue and Jagr puts on a show for the playoffs. This time he will be wearing black and gold.





**Every week, we will run an interview from Danny Picard's daily sports-talk show "I'm Just Sayin", which can be heard LIVE every weekday from 8-10 a.m. on 1510 NBC Sports Radio Boston, and BlogTalkRadio, with every show available on iTunes. He can also be read on Comcast SportsNet, and seen on FOX-25 every Friday night at 10 p.m.*

This week, Danny talked with Providence Journal Red Sox beat writer Brian MacPherson:

DANNY PICARD: It seems like maybe the Red Sox dodged a bullet with John Lackey's injury, because his arm seemed to be dangling and he was in severe pain after that. Is it automatically Aceves? Is that the guy that would replace Lackey, whether it's one start or maybe more than that. Is Aceves definitely the guy?

BRIAN MACPHERSON: I mean, it's not automatic or definite, but I would say, 80-90 percent certainly that it's going to be Alfredo Aceves, at least for this first one. Franklin Morales is not a candidate. He has not been stretched out enough. He's just throwing 20 pitches at the minor league spring training complex, so he's not a candidate. Beyond that, you're looking at the likes of Allen Webster and Steven Wright, who certainly could come up and make that start, but I think they'd like both of them to get some more Triple-A starts. Aceves is fine, you hope. You hope that he can be a capable fifth starter. So you give him that start probably on Sunday. And if he's not a disaster, you let him keep going. If he is, you've got Webster and Wright waiting in the wings.

DP: A big win [on Monday] in the Fenway opener. Daniel Nava with a huge hit and an absolute missile home run in the seventh inning helps win that one. Nava, Clay Buchholz were the story. With Nava, how do

you get this guy in the lineup, or do you try to get this guy in the lineup regularly?

BM: I think you have to. He doesn't hurt you on defense, like he did in the past. And he gives you as professional an at-bat as anybody in that lineup. For a team that was looking to get back to grinding out at-bats, he had the highest on-base percentage on the team last year, other than David Ortiz, who missed two months. He's a guy that's going to get on base from both sides of the plate. The thing that's been encouraging so far this year is that he's doing it against lefties. Last year, you remember that at-bat against Verlander. He hit really well against righties, and not so well against lefties. Certainly if you pick one or the other, you'd want to be good against righties. But if he's going to do it against lefties too, [on Monday] he was the only guy doing anything. He got on base three times against Chen. He was the only guy doing anything in that lineup. And that wasn't the only day. If he's going to be able to get on base consistently and put up good at-bats consistently against lefties and righties, it's going to be hard to keep him out of that lineup on a regular basis.

DP: If you look at Daniel Nava, and everything that happened with the Red Sox in the offseason, I don't necessarily know that we were

sitting here talking about him being any sort of everyday player, with the guys that they went out and acquire for the outfield. And then you had the Jackie Bradley Jr. talk. Daniel Nava is as nice a kid as you'll meet, and he'll say all the right things, but don't you think that this kid has a fire under his behind, with everything that everybody else talked about? Maybe he felt a little bit left out. Don't you think that this kid is motivated to sort of take an everyday role?

BM: Oh sure. When you talk about being sort of left out and being the odd-man out, I mean, that's been the case his whole life. Now we all know the story about him being the equipment manager at Santa Clara because he didn't make the team, and then went to junior college and played there and worked his way back to Santa Clara and played there, and then came up through independent ball and crushed it in the minor leagues for the Red Sox, and only then did he get his shot. He's 30. I think people look at him as a kid. He's not a kid. He's 30. He's been doing this for a while. But I don't think he assumes that he's going to get anything handed to him, because nothing's ever been handed to him. All along, when they signed Jonny Gomes to play left field, it made sense for Daniel Nava to be that platoon partner with Gomes, because he

could hit righties. That seemed like a logical role, from the moment they signed Gomes. But yeah, absolutely he's got a fire, and if he's going to hit like this, it's going to be hard to deny him regular playing time somewhere in that lineup.

DP: Was the Fenway opener just a regularly scheduled day off for Jackie Bradley Jr.? We shouldn't read too much into that, right?

BM: Well, it was a "struggling versus lefties" type of day off. John Farrell has said a couple times how lefties have been pitching him tough pretty consistently. That's part of the adjustment that has to be made. And for a team that's trying to win games now, if you're struggling against lefties, you're not going to play against lefties. And with Bradley, you can't ride his coat tails in just one at-bat against Cliff Lee into the regular season too long. He started to face a lot of lefties in the early going. They've handled him pretty well with hard stuff inside, and he's got to make that adjustment. And if he hasn't made that adjustment by the time David Ortiz gets back, then he goes back to Triple-A and makes that adjustment. There's no insult in doing that, because we all thought he'd be in Triple-A to begin with this year. But that's part of a young player learning the major leagues.

DP: I loved what I saw out of



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Bradley on Opening Day at Yankee Stadium against C.C. Sabathia. So I don't necessarily know that the argument here, that he's not doing it against lefties, can be a good argument. Those walks that he had against Sabathia, and especially that first at-bat, where he falls behind 1-2 and C.C. hits him with two breaking balls low and away, and the patience to hold off on those and walk, I thought that was huge, and he showed me a lot in that at-bat against one of the more dominant lefties in the game.

BM: Absolutely, he was terrific. But Farrell was implying that he looked a little bit overmatched against some of the ensuing lefties. Because he has faced a lot of lefties. It's not like it was just Sabathia. That was part of the argument for keeping him down in the minors for a lot of people, was that they were going to face so many lefties in the early going. He certainly looked good against Sabathia, but nobody on the team looked good against Happ. And certainly that was not Bradley's exclusive problem. But learning to face those tough lefties, there's

having success and there's having the book get out on you. It doesn't take long for the book to get out, for somebody to say that lefties can throw hard and in on Jackie Bradley, those two-seamers in on the hands, that that's going to be the way to get him out. Maybe that book is starting to get around.

DP: With all that said, can Jonny Gomes be the odd-man out. Can you make Nava the everyday DH because he can hit from both sides, and put Jackie Bradley as the everyday left fielder, and Gomes would be the odd-man out? Is that a possibility?

BM: Yeah that's a possibility. And I think part of the reason you brought Gomes on board is because he's that sort of character, clubhouse, journeyman guy, who is not going to chafe at the idea of his playing time being reduced. He signed here with the idea of being an everyday player, but it does seem like he's going to be the sort of guy that can buy into, "Oh, Daniel Nava's playing terrific, Jackie Bradley's playing terrific, so there's not really a spot." And then you have that fourth outfielder coming off the bench, playing against some lefties

and getting his playing time that way. He's not going to get buried, but if you have both Bradley and Nava playing very well, it's not a good problem to have. And I do think they like Gomes' character. They like him as a guy that can deal with that and not sulk about the fact that his playing time has gone down.

DP: Another roster situation is the shortstop situation. And Jose Iglesias, I know it's only a week, but he still is hitting .450 after a week. Tell me what you've liked from Iglesias' game in the first week.

BM: Well you like the glove, that goes without saying. He's a terrific defensive shortstop, an elite defensive shortstop. He's been that way all along, and that's never been the issue. He's certainly made some jaw-dropping plays in the early going. You just look at that batting average, and I think he's got nine hits, and six of them haven't left the infield. He almost had another infield hit [Monday], so I guess there's a point at which those infield hits are a little bit sustainable, because he has the speed to hit it in the hole and beat that out a lot. But he hasn't hit the ball

hard at all to the outfield. His doubles have been choppers over third base or grounders down the line. It seems like it's a little bit of fools gold that he's hitting .450. Nobody expects him to hit .450, or even .250. It's tough to say that he has to keep his job based on his offensive production, when it seems like his offensive production is a bunch of infield hits, bunt hits, and grounders inside the third-base line. That's what fluky hitting is.

DP: Has Iglesias gained confidence though? And would he lose that confidence if he loses his gig to Stephen Drew? And if so, would they lose him for good?

BM: Some people have floated that idea. That sort of makes him out to be pretty fragile. If he goes back to Pawtucket and keeps hitting the way he's been hitting, I mean, if he hits .275 or .300 in Pawtucket, I would imagine that would be great for his confidence.

DP: But here's my thing, if Drew comes in here and you're just going to hand him the keys for the rest of the season, you're not just telling Iglesias to go down the Triple-A and hit and maybe they'll be another spot. I think what you're telling him is to go down to Triple-A and you're going to be there for the rest of the season.

BM: Well, yeah, that's exactly what you're telling him, that he's going to be depth. That's the same thing that they told Ryan Lavanway at the end of spring training. He's a guy who's played in Triple-A for a year and a half now. They signed David Ross and brought back Saltalamacchia. Part of what you're telling Iglesias though is that this is a team that's been battered by injuries over the last couple years. That's the way the game has gone in recent years. There's been a lot of injuries. And what are the odds that Stephen Drew is healthy for the rest of the year? That's why you don't trade a guy like Iglesias. You need those guys. And I would be shocked if Iglesias went down to Pawtucket on Wednesday and never came back again. I don't know what it would take, whether it's Pedro Ciriaco or Drew or a trade, but things always seem to happen. And if the guy's productive in Pawtucket, then he's going to be able to help the Red Sox in some way.

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